

Highway 100 - The evening of the 13th of December 1998
Joint with the conductor's formation August. The concert
was offered by the system of the Administration of the
Church here. All our thanks very much for

Pantonium

Choir

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday 13th December 1998

St. John the Baptist Church
Cookham Dean

CANTORUM CHOIR

The Cantorum Choir is one of the finest amateur choirs in the Thames Valley area, having built up its reputation through regular concerts for the past 17 years. It draws its membership from experienced musicians and numbers at least 24 singers, presenting on average four concerts a year.

Since its formation in 1981, the choir has been involved in numerous engagements further afield, including a broadcast for BBC TV, soundtrack for the *Inspector Morse* series, an appearance in April of last year on BBC 2's *On! and About*, recordings for Pickwick and Silva Screen Records and guest appearances at carol concerts at the Royal Albert Hall.

At the end of October the choir undertook its first overseas tour to Paris, with highly acclaimed performances at Messiaen's church La Trinite and at Meaux Cathedral.

The choir is most fortunate in having three fine conductors in Jonathan Miall (its founder and President), Murray Hipkin and today's conductor, Sally Stafford.

SALLY STAFFORD - Conductor

Sally began her musical career by playing the oboe. She read music at the Royal Holloway College, where she studied conducting as part of her degree course. She has been Head of Music at Burnham Grammar School, teacher and conductor at the Wycombe Music Centre, and County Advisory Music Teacher for Buckinghamshire, during which time she wrote "Sound Activities", a book on teaching music in Primary schools. In 1989 she was appointed Director of Music at Dame Alice Owen's School, where she conducted a full symphony orchestra, a training orchestra of 130, a chamber orchestra, jazz bands and choirs. She has conducted orchestras on the South Bank and was invited to demonstrate music teaching on the platform of the Royal Festival hall, as part of the Festival of Music for Youth.

She has taken a great interest in the training and supervision of music teachers and has lectured on the P.G.C.E., B.Ed. and M.A. courses at Middlesex University. Sally has recently devoted her time to bringing up her young family, and is now beginning to resume her professional career in conducting and in music education, through teaching and consultancy work.

CANTORUM CHOIR
HARP ~ SALLY PRICE
ORGAN ~ KERI DEXTER
CONDUCTOR ~ SALLY STAFFORD

1. Hodie Christus Natus Est J. Sweelinck (1619)
2. What sweeter music John Rutter
3. Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child Kenneth Leighton
Soprano solo : Valerie Snapes
4. Sussex Carol English trad. arr. David Willcocks
5. Unto us is born a Son From *Piae Cantiones* arr Willcocks
6. A Ceremony of Carols Benjamin Britten
 1. *Procession*
 2. *Wolcum Yole!*
 3. *There is no Rose*
 - 4a. *The Yonge Child*
 - 4b. *Bahulalow*
 5. *As dew in Aprille*
 6. *This little Babe*
 7. *Interlude*
 8. *In freezing winter night*
 9. *Spring Carol*
 10. *Deo Gracias*
 11. *Recession*
7. Sir Christmas William Mathias
8. A Child is born in Bethlehem Malcolm Archer
9. See Amid the Winter's Snow J Goss, arr D Willcocks
10. Bethlehem Down Peter Warlock
11. Small wonder the star Paul Edwards
12. Angels' Carol John Rutter
13. A Spotless Rose Herbert Howells
Tenor solo : Malcolm Stork
14. God rest you merry gentlemen English trad. arr D Willcocks
15. I Saw Three Ships English trad. arr Richard Lloyd
16. Spanish Carol Trad. arr Andrew Carter
17. The Christmas Song Mel Torme/Robert Wells,
arr Ringwald
Soprano solo : Marianne Stork

INTERVAL

GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

ALL:

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

LADIES:

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

MEN:

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

AUDIENCE:

But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay,
His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

ALL:

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace,
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

CANTORUM CHOIR - FUTURE CONCERT DATES

Saturday 13th February 1999

Liston Hall, Marlow

St Valentine's Eve Dinner & Entertainment

Tickets £15 - for sale at today's concerts

Saturday 10th/ Sunday 11th April 1999

St. George's Chapel
Windsor

Cantorum Choir will be providing the music for the four weekend services, beginning with Evensong on the Saturday.

Saturday 19th June 1999

Holy Trinity Church
Cookham

Summer concert of secular music and part songs.

Saturday 16th October 1999

Venue to be confirmed

Concert with Baroque orchestra to include:
Vivaldi *Gloria* Monteverdi *Beatus Vir*
and Charpentier *Messe de Minuit*.

Sunday 12th December 1999

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Christmas concerts

AND FOR THE MILLENIUM

THE BACH 250 CONCERT SERIES

Featuring in May 2000 :

Bach B Minor Mass

Eton College Chapel