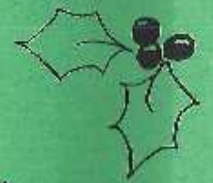


Thames Vale Singers

present



Prelude to Christmas

a Concert of Music and Verse
at Purley Memorial Hall
on Saturday 12th December
at 8:00 pm

Admission £1.75.

Senior citizens, Students & Children £1.25

Includes Sherry and Mince Pies

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled;
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th' angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem;
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

2. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

1. O Little Town of Bethlehem,
How still we are ther' lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by—
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

3. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our Sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

1. O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

2. God of Gods
Light of Light
Who' he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

Musical Director Tony Merrer

Pianist David Green

PROGRAMME

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
English Trad. arr. Willcocks
Reading by David Orton
John Schejman
"Christmas"
John Schejman
O Little One Sweet
Old German Harm. J.S. Bach
Reading by Karel Liddell
H.D. German Harm. J.S. Bach
"Advent"
L. Scott
Angels from the Realms of Glory
Old French arr. Jacques
Reading by Lewis Watson
C.R. Chesterton
"The House of Christmas"
C.R. Chesterton
Zither Carol
Czech. arr. Sargent,
"The Truth from Above"
English Trad. arr. V. Williams
Reading by Nicola Tutton
Charles Gausley
"Innocent's Song"
Charles Gausley
Hearst W. to Minia Erlant
French Trad. arr. Rutner
Reading by David Jackson
Thomas Hardy
"The Iron"
Thomas Hardy
Away in a Manger
W.D. Kirkpatrick arr. Willcocks
The Three Kings
P. Gabriel arr. Atkins
"Lease - Christ's Startup"
P. Gabriel arr. Atkins
Reading by Joan McPhee
T.S. Eliot
"Journey of the Magi"
T.S. Eliot
Sussex Carol
English Trad. arr. Willcocks
Hark the Herald Angels Sing
F. Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks
(Audience - Verses 1 and 5)

The Twelve Days of Christmas
English Trad. arr. Rutner
Reading by Tony Merrer
"Gas the Theatrical Cat"
T.S. Eliot
The Buns Day Carol
English Trad. arr. Rutner
Reading by Anne Brown
Anon.
"The Shepherd's Hymn"
Anon.
Rocking
Czech. arr. Willcocks
Reading by Barry Brown
"Christmas Time"
John Clare
I saw a Warden
Basque Carol arr. Pettmar
Coventry Carol
English Trad. arr. Shaw
Reading by Miriam Wakefield
"Christmas Landscape"
Laurie Lee
Infant Haly, Infant Lowly
Polish arr. Willcocks
Reading by Ellen Kullace
Andrew Young
"Christmas Day"
J. Rutner
Shepherd's Pipe Carol
Reading by Pat Winters
"Christmas Day"
J. Rutner
From the Gospel according to St. Luke,
Chapter 2
Ding Dong! Merrily on High
15th Cent. Harm. Wood
O Little Town of Bethlehem
English Trad. arr. V. Williams
(Audience - Verses 1, 2 and 4)
O Come all Ye Faithful
18th Cent. Anon. arr. Willcocks
(Audience - Verses 1, 2 and 6)
Merry Christmas
West Country arr. Warrell

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

INTERVAL

Sherry and mince pies will be served in the Nicholls Room.