

A Candlelit Choral Concert

The Advent of Christmas

Saturday

6 December 2025

7-8pm

Free Admission

sung by

The Whyte Effect

All Saints Church, Weston Green

The white church by the pond

ALL WELCOME



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Some of you may remember when Rebecca and I brought our choir, The Whyte Effect, to All Saints to perform a Tenebrae Sequence of music and readings in 2022 entitled 'The dying of the light'. We are returning on Saturday 6th December to sing a Christmas concert by candlelight.

We have done similar concerts here in the past, with very similar personnel under the name of VOCE, which attracted near-full houses and raised approximately £2,000 on each occasion.

The Whyte Effect was founded in 2018 by its principal conductor and manager, Nicholas Yates. It takes its name from the 16th century English composer, Robert Whyte, who worked in both Cambridge and London, like many members of the group. The group was formed primarily to provide choral music for churches in Surrey who welcome a traditional sung service, but who no longer have choral music as part of their regular pattern of worship, and to sing in cathedrals when the resident choirs are in vacation. One of its aims is to replicate the effect that the music of Whyte and his contemporaries had on English choral music almost 500 years ago and to enable these great works of choral art, and all the others that have followed, to live and continue to be heard.

The concert on 6th December, punctuated by a few short pieces of poetry, will start at 7pm and will last for approximately 1 hour, without an interval. You will, therefore, still be able to attend all those important Christmas parties! Admission is free, but donations are encouraged and will be given to the church funds. The group does not charge a fee or ask for expenses.

The concert will be predominantly classical, with works by Tchaikovsky, Poulenc and Todd, but will get increasingly lighter as it progresses, ending with a few close harmony Christmas specials including *The 12 Days of Christmas*.

Please do come to the concert and bring as many people as you wish, not only those who you think will enjoy this type of concert, but also those who, perhaps, have not been to something like this before or for a long while.

Nicholas & Rebecca Yates