



SOUTHEND BACH CHOIR

presents

Night of Miracles

A Christmas Cantata

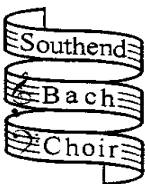
Also including

Traditional Christmas Music

Saturday 17th December 2016

7:30 pm

Trinity Methodist Church
Argyll Road, Westcliff on Sea



Programme



SUPPORTING &
CHAMPIONING
VOLUNTARY MUSIC

The Southend Bach Choir

Musical Director - Colin Edwards

Southend Bach Choir began life in 1943 as an evening class of the Municipal College in Southend under the direction of its founder Dr Harold May, FRCO. Known as the Municipal College Choir it gave its first performance in December 1943 in a programme that consisted of selections from Handel's Messiah. As the Municipal College Choral Society the choir became well known, singing major works in Southend and further afield. In 1968 the choir became the Southend Bach Choir, and in 1993, under the direction of Gerald Bates, celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a memorable performance of Bach's Mass in B Minor. In 2001 the Choir welcomed its present Musical Director Colin Edwards, as he returned to his home town after many years in the North West. The choir performs a number of concerts each year in many venues in and around Essex, including a popular Christmas concert. Recent concerts have included The Concert for Remembrance – The Armed Man; Crucifixion; Rejoice - English Choral Music by Rutter, Britten, Vaughan Williams & Tippett; Made in Britain – music by John Rutter, Bob Chilcott, Andrew Lloyd Webber and the Beatles; Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle; An Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan; Mozart's Trinitatis Mass; Haydn's Creation Mass; Handel's Messiah; Brahms's German Requiem. The choir values its work in the community and regularly takes its music to sheltered housing and homes within the Southend area and also supports local charities. In 2015, the choir were very pleased and proud to take part in the BBC Essex Radio Carol Concert.

*The Southend Bach Choir wishes you all a very
Happy Christmas.*

In this evening's concert we welcome:

Alan Crosskey (accompanist) & Greg Harding (trumpet)

The soloists this evening are:

Night of Miracles

Rosalind Hayman, Alan Pearson, Ian Alston

Narrator: James Ahlquist

In the bleak mid-winter

Sheila Jenkins, Alan Pearson

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing?

Les Silverman

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Please join in singing the carols listed in bold type

O come all ye faithful

Choir

Night of Miracles

J.W. Peterson

INTERVAL

While shepherds watched

Choir

A boy was born
In the bleak mid-winter
Babe of Bethlehem
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing?
Jesus Child

*Benjamin Britten
Harold Darke
Edmund Walters
arr. David Willcocks
John Rutter*

Good King Wenceslas looked out

Choir

Deck the Hall
The Holly and the Ivy
The Shepherds' Farewell
Ding! Dong!
Jingle Bells

*arr. David Willcocks
John Gardner
Hector Berlioz
arr. Charles Wood
arr. David Willcocks*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Choir

We wish you a merry Christmas

arr. Arthur Warrell

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Trinity Methodist Church.

Please join us for light refreshments (included in the ticket price) in the church hall at the end of the concert