

The Crofton Singers

Soprano

Cathy Burdett
Alison Cavadino
Frances Dannatt
Jen Holmes
Helen Lyall
Samantha Meech
Joanna Newell
Rohini Rajendram
Patricia Pretious

Alto

Ashlee Godwin
Judy Jennings
Diana Meteyard
Anna Moorby
Diana Newlands

Tenor

James Bishop
Chris Mear
Hugh Meteyard
Geoff Williams

Bass

Richard Barnard
John Hall
Greg Hartwell
David Hatch



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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director: **Simon Pusey**

Piano/Organ: **Chris Mear**

Music for Winter Epiphany & Candlemas

The Crofton Singers is a friendly chamber choir, rehearsing from 8.00 p.m. on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School 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 Mediæval 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 Joanna Newell on 07866 186501 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.

Future Concerts:

Saturday 27th April - *Britten and Connections*

Concert to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten including *Rejoice in the Lamb* and *The Ballad of Little Musgrave & Lady Barnard*

Saturday 13th July - *Summer Concert*

7.30 p.m. on Saturday 19th January 2013

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

Tickets, including refreshments, £10, Concessions £8
(Under 12s free)



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Programme

Mid-Winter Songs	Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
1. <i>Lament for Pasiphaë</i>	
2. <i>Like snow</i>	
3. <i>She tells her love</i>	
4. <i>Mid-winter waking</i>	
5. <i>Intercession in late October</i>	
From <i>The House at Pooh Corner</i>	A A Milne (1882-1956)
Patricia Pretious	
<i>Midwinter blues</i>	Penina Patchett (Contemporary)
<i>Nativity Carol</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
<i>Here is the little door</i>	Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
<i>Bethlehem Down</i>	Peter Warlock (1894-1930)
<i>Mary had a baby</i>	arr. Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967)

Interval

<i>Sans Day Carol</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
<i>My Lord has come</i>	Will Todd (b. 1970)
<i>Videntes stellam Magi</i>	Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)
Seeing the star, the magi rejoiced with great joy; and entering the house, they found the boy, with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And [when they had] opened their treasures, they offered Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.	
<i>The Three Kings</i>	Peter Cornelius (1824-74) arr. Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)
Solo: Richard Barnard	
<i>Videntes stellam</i>	Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)
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<i>The Journey of the Magi</i>	T S Eliot (1888-1965)
Hugh Meteyard	
<i>The Shepherds' Farewell</i>	Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
<i>Praise our Lord all ye Gentiles</i>	William Byrd (1540-1623)
<i>When to the temple Mary went</i>	Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

<i>O nata lux</i>	Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)
O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of Thy blessed body.	
<i>Surge, illuminare, Jerusalem</i>	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)
Arise, shine, Jerusalem; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.	
<i>Omnes de Saba venient</i>	Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)
All from Saba shall come, bearing gold and incense, proclaiming praise unto the Lord. Alleluia The Kings of Tarshish and the islands will offer gifts. The Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring forth their gifts. Alleluia	

Our Musical Director, **Simon Pusey**, MA, ARCO joined us in September 2009. Simon also conducts the Hemel Hempstead Singers, is the Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, Hemel Hempstead, and is active as a singer, piano accompanist and teacher.

With an involvement in choral music from his early years at the choir school of All Saints Margaret Street, London W1, Simon began to conduct his own ensembles whilst still in the sixth form at Chingford Senior High School. He subsequently became a Choral Exhibitioner at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read Music.

Since graduation Simon has been constantly involved in musical activities as Organist, Choirmaster and Director of Music and sometimes singer with a wide variety of professional and amateur ensembles. He has had previous connections with The Crofton Singers. The choir's first conductor was his godfather, the composer Raymond Warren. Simon sang in the choir himself for a short while before leaving for University. Not only that, his father, Andrew Pusey, was its conductor for a while in the 1970s.