

## FUTURE CONCERTS



Saturday, 8th March 2008  
Easter concert at  
All Saints' Church, Maidenhead SL6 4HE

Details of our Summer and Autumn Concerts  
will be announced in the New Year.  
(Check our new website regularly for announcements)

## CANTORUM CHOIR would like to thank:

Our superb rehearsal pianists, Gillian Salmon  
& Simon Howat  
The Clergy and Staff of St John the Baptist  
Church, Cookham Dean  
The Stationery Depot, Cookham Parade  
And you, our audience, for your continued  
support

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If you are interested in joining Cantorum Choir,  
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CANTORUM CHOIR



CONCERT  
OF

CHRISTMAS MUSIC



IAN TAYLOR – Conductor

St John the Baptist Church  
Cookham Dean

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007 3pm & 8pm

## CANTORUM CHOIR



**C**antorum Choir is a lively, committed choir of approximately 40 mixed voices. We are based in Cookham, Berkshire, and draw our membership from a wide sector of the Thames Valley. Founded twenty five years ago, the choir has built up a reputation as one of the leading chamber choirs in the area, mixing high standards with a warm and friendly social life. We have undertaken several European tours and appeared a number of times on television and in films, notably in the first of the *Inspector Morse* adaptations. Currently, we give four or five concerts per year, at least one of them orchestral.

### Sopranos

Bridget Bentley, Julia Bentley  
Amy Dennison, Rachel Holmes,  
Sandy Johnstone, Valerie Snapes,  
Marianne Stork, Cathy Virjee

### Tenors

Philip Martineau, Richard Ratcliff,  
Malcolm Stork, Nicholas Richards

### Altos

Penny Bysshe, Jami Castell,  
Sarah Evans, Anne Glover,  
Eleanor Griffiths, Kirsty McLean,  
Richard Sedding, Chiu Sung,  
Lorna Sykes

### Basses

Derek Beaven, John Buck  
Sean Bui, David Hazeldine,  
Paul Seddon, Nick Weait

*Inspiring Voices ~ Giving Pleasure  
Cookham's Chamber Choir*

## IAN TAYLOR – CONDUCTOR

Cantorum Choir is delighted and privileged to welcome  
Dr Ian Taylor as the conductor of tonight's concert.

**I**an read Music at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, completing his D. Phil. thesis in August 2004. He has previously held teaching positions at the universities of Exeter and Oxford and worked as a research assistant within the Centre for Performance History at the Royal College of Music, London.

A gifted performer, Ian studied piano with Raymond Fisher (RCM) and conducting with Peter Stark (TCM). He is currently organist at St Edmund Campion Church in Maidenhead and has worked extensively as an accompanist, conductor and musical director with a range of choral, orchestral and musical theatre groups in Maidenhead, Oxford and at the Edinburgh Festival.



## EDWARD BATTING – ORGAN

**E**dward Batting FRCO is currently Organist and Director of Music at St Alban's Holborn, where he conducts and accompanies the professional choir in a wide and varied repertoire. He is much in demand as both recitalist and accompanist and, as an RCM répétiteur, has worked on several critically acclaimed opera productions. An internationally recognized vocal coach, Edward has also been involved with the Young Artists' Programme at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

## GILLIAN SALMON – PIANO

**G**illian's joint love of accompanying and chamber music was nurtured at the Royal College of Music, where she studied with Ruth Gerald and Hubert Dawkes. After a postgraduate year at Reading University, she taught at Downe House. Whilst there she was able to devote time to performing, including playing at the Wiggmore Hall and the Purcell Room. She was Head of Music at Cox Green Comprehensive School for a number of years and now teaches piano at Claires Court Girls' School.

## PROGRAMME



Hodie Christus Natus Est (SweetlincK)	Choir
<b>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</b> (Arr. Willcocks)	<b>Everyone</b>
Riu, riu, chiu (Attrib. Flecha)	Choir
Benedicamus Domino (Warlock)	Choir
Bethlehem Down (Warlock)	Choir
Villancico de la Faltta de Fe (Falú) (For a World Without Faith) Solo – Valerie Snapes	Choir
<b>A Reading</b> by David Hazeldine	
Fantasia on Christmas Carols (Vaughan Williams) Solo – Malcolm Stork	Choir
Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden (Mendelssohn) (Rejoice! O ye nations on Earth)	Choir
<b>Lo! He comes with Clouds Descending</b> (Arr. Willcocks) <b>Everyone</b>	

## INTERVAL

The interval will be for approximately 20 minutes. Drinks will be served at the rear of the church and in the vestry.



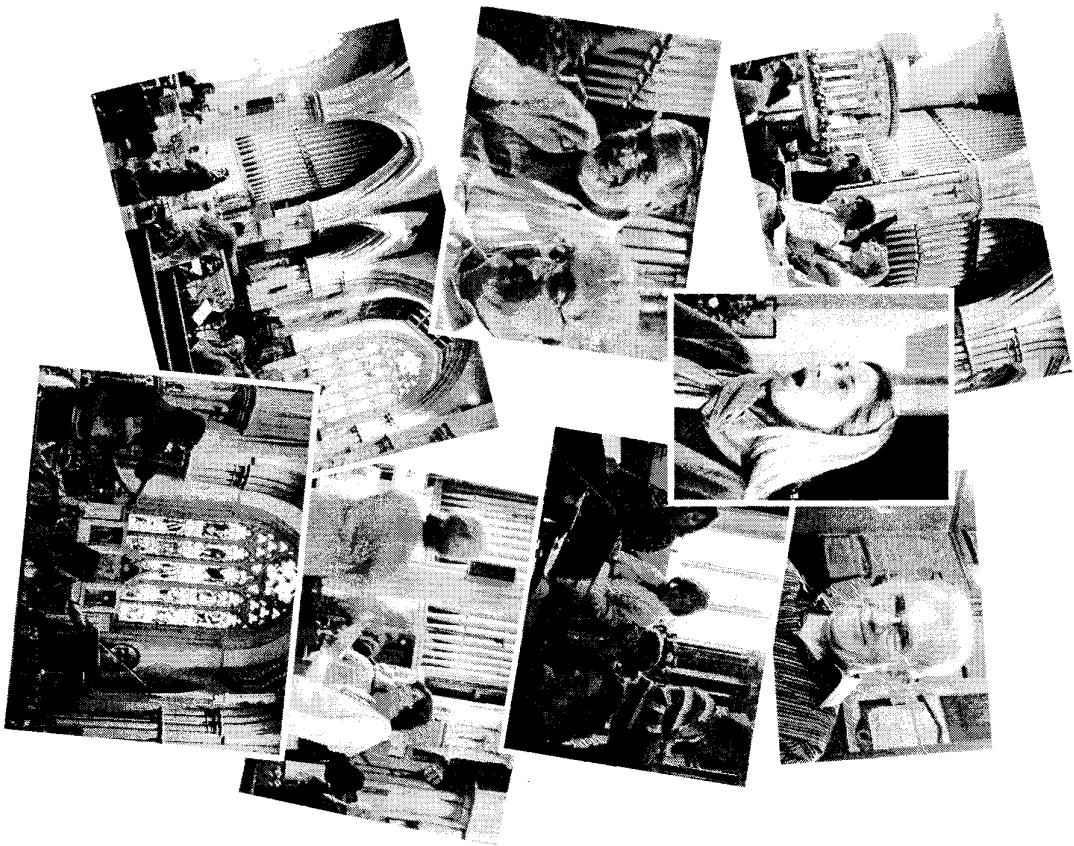
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A Babe is Born (Mathias)	Choir
<b>Hark! The Herald Angels sing</b> (Mendelssohn)	<b>Everyone</b>
Shepherd's Pipe Carol (Rutter)	Choir
Candlelight Carol (Rutter)	Choir
Organ Solo: <b>In Dulci Jubilo</b> BWV 729 (J. S. Bach) Edward Batting	
Tomorrow shall be my Dancing Day (Gardner)	Choir
White Christmas (Berlin) Choir (Tenors & Basses)	
<b>A Reading</b> by David Hazeldine	
<b>O Come, All Ye Faithful</b> (Arr. Willcocks) <b>Everyone</b>	
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas (Martin) • Arr. Gritton)	Choir
We wish you a Merry Christmas (Arr. Warrell)	Choir

**Piano Accompaniment – Gillian Salmon**  
**Organ Accompaniment – Edward Batting**

# MOZART IN MARLOW – OCTOBER 2007

## MEMORIES of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert's final rehearsal



### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

It's a joy to see you all at another Cantorum Carol Concert here at St. John's, Cookham Dean. This year is a special one for the choir as we celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary. It really comes as a surprise to think that Cantorum has been singing for a quarter of a century!

I'd like to reflect just briefly on our twenty-fifth birthday concert, which took place in October at All Saints', Marlow. We were thrilled with it. Opposite are some of the pictures I took at our final rehearsal. Our Musical Director, Sally Stafford, conducted choir and orchestra, and the programme opened with Finzi's gorgeous anthem "Lo, the Full Final Sacrifice". Then we heard local violin stars Alexandra and Charlotte Reid, each successive leaders of the National Youth Orchestra, play Bach's Double Violin Concerto. What a stunning performance that was! Finally, after the interval, the choir sang Mozart's Great C Minor Mass - a marvellous climax to the evening. Our soloists for the Mozart reminded me of our continuity. Two of them, Jennifer Snapes (Soprano) and Jonathan Stork (Tenor), now both professional singers, represent our second generation. In fact, Valerie Snapes, Jennifer's mother, and Malcolm Stork, Jonathan's father, are our Christmas soloists tonight! You'll also be pleased to know that David Hazledine, our much-loved Christmas compère, took the baritone solo superbly. That left Leonie Cormack, another dazzling young soprano, who very much wants to sing with us again, and would have at this concert but for prior engagements.

Speaking of youth, it was also particularly gratifying to see new young faces in the choir, and I'm so pleased to present still more new members in our ranks today. Which brings me to Ian Taylor, our guest conductor for this Carol Concert. As you'll see from the programme notes, Ian is an extremely accomplished young musician, and we're very privileged indeed to have him take charge. We welcome him wholeheartedly, as we welcome all of you. And on that happy note, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Warmest regards,

Nick Weait