

The Crofton Singers

Soprano

Cathy Burdett
Jen Holmes
Helen Lyall
Rohini Rajendram
Jessie Whitehouse

Alto

Diana Meteyard
Diana Newlands
Patricia Pretious

Tenor

James Bishop
Hugh Meteyard

Bass

Richard Barnard
John Hall
Greg Hartwell
Chris Mear



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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director: **Simon Pusey**

Piano/Organ: **Chris Mear**

The Crofton Singers is a friendly chamber choir, rehearsing from 8.00 pm on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF during term times. New members of all ages are always welcome: there are no formal auditions – selection is by mutual agreement after a few rehearsals. The choir has a very wide and varied repertoire including sacred, secular, classical and modern music: from Bach to Bernstein, Tallis to Cole Porter, Rachmaninov to Vaughan Williams, eight-part Mediaeval Latin Mass to the close harmony of the Barber Shop. We perform locally three or four times a year. Social events for all the family also form part of the calendar. If you'd like to come and sing with us, or want some more information, just pick up the phone and have a chat with the chairman Chris Mear on 07811 369063 or contact us via our website:

www.croftonsingers.org.uk

Please also contact us if you would like to make a donation to support the Crofton Singers. As a registered charity we can claim Gift Aid on your donation which can increase its value at no extra cost to you.

Christmas Concert

7.30 p.m. on Saturday 20th December 2014

**at St. Mary's Church
South Woodford, E18 2PA**

Tickets £10, Concessions £8, Under 12s free

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Programme

Jesu, meine Freude J S Bach
Organ: Chris Mear, Cello: Helen Byrne

*The Oxen
Christmas* Thomas Hardy
John Betjeman
Hugh Meteyard

I wonder as I wander arr Chris Mears

The blessed son of God R Vaughan Williams

While the shepherds were watching C Armstrong Gibbs

Interval

The Christmas Story Simon Pusey

Audience Carol
O come, all ye faithful arr David Willcocks

The Snow Edward Elgar

Clair de lune (from *Suite Bergamasque*)
Chris Mear (piano) Claude Debussy

Tyrley Tyrlow Peter Warlock

O magnum mysterium Tomas Luis de Victoria

Latin text

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepe!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia.

English translation

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

With love at Christmas Christopher Marshall

Balulalow Christopher Collingwood

Audience Carol
Hark! the Herald angels sing Felix Mendelssohn arr David Willcocks
Organ interludes S S Wesley

Simon Pusey has been Musical Director of the Crofton Singers since 2009. He also directs Hemel Hempstead Singers, is the accompanist for Potters Bar Choral Society and is active as an organist, pianist, singer and teacher.

He was involved in church music at an early age, having sung as a treble in the choir of All Saints, Margaret St in the days of the resident Choir School. He began to conduct ad-hoc ensembles while in the sixth form at Chingford Senior High School, when he became the organist at Chingford United Reformed Church. He subsequently read Music at Cambridge, where he was a tenor Choral Exhibitioner at Gonville and Caius College.

He also plays the violin when time allows, and plays in a recently formed string quartet meeting for their own enjoyment.

Chris Mear began learning the piano at the age of five, and went on to study under Sandro Ivo Bartoli. Between 2000 and 2003 Chris was an organ scholar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, during which time he also gave a number of piano recitals focusing on music by Chopin and Ravel. Chris now lives in London and works as an organist, accompanist and piano teacher at Forest School, Snaresbrook.

Future Concerts:

**Saturday 21st March and
Saturday 20th June**

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