

We would love to see you at our future concerts:

Easter Concert: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Summer Concerts: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Watch our website for more details as they become available.



# *THAMES VALE SINGERS*

## *A BABE IS BORN*



Friday 9 December 2022  
St Mary's Church, Purley on Thames

Saturday 10 December 2022  
The Barn, Purley on Thames

### Thinking about joining a choir, then join us!

We don't hold auditions. Just get in contact, come to one of our practice nights and take it from there. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in Purley Memorial Hall.

Contacts: Judy Rayers: 0118 942 1880 or  
email: [mail@thamesvalesingers.org.uk](mailto:mail@thamesvalesingers.org.uk)

Have a look at our website to see more about us and what we have done over the years: [www.thamesvalesingers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalesingers.org.uk)

Musical Director: Dr Tim Robson  
Accompanist: Peter Bernard

Saxophone Soloist: Amy Fitz-Desorgher



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# Programme for the Evening

Choir & Audience

**Once in Royal David's City**  
Words: C F Alexander, Music: H J Gauntlett

Choir

**Gabriel's Message**  
Words: S Baring-Gould, Basque carol arr: David Wilcocks

Choir

**A Babe is Born**  
Words 15<sup>th</sup> Century, Music: William Mathias

Readings, Keith Robinson

**Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind**  
William Shakespeare

Derek Hince

**The Sheepdog**  
U A Fanthorpe

Choir

**Candlelight Carol**  
Words and Music: John Rutter

Choir & Audience

**God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**  
English traditional carol, arr: David Wilcocks

Choir

**En esti valtaa, loistoa**  
Words: Zacharius Topelius, Music: Jean Sibelius

Peter Bernard

**Silent Night**  
Franz Gruber

Choir & Amy

**Christmas Night**  
Words: John Rutter, Music: from Arbeau's Orchésographie

Choir & Audience

**Good King Wenceslas**  
Words: J M Neale, Melody from: Piaae Cantiones

Choir & Amy

**12 Days of Christmas**  
English traditional carol, arr: John Rutter

Choir & Audience

**While Shepherds Watched**  
Words: Nahum Tate, Music: Este's Psalter

Choir

**Gesu Bambino**  
Words: Frederick H Martens, Music: Pietro A Yon

Amy Fitz-Desorgher

**Carol of Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**  
Arr. Matt Riley

Choir & Audience

**White Christmas**  
Words & Music: Irving Berlin, arr: David Sanderson

Choir

**Christmas is Coming**  
Old Rhyme, Music: Henry Walford Davies

Choir & Audience

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**  
Words: Phillips Brooks, arr: R Vaughan Williams

Reading, Val Ryan

**All I Want For Christmas**  
Carolyn D Tyson

Choir

**Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**  
Words & Music: H Martin & R Blane, arr: Arthur Robson

Choir, Amy & Audience

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**  
Words: Charles Wesley, Music: F Mendelssohn

Choir

**A Merry Christmas**  
Traditional West Country carol

**Thank you for coming to our concert.  
We wish you, and yours, a happy and peaceful Christmas!**

**INTERVAL & RAFFLE**