

The Choir's next performance will be our
SPRING CONCERT
which will be held in
St. Mungo's Parish Church
Bedford Place, Alloa
on
Saturday, 14th April, 2012.
We hope to see you there.

Clackmannanshire Choral Society
Rehearses on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
in St. Mungo's Parish Church, Bedford Place, Alloa.
New members are welcome to join us.
For further information, please contact our
Conductor, Sandy Sinclair (Tel: 01259 723525),
or Choir Secretary, Bet Ure (Tel: 01259 218432),
or just come along to a rehearsal.

Sopranos

Elizabeth Sinclair
Bronwen Jones
Bet Ure
Lysbeth Fleming
Kay Harker
Elizabeth Furmage
Alexis Robinson
Catrina Mackey
Janette Hunter
Iona Simpson
Collette O' Sullivan
Isobel Stewart
Joyce Bell
Noreen Rennie

The Choristers

Altos

Wendy Buchanan
Lindsay Lovell
Carol Lawson
Sylvia Gorski
Elsie Pollock-Smith
Ann Thomson
Sue Egerton

Tenors

David Yorke
Brian Howie
Donal Hurley
Robert S Fleming
David Egerton
Ian Robertson

Basses

Ewart McAuslane
Henry Edwards
Ron Todd

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**THE CHOIR WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a safe journey home.**

Christmas Concert



PROGRAMME



***Programme
by donation***

Saturday, 10th December 2011
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.

Welcome

Dear Friends,

Good evening and, on behalf of Clackmannanshire Choral Society, may I give you all a very warm welcome to our Christmas Concert.

Once again Sandy has chosen a programme of seasonal pieces which we trust will include something to suit everyone. Our soloists are again from within the choir performing items of their own choice and we look forward to hearing you all joining in the carols which are for *Audience and Choir*. So please sit back, make yourselves comfortable and, we hope, enjoy your evening.

Wendy Buchanan
Chairperson

Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder;
Angels behold him on his throne;
Worthy our Saviour of all their praises;
Happy for ever are his own.

14. CHOIR

- (a) **In the Bleak Mid-Winter** G. Holst
(b) **Down, Down the Chimney** I. Rothenberg

15. CHOIR SOLOIST:

Ewart McAuslane, *Bass*

Leanin'

T. C. Sterndale Bennett

16. CHOIR

- (a) **Jingle Bells** arr. R. Charles
(b) **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas** Martin / Blane
arr. M. Huff

17. ALL

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. (Chorus)

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God In the Highest. (Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n:
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. (Chorus)

10. ALL: **F. Mendelssohn**

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 ador'd, 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 Sun of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all he brings, Ris'n 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.

11. CHOIR & ORGAN SOLO **Michael Nolan, Organist**

- (a) **Evening Hymn** **T. Knight**
- (b) **2 Excerpts from the Christmas Oratorio** **J. S. Bach**
 - (i) **Chorale: Ah! Dearest Jesu**
 - (ii) **Organ Solo: Pastoral Symphony**
- (c) **Deck the Hall** **Trad. Welsh arr. D. Willcocks**

12. CHOIR SOLOIST: **Wendy Buchanan, Alto**

Love's Old Sweet Song **J. L. Molloy**

13. ALL **Trad. Gaelic, sung in English**

Child in the Manger, Infant of Mary;
Outcast and stranger, Lord of all!
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
All our demerits on him fall.

Once the most holy Child of salvation
Gently and lowly lived below;
Now as our glorious Mighty Redeemer,
See him victorious oe'r each foe.

PROGRAMME

1. ALL (CHOIR and AUDIENCE) **H. J. Gauntlett**

Once in Royal David's City Stood a lowly cattle-shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly, Lived on Earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on, To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.

2. CHOIR

- (a) **Unto Us Is Born a Son** **16^h Century arr. D. Willcocks**
- (b) **Coventry Carol** **Trad. English arr. M. Shaw**
- (c) **Angels from the Realms of Glory** **Trad. French
arr. R. Jacques**

3. CHOIR SOLOIST: **Collette O' Sullivan, Soprano**

Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again
from Phantom of the Opera **A. Lloyd Webber**

4. ALL: **Trad. English, arr. A. Sullivan**
- It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on earth, good-will to men, from Heav'n's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
- Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not the love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing!
- For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever circling years, comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.
5. CHOIR
- (a) **Calon Lân (Pure Heart)** Sung in English *arr. M. Hughes*
(b) **The Colours of Christmas** J. Rutter
6. CHOIR SOLOIST: **Sandy Sinclair, Tenor**
- The Trumpeter** J. A. Dix
7. ALL: **Trad. English arr. R. Vaughan Williams**
- O Little Town of Bethlehem**, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praise sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

8. CHOIR
- (a) **Ding Dong Merrily on High** 16th Century French
arr. C. Wood
- (b) **O Little One Sweet** Trad. German *arr. J. S. Bach*
- (c) **I Saw Three Ships** Trad. English *arr. R. Jacques*
9. ALL: **W. J. Kirkpatrick**
- Away in a manger**, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

INTERVAL