



SOUTHEND BACH CHOIR

Carol Concert

IN AID OF

HARP

**St Andrew's Church
Westcliff**

17th December, 2022

7.00 p.m.





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MUSICAL DIRECTOR - COLIN EDWARDS



The 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 of that year. We've continued to give a varied programme in all our concerts since then and will be celebrating our 80th anniversary in 2023.

Have you ever thought you would like to join a Choir but have never taken it any further?

Why wait, why not give it a try?

THE SOUTHEND BACH CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Singing in a Choir is a great hobby. It is not only very enjoyable, but you make new friends, and have the opportunity of learning to sing wonderful music not only in rehearsals but at regular Concerts which the public attend.

For further information please contact:

secretary@southendbachchoir.org.uk

or visit our web-site:

<https://www.southendbachchoir.org.uk/>

We are pleased to continue our association with HARP this evening. To support this worthwhile local charity, there will be a retiring collection in aid of their work. If you don't have spare cash this evening then please consider donating on-line.

The Southend Bach Choir would like to wish everyone



*A very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year*



Programme

Accompanist: Janet Walker

Choir: Deck the Hall arr. David Willcocks

Welcome

Choir & Audience: **O come all ye faithful**

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest;
O come, let us adore him

Choir: *Christmas Story*

Gabriel's message
Away in a manger
Nativity carol
Kings came riding
Star Carol

arr. David Willcocks
Soloist: Elyza Mells
John Rutter
Kevin Stannard
John Rutter

Reading: An extract from A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
read by James Ahlquist

Choir:



Christmas Bells

Ring out the bells	Roger Emerson
Ding! Dong!	harmonized by Charles Wood
All bells in Paradise	John Rutter
I saw three ships	John Rutter

Choir & Audience: While shepherds watched their flocks by night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all man-kind"

"To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign."

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace:
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

Choir:

Christmas Reflection

In the bleak midwinter
Soloists: Rosalind Hayman and James Ahlquist
Coventry Carol
Silent night
Soloists: Eve Read and Zoe Evans
Thou must leave

Harold Darke
arr. Martin Shaw
arr. Sarah Quartel
Hector Berlioz

Choir & Audience:

Hark! the herald angels sing

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!"

Christ, by highest heav'n 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.
Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Reading: 'Twas the night before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore

read by Anne Box

This poem was written exactly 200 years ago for the author's own children

Choir: Christmas on Broadway arr. John Higgins

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Vanessa Hemming (Chief Executive Officer)

Choir: Twelve days of Christmas arr. John Rutter

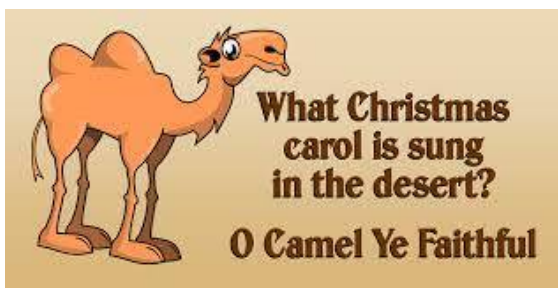
Christmas Singalong

A short medley of well-known Christmas Songs for all to sing

Thank you for coming

Choir & Audience: We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Please join us for refreshments after the service





HARP is Southend-on-Sea's leading homelessness charity, helping local people overcome homelessness for good.

On average we help around 1,000 local people every year to overcome or avoid homelessness. In addition to providing essential short-term emergency shelter, food, clothing and washing facilities, we work to identify the root causes of homelessness, creating tailored support for each person's circumstances. We achieve success by providing structure, purpose and training opportunities, and by providing longer-term supported housing, empowering people to take steps to leave homelessness behind and ultimately live independently in the community.

We have a number of supported housing projects in Southend-on-Sea, catering for the different needs that people experiencing homelessness have. These include our emergency accommodation at Heath House, our single-gender accommodation for women, White Heather House, and most recently Bluebird, our new 50 room development in Southend, providing blue skies and bright futures for local people experiencing homelessness.

We believe that, with the right combination of shelter and support, anyone can overcome homelessness. We are lucky to be part of a wonderful, compassionate community and we know that, with your continued support, we can provide local people with the best possible service and help them work towards overcoming homelessness for good.

For further information visit our website:

www.harpsouthend.org.uk

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OUR NEXT CONCERT

**Beethoven Mass in C
Bach Jesu Meine Freude**

Saturday, 13th May 2023 at 7.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our concerts in the coming year (2023) will take place on:

13th May
15th July
25th November
16th December

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