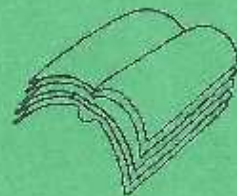




Thames Vale Singers

PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS

A Concert of Music and Verse



Musical Director Tony Mercer

Pianist David Orton

Guest Soloist Valerie Perret

1986

PROGRAMME

The Linden Tree Carol	German Trad. arr. Jaques	Ding Dong Merrily on High	French Trad. arr. Wood
Reading by Lewis Watson "Christmas"	John Betjeman	Reading by Cliff Debney From "A Christmas Carol"	Charles Dickens
Chorale "Break Forth" from Christmas Oratorio	J.S. Bach	The Boars Head Carol	English Trad.
Chorus "For unto us a Child is Born" from Messiah	G.F. Handel	Reading by Tony Mercer From "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole"	Sue Townsend
Reading by Sybil Titlow "The Eve of Christmas"	James Kirkup	The Twelve Days of Christmas	Eng. Trad. arr. Rutter
Rocking	Czech Carol arr. Willcocks	Reading by David Orton "Christmas Landscape"	Laurie Lee
Recitative - Valerie Perrett "There were Shepherds Abiding in the Field"		Songs by Valerie Perrett: "Come Sing and Dance" "The First Mercy" "A Christmas Song"	E. Howells P. Warlock M. Shaw
Chorus "Glory to God" from Messiah	G.F. Handel	Reading by Myfanwy Starling From "A Childs Christmas in Wales"	Dylan Thomas
Reading by Fred Francis "Christmas Day"	Andrew Young	The Shepherds Pipe Carol	J. Rutter
Chorus "Hallelujah" from Messiah	G.F. Handel	O Little Town of Bethlehem (Audience Verses 1, 2 & 4)	English Trad. arr. Vaughan Williams
Reading by Ellen Wallis "Innocents Song"	Charles Causley	O Come all Ye Faithful (Audience Verses 1, 2 & 4)	Arr. Willcocks
Coventry Carol	English Trad. arr. Shaw	A Merry Christmas	Trad. West Country Carol arr. Warrell
Reading by Norman Bagshaw "Journey of the Magi"	T.S. Elliot		
The Three Kings Tenor Chris Startup	F. Cornelius ass. Atkins		
Sussex Carol	English Trad. arr. Willcocks		
Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Audience Verse 1 and 3)	F. Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks		

INTERVAL

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year