

Tonight's performers

Mary Offer our associate conductor, has recently gained an MMus in composition with distinction and her works have been performed at venues ranging from Southwark Cathedral to the Wigmore Hall.

Joshua Simões combines his role as Organist and Assistant Director of Music at His Majesty's Chapel Royal, Hampton Court with a freelance career as soloist, accompanist, continuo player, repetiteur and teacher.

SOPRANO

Amanda Allen *
Barbara Collignon *
Shirley Davenport
Helen Marsden ♪
Veronica Middleton
Jill Mills
Christina Sage
Lynn Skrzypecka
Nadia Swann
Claire Yates ♪

ALTO

Elizabeth Cohen
Mary Egan
Saskia Harris
Lisa Pledger ♪
Delia Steven
TENOR
Martin Harris *
Nick Harris ♪

Richard McGregor-Johnson

Mark Stollery ♪
Howard Thomson

BASS

Michael Boxall
Michael Collon *
George Engelhardt
Graham King ♪
Nyren Scott-Malden ♪

* Reader ♪ Soloist

Upcoming concerts

Saturday
22 March 7:30

PALESTRINA IN ROME

Saturday 22 March 2025
Celebrating Palestrina's 500th anniversary,
alongside modern settings of similar texts.
All Saints, Weston Green, Esher, KT10 8JL

Saturday
21 June 7:30

SING WE AT PLEASURE

Late madrigals by Monteverdi, John Dowland, and
Barbara Strozzi
All Saints, Weston Green, Esher, KT10 8JL

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twelfth
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night
CONCERT

7pm Sunday
5th January 2025

All Saints Church
Weston Green
Esher KT10 8JL

the
RIPIENO
choir

conductor
Mary Offer
Organist
Joshua Simões

Retiring collection in aid of church funds – Paint All Saints

Please stay for tea / coffee and warm mince pies after the concert.

PROGRAMME

Introduction

Organ prelude: Dir ist Freude JS Bach

The Birth of Jesus

Make we joy now in this fest William Walton
The truth from above arr. Vaughan Williams
All: The first nowell English trad. arr. Willcocks

Reading John 1:1-14

Jesus Christ the apple tree Elizabeth Poston
Coventry carol 15th c. pageant arr. Shaw

The Virgin Mary

Ave Maria Jacob Handl

A spotless rose Herbert Howells

Reading Nativity - John Donne

A hymn to the Virgin Benjamin Britten

There is no rose John Joubert

The star of Bethlehem

Stella mirabilis Mary Offer (first performance)

The angel Gabriel Traditional Basque carol

All: Hark the herald Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks

Reading To Mrs K___,

On Her Sending Me an English

Christmas Plumb-Cake

Helen Maria Williams

Ave maris stella James MacMillan

The New Year

Riu riu chiu attr. Mateo Flecha

Sir Christèmas William Mathias

Reading A Puppy's Christmas - Anon

All: Joy to the World Handel / Mason / Rutter

The twelve days of Christmas Traditional arr. Thiman

The audience is warmly invited to join in the carols which are on the next page

Audience carols

The first nowell

Verse 1 is sung by the choir

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel*

3 And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

4 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of
nought
And with his blood mankind hath
bought.

Hark the herald

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing. (x3)

2. Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns,
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
Repeat the sounding joy. (x3)

3. He rules the world with truth and
grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love. (x3)