

**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](http://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.

**Simon Pusey** became our Musical Director 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. He 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.

Future Concerts:

**Christmas Concert,  
Saturday 17th December 2011, 3.00 p.m.  
St. Mary's Church, South Woodford, E18 2PA**

***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**

**&  
Saturday 21st July 2012  
St. James' Church, Prebend Street, Islington, N1 8PF**



**The Crofton Singers**

Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director:  
**Simon Pusey**

# SOUNDS OF THE CENTURIES

**7.30 p.m. on Saturday 3rd December 2011  
at Holy Trinity Church  
Rayleigh, SS6 8BB**

*In support of David Wightman's fundraising trek to Machu Picchu  
for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.  
[www.JustGiving.com/David-Wightman](http://www.JustGiving.com/David-Wightman)*



Tickets on the door £10,  
to include refreshments

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## Programme

<i>Of all the birds that I do know</i>	John Bartlet (fl. 1606-10)
<i>All creatures now</i>	John Bennet (fl. 1599-1614)
<i>My bonny lass she smileth</i>	Thomas Morley (1557/8-1602)
<i>Draw on, sweet Night</i>	John Wilbye (1574-1638)
<i>Thule, the period of cosmography</i>	Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

*The heavens are telling* (from *The Creation*) Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Prelude on *Down Ampney* Henry Ley (1887-1962)  
Chris Bartrop (Organ)

<i>Irish Blessing</i>	Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
<i>Let's begin again</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
<i>Londonderry Air</i>	trad. arr. Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)
<i>I do like to be beside the seaside</i>	John Glover-Kind, arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

## Interval

<i>Since my tears and lamenting</i>	Thomas Morley (1557/8-1602)
<i>Say, gentle nymphs</i>	Thomas Morley (1557/8-1602)
<i>Pearce did dance</i>	Giles Farnaby (c. 1563-1640)

<i>Slow Motion Time</i>	Guy R. Hopper
<i>We were gathering up the roses</i>	E.M. Bostwick
<i>I'm dreaming dreams</i>	Kenbrovin and Kellette, arr. SPEBSQSA

Toccata Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)  
Chris Bartrop (Organ)

<i>Sing a song of sixpence</i>	J.M. Diack (1869-1946)
<i>I want to sing tra la la la</i>	Murgatroyd Farrar

<i>It was a lover and his lass</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
<i>It was a lover and his lass</i>	Ward Swingle (b. 1927)
<i>Climb Every Mountain</i>	Richard Rodgers, arr. Ed Lojeski (b. 1969)

Accompanists: Chris Mear and Diana Newlands

## A note of thanks and dedication by David Wightman

Thank you for coming to this concert in support of my fundraising challenge to do the Machu Picchu trek in Peru on behalf of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, for which the MNDA South Essex branch is providing tonight's welcome and the interval refreshments.

The concert is dedicated to my school music teacher, Andrew Pusey, who died of MND in 1987 at the age of 58. Andrew was a marvellous teacher who brought people of all levels of ability together to make music of a very high standard and is fondly remembered by his former students. Today, Andrew's son Simon is, among other things, the conductor of the Crofton Singers which, coincidentally, was conducted by his father for a few seasons in the late 1970s. Indeed, Andrew sang in the forerunner of the Croftons when attending Bancroft's boys' school in Woodford, the name being derived from BanCROFT's and LoughtON girls' school.

Having lost touch for many years, it is serendipitous that I found Simon's details on the internet, and his recent association with the Croftons made the idea of tonight's concert irresistible. Furthermore, I found my old friend Chris Bartrop through some internet sleuthing and am very pleased that he is able to take part by playing the organ tonight.

My grateful thanks go to the performers and to the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, The Revd Mike Lodge and his staff, who have provided their services and the venue free of charge. Consequently, all money raised will be for the full benefit of the MNDA. A proportion of my overall fundraising will go to the MNDA South Essex branch, and this is appropriate, since Andrew Pusey was born in Goodmayes.

If you wish to make a donation, there are collecting tins and Gift Aid envelopes available or please visit [www.JustGiving.com/David-Wightman](http://www.JustGiving.com/David-Wightman). Your support is greatly appreciated.

## The Crofton Singers

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>
Cathy Burdett	Ashlee Godwin	Chris Mear
Alison Cavadino	Judy Jennings	Hugh Meteyard
Jen Holmes	Diana Meteyard	Geoffrey Williams
Helen Lyall	Anna Moorby	
Samantha Meech	Diana Newlands	<i>Bass</i>
Joanna Newell	Sue Scott	Richard Barnard
Patricia Pretious		Greg Hartwell
Rohini Rajendram		