The Choir's next performance will be our CHRISTMAS CONCERT which will be held in St. Mungo's Parish Church, Bedford Place, Alloa Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2010.

Clackmannanshire Choral Society Rehearses on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in St. Mungo's Parish Church, Bedford Place, Alloa.

We hope to see you there.

New members are welcome to join us. For further information, please contact our Conductor, Sandy Sinclair (Tel: 01259 723525), or Choir Secretary, Betty Ure (Tel: 01259 218432),

or just come along to a rehearsal.

#### **Sopranos**

Elizabeth Sinclair **Bronwen Jones** Betty Ure Lysbeth Fleming Kay Harker Elizabeth Furmage Val Crichton Alison Millar Janette Hunter Maureen Menzies Collette O' Sullivan Jean Carberry Susan Dixon Noreen Rennie Sheila Bursill

# The Choristers

#### Altos

Wendy Buchanan Lindsay Lovell Carol Lawson Sylvia Gorski Elsie Pollock-Smith E A Thomson Sue Egerton Eileen Skivington

#### **Tenors**

David Yorke **Brian Howie Donal Hurley** Robert S Fleming **David Egerton** 

#### **Basses**

**Ewart McAuslane** Alistair Scolley David Riggs Ron Todd Henry Edwards

# Clackmannanshire

# Choral Society

# with Guests Spring Concert



Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 St. Mungo's Parish Church, Bedford Place, Alloa. 7:30 p.m.

# Our Accompanist

**Michael Nolan** was born in Croydon in 1961 but has been an adopted Scot for nearly forty years. He was one of the first music students to attend St. Mary's Music School in Edinburgh, where he studied composition with Hugh MacDonald and Geoffrey King, piano with Colin Kingsley and organ with Dennis Townhill. He went on to study piano and composition for several years with the pianist-composer Ronald Stevenson.

After two decades working in community music and as an arts development officer, he read film and media studies at the University of Stirling, and recently completed an M. Sc. In Nordoff-Robbins music therapy. He now has his own practice based in Dunblane where he is also Organist and Choirmaster at St. Blane's Church.

Regularly spotted behind the piano at silent film screenings across Scotland since 1995, Mike has composed several soundtracks for DVD releases by Panamint Cinema and the Scottish Screen Archive.

## Our Guests

**Donald and Sheila Montgomery** have their roots in Clackmannanshire. Donald was a pupil at Lornshill Academy where his violin teacher was Bill Cook. He went on to study medicine at Glasgow University and was appointed consultant eye surgeon at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary in 1994. Sheila was educated at Dollar Academy and later studied singing with Neilson Taylor at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. They perform regularly in the Glasgow area with their ensemble "Strings and Songs". They live near Kirkintilloch with their two sons who share their love of music.

### Our Conductor

Sandy Sinclair is a native of Leith, which he thinks of as the capital of Edinburgh. He was educated at Leith Academy and Edinburgh University from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree deep in the mists of time. Having taught music in Scottish Secondary schools for forty five years without losing his sanity altogether, he continues to involve himself in musical activities as conductor of Stirling Male Voice Choir as well as Clackmannanshire Choral Society and was formerly conductor of Stirling Gaelic Choir and Govan Gaelic Choir.

# Singing for Strathcarron

You may have noticed that, at the performance, the members of the choir all wear an emblem for Strathcarron Hospice. We do this at every public performance. Over the years, it has raised over £1000.

Wendy Buchanan Chairperson

Thank you for joining us this evening. We wish you a safe journey home.

#### The Two Roberts



**Burns** (1759 – 1796)



**Schumann (1810 – 1856)** 

#### Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you, on behalf of the Choral Society, to this our Thirteenth Annual Spring Concert. Our programme this evening includes a variety of songs and I'm pleased to say that members of the choir have particularly enjoyed rehearsing the pieces and I hope you will enjoy hearing them.

This year we are pleased to welcome Donald Montgomery and his wife Sheila as our soloists. Donald lived in Sauchie and was educated at Lornshill Academy where I well remember his violin playing at concerts, etc. This evening I look forward to hearing him again and also Sheila who will be singing for us.

We are again very grateful to our conductor, Sandy Sinclair, for all his work, patience and encouragement throughout our rehearsals. I'm sure the choir join with me in hoping that he will be reasonably pleased with the results. Our thanks also to our accompanist, Mike Nolan, who is so professional and always willing to help in any way.

We were all very sad to hear that Rev. Alan Downie had passed away. Our thoughts are with Mrs Downie and the family at this sad time.

We wish to thank the Kirk Session of St. Mungo's Parish Church for permitting use of the church for both practices and performances. Also our grateful thanks to the Church Officer, Mr John Syme, for always being on hand and ensuring our comfort

Wendy Buchanan Chairperson

#### **PROGRAMME**

1. **CHOIR & PIANO** With a Voice of Singing M. Shaw **CHOIR** Serenade E. Elgar **CHOIR & PIANO** C. Armstrong Gibbs **Spring GUEST SOLOISTS** Donald (violin) & Sheila (soprano) Montgomery Panis Angelicus C. Franck Ave Maria F. Schubert 5 **CHOIR** An Island Sheiling Song Trad., arr. S. Sinclair 6. **CHOIR** Irish Trad., arr. T. Johnston Trottin' to the Fair 7. **CHOIR & PIANO** Burns, Trad., arr. M. Nolan For A' That an' A' That **GUEST SOLOISTS** Donald (violin) & Sheila (soprano) Montgomery 8. Salut d'Amour (violin solo) E. Elgar The Holy City S. Adams CHOIR 9. The Sailor and Young Nancy Norfolk Trad., arr. E. J. Moeran **CHOIR & PIANO** Sing Alleluia! J. Althouse

#### **INTERVAL**

11. CHOIR

I'll Ay Ca' in by Yon Toon

Burns, R. Schumann

John Anderson, My Jo Burns, R. Schumann

13. CHOIR

Address to the Toothache

Burns. R. Schumann

14. GUEST SOLOISTS **Donald** (violin) & **Sheila** (soprano) **Montgomery** 

(a) Meditation from "Thaïs" (violin solo) J. Massenet
(b) O Mio Babbino Caro from "Gianni Schicchi" G. Puccini

15. CHOIR & PIANO

12.

CHOIR

For the Beauty of the Earth J. Rutter

16. CHOIR, female voices

I Would that My Love F. Mendelssohn

17. CHOIR & PIANO

Homeword Bound J. Althouse

18. GUEST SOLOISTS Donald (violin) & Sheila (soprano) Montgomery

(a) Hungarian Dance No. 2 (violin solo) J. Brahms
(b) The Russian Nightingale A. Albieff

CHOIR & PIANO

The Sound of Silence P. Simon, arr. F. Metis

20. CHOIR & PIANO

Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer H. Carste, arr. F. Metis