

The Crofton Singers

Soprano

Sarah Davis
Karen Gibbon
Jen Holmes
Helen Lyall
Rohini Rajendram
Emily Walker

Alto

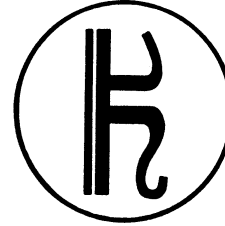
Olivia Brown
Diana Meteyard
Diana Newlands
Rachel Pennicott
Jessie Whitehouse

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**

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 12th December 2015
at St. Mary's Church, 107 High Road
South Woodford, E18 2PA

Admission £10, Under 18s free

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Programme

From <i>Songs of Farewell</i> <i>My Soul There is a Country</i> <i>Never Weather Beaten Sail</i>	C H H Parry
<i>Never Weather Beaten Sail</i>	Richard Shephard
<i>E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come</i>	Paul Manz
<i>Fuit homo missus a Deo</i>	G P da Palestrina
<i>Ave Maria</i>	Giuseppe Verdi
<i>Prelude in D, Op. 23 No 4</i> Chris Mear - Piano	Sergei Rachmaninoff
<i>Magnificat in D</i>	Johann Pachelbel
<i>Ecce concipies</i>	Jacob Handl
<i>Nova! Nova!</i>	Bob Chilcott

Interval

<i>Hodie Christus Natus Est</i>	William Byrd
<i>Puer Natus Est Nobis</i>	William Byrd
<i>Il est né le divin enfant</i>	John Rutter
<i>Balulalow</i>	Christopher Collingwood
<i>All My Heart This Night Rejoices</i>	Johann Georg Ebeling
<i>Lute Book Lullaby</i>	W Ballet, arr Geoffrey Shaw
<i>Coventry Carol</i>	Anon (1591)
<i>Berceuse</i> Chris Mear - Piano	Frédéric Chopin

<i>Blessed Be That Maid Mary</i>	arr David Willcocks
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Zoltán Kodály
<i>A Boy Was Born</i>	Benjamin Britten
<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Anon (Normandy)
<i>Shepherds' Cradle Song</i>	Karl Leuner, arr Charles Macpherson
<i>Wassail</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 studied under Sandro Ivo Bartoli. He was an organ scholar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and worked for several years as an organist, accompanist and piano teacher at Forest School, Snaresbrook. He now carries on his music-making with the Crofton Singers, the Oxford and Cambridge Musical Club, and Choral8.

Future Concerts:

Saturday 5th March
"Songs of Springtime"

Saturday 18th June
Summer Concert

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