

VIVA VOCE singers

Directed by Jody Butler
Organ Julian Haggett

BBC Radio Norfolk
Choir of the Year 2011



Candlelit Family Christmas Concert

in aid of Mancroft Advice Project



Saturday 17th December, 6 pm
St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

Nowell, sing Nowell
The shepherds' cradle song
The cherry tree carol

While shepherds watched their flocks

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.**

**"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.**

**"To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign.**

The Cultivation of Christmas Trees
The Barn

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing?
The infant king
All this time

It came upon the midnight clear

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From Heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever over its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.**

German trad arr Willcocks

French trad arr Rutter
Leuner arr. Macpherson
English trad arr Willcocks

from Este's Psalter arr Willcocks

**"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."**

**Thus spake the Seraph and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God on high,
Who thus addressed their song:**

**"All glory be to God on high,
And to the Earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease!"**

TS Eliot
Elizabeth Coatsworth

French trad arr Willcocks
Basque Noël arr Pettman
Walton

English trad, adapted Sullivan arr Willcocks

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

Christ Climbed Down
Christmas Sounds
Christmas Eve

Sans day carol
I sing of a maiden
Il est né le divin enfant
The shepherd's carol

The Twelve Thank-you Notes of Christmas

The holly and the ivy
Tomorrow shall by my dancing day
Of the Father's heart begotten

Once in royal David's city

**Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our saviour holy.**

**And, through all his wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.**

Lawrence Ferlinghetti
UA Fanthorpe
Judy Nichols

English trad arr Rutter
Hadley
French trad arr Rutter
Chilcott

John Julius Norwich

English trad arr Walford Davies
English trad arr Willcocks
from Piae Cantiones arr Willcocks

Gauntlett/Mann arr Willcocks

**For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

Viva Voce Singers is a small and friendly Norwich-based chamber choir of around 20 singers and winner of the BBC Radio Norfolk Choir of the Year 2011 competition. The choir has a reputation for high quality performances around Norfolk. The choir's repertoire is varied and extensive, but specialises in Renaissance and contemporary music. The choir gives around five concerts a year and helps to raise money for local charities. It has, to date, raised over £20,000.

In November 2010 the choir raised over £450 for Save the Children to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Norwich branch. In December 2009 the choir's Christmas concert raised over £700 for Nelson's Journey, and in 2008 and 2010 similar amounts were raised for the Mancroft Advice Project. In 2006 and 2007 the choir gave two hugely popular Christmas concerts in aid of the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital's neonatal unit.

Sopranos

Val Gourlay
Antje Hauschild
Victoria Hook
Kate Macmillan
Louisa McCarthy
Libby Morgan
Ellen Parkinson
Claire Virden
Clare Walker
Emma Woolfenden

Altos

Vera Cooke
Jocelyn Cooper
Ursula Parry
Gita Prasad
Pat Stephenson
Joanna Voelker

Tenors

Tony Burton
Peter Furnivall
Ed Jarvis
Stephen Johnson

Basses

Matthew Jones
Tom Roques
David Ward
Peter Wills

We are always keen to hear from good singers of all parts. If you are a confident sight-reader, able to commit to Thursday evening rehearsals during term time (in the Golden Triangle area of Norwich), please contact Emma Woolfenden, secretary, emma.woolfenden@gmail.com

Dates for your diary

Saturday 24th March 2012 7.30pm, St Peter Mancroft
Dvorak Mass in D; Choral works by William Mathias

Saturday 24th November 2012, St Peter Mancroft
A Britten Celebration

Saturday 22nd December 2012, St Peter Mancroft
Candlelit Christmas Carol Concert

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