

Thames Vale Singers

present



**Prelude to
Christmas**

a Concert of Music and Verse

Musical Director Tony Mercer

Pianist Malcolm Stowell

PROGRAMME

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen English Trad: arr: Willcocks
Away In a Manger Trad: Norandy Tune
arr: Reginald Jacques
Reading by Cathy Allport
'Keeping Christmas'
Eleanor Parjeon
The First Nowell English Trad: arr: Willcocks
Reading by Barbara Masters
'Christmas Morn'
Ruth Sawyer
Gloria Tony Mercer
Reading by Alex Taylor
'The Wise Men Asked
the Children'
Heinrich Heine
While Shepherds Watched Isaac's Psalter
Words: Marum Tate
Reading by Ian Whittaker
From the Gospel according
to St. Luke Chapter 2
Choruses from the Messiah Handel
'And the Glory of the Lord'
'O Thou That Tellest'
'For Unto Us a Child is Born'
'Glory To God'
'Hallelujah'
Reading by Edna Bint
'The Feast of Stephen'
Ruth Sawyer
Hark the Herald Angels Sing F. Mendelssohn arr: Willcocks

I N T E R V A L

Sherry and Mince Pies will be served in the Nicholls Room

Sans Day Carol English Trad: arr: Rutter
Once In Royal David's City Gauntlett/Alexander
Descant: Willcocks
Reading by Syb Titlow
'For the Children Or 'The
Grownups'
Unknown
Ding Dong Merrily On High 16th Cent. French. Narr: Wood
Sussex Carol English Trad: arr: Willcocks
Reading by John Wigmore
'What the Donkey Saw'
V.A. Fanthorpe
Il Est Ne French Trad: arr: Rutter
O Little Town of Bethlehem Eng. Trad. arr: V. Williams
Descant T. Armstrong
Reading by Tony Mercer
'From The Diary of Adrian
Mole'
See Townsend
White Christmas Irving Berlin
The Twelve Days of Christmas Eng. Trad. arr: Rutter
Reading by Sheena Tutton
'12 Days of Christmas'
John Julius Norwich
Shepherd's Pipe Carol John Rutter
Reading by Norman Hagshaw
'From A Christmas Carol'
Charles Dickens
O Come All Ye Faithful Unknown arr: Willcocks
A Merry Christmas Trad. arr: Warrell

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