

The Crofton Singers

Soprano

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

Alto

Ashlee Godwin
Diana Meteyard
Anna Moorby
Diana Newlands
Sue Scott

Tenor

Hugh Meteyard
Geoffrey Williams

Bass

Richard Barnard
Greg Hartwell
David Hatch

The Crofton Singers is a friendly choir, rehearsing from 8.00 p.m. on Thursday evening 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:

Music with a Royal Connection

Saturday 17th March 2012, 7.30 p.m.

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

Summer Concert - featuring Will Todd's *Mass in Blue*

Saturday 14th July 2012, 7.30 p.m.

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

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Saturday 21st July 2012

St. James' Church, Prebend Street, Islington, N1 8PF



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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director:

Simon Pusey

Christmas Concert

Sacred and Secular music from *Canite Tuba* to *We wish you a merry Christmas*, together with audience carols.

3.00 p.m. on Saturday 17th December 2011

at St. Mary's Church

South Woodford, E18 2PA

Tickets £10, concessions £8
to include refreshments



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Programme

<i>The hands of winter</i>	Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
<i>Bring us in good ale</i>	Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
<i>Counting up my toes</i>	David Cullen (b. 1927)
<i>Canite tuba</i>	Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)
<i>Adam lay ybounden</i>	Simon Pusey (b. 1955)
<i>I sing of a maiden</i>	Simon Pusey (b. 1955)
<i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen</i>	arr. D. Cashmore & M. Praetorius
<i>Virga Jesse floruit</i>	Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)
<i>Blessed be that maid Mary</i>	arr. Louis Halsey (b. 1929)
<i>Remember, O thou man</i>	Arthur Oldham (1926-2003)
<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	J Gauntlett/A H Mann, desc. D Willcocks
<i>The Carol Singers</i>	Sterndale Bennett (1816-1875)
	Hugh Meteyard (Tenor)
<i>The Boar's Head carol</i>	arr. Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

Interval

<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	Arr. Vaughan Williams, desc. T Armstrong
<i>Chorale prelude on In dulci júbilo, BWV 729</i>	J S Bach (1685-1750)
	Simon Pusey (Organ)
<i>In dulci júbilo</i>	Old German arr. R L Pearsall (1795-1856)
<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on high</i>	arr. Malcolm Williamson (1931-2003)
<i>Infant holy</i>	arr. Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986)
<i>The First Christmas</i>	Peter Racine Fricker (1920-1990)
<i>Eastern Monarchs</i>	Peter Naylor (b. 1933)
<i>Unto us is born a Son</i>	Piae Cantiones 1582 arr. D Willcocks (b. 1919)
<i>Good King Wenceslas</i>	arr. Malcolm Williamson (1931-2003)
<i>Wassail (from Five English Folk Songs)</i>	R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
<i>Jingle Bells</i>	J. Pierpoint, arr. Adriano Secco (b. 1961)
<i>We wish you a merry Christmas</i>	arr. Arthur Warrell (1900-1970)

Accompanied items conducted by Diana Newlands

Translations

Canite Tuba
Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near.
See, he is coming to save us; winding paths will be made straight and rough places smooth. Come, Lord, and do not delay. (Joel 2: 1, Isaiah 11: 4)

Virga Jesse floruit
The rod of Jesse has blossomed
a virgin has begotten One who is both God and man
God has restored peace
Reconciling in himself the lowest to the highest.
Alleluia!

Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen

A rose has sprung up,
from a tender root.
As the old ones sang to us,
Its lineage was from Jesse.
And it has brought forth a floweret
In the middle of the cold winter
At this midnight hour.

The rosebud that I mean,
Of which Isaiah told
Is Mary, the pure,
Who brought us the floweret.

At God's immortal word,
She has borne a child
At this midnight hour.

The floweret, so small
That smells so sweet to us
With its clear light
Dispels the darkness.
True man and true God!
He helps us from all trouble,
Saves us from sin and death.

In dulci júbilo

In sweet jubilation
Let us our homage show;
Our heart's joy reclineth
In a manger
And like a bright star shineth,
In his mother's lap
You are alpha and omega

O tiny Jesus
I yearn for Thee always!
Hear me I beseech Thee,
O best of boys
My prayer let it reach thee,
O prince of glory
Draw me after you

O love of the Father
O gentleness of the Son
Deeply were we stained
By our guilt
But Thou hast for us gained
The joys of the heavens
O that we were there!

Where are the joys
If that they be not there?
There are angels singing
New songs
There the bells are ringing
In the court of the King
O that we were there!