



# *Cantorum*



## *Choir*

*Annual*

*Christmas Carol*

*Concert*



*Conductor - Sally Stafford*



*Sunday 16 December*

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## CANTORUM CHOIR

Cantorum Choir was founded by Jonathan Miall in 1981, specifically to provide an alternative to choral society traditions. The choir draws its membership from about thirty experienced and talented musicians and has a quality which far exceeds most amateur choirs. Commitments have included many large and small-scale concerts, services at the Cathedrals of Guildford and Winchester and St. George's Chapel Windsor, and Christmas Concerts at the Royal Albert Hall in conjunction with the London based Alexandra Choir.

The choir has been involved in several professional recordings including Christmas Carols with Westminster Cathedral Choir and chorus numbers in an album of the musical *Wuthering Heights* with Lesley Garrett, Bonnie Langford and Dave Willetts. There have also been TV appearances in *Inspector Morse*, *At Home with Wendy Craig* and the BBC 2 series *Out and About*. Cantorum performed abroad for the first time in 1998 with a highly successful concert tour in Paris. In April of this year they travelled to Belgium for another successful tour, with concerts in Bruges, Antwerp and Ghent. The choir has a varied repertoire and covers a wide range of musical styles including some original works. Three carols have been specially written for the choir and two anthems/part songs dedicated to it. The majority of Cantorum's performances are in aid of charitable causes and to date it has helped to raise over £30,000.

The choir is most fortunate in having three fine conductors in Sally Stafford, tonight's conductor, Jonathan Miall, its founder and president and Murray Hipkin.





## SALLY STAFFORD

Sally began her musical career by playing the oboe. She read music at the Royal Holloway College, where she studied conducting as part of her degree course. She has been Head



of Music at Burnham Grammar School, teacher and conductor at the Wycombe Music Centre, and County Advisory Music Teacher for Buckinghamshire, during which time she wrote "*Sound Activities*", a book on teaching music in primary schools. In 1989 she was appointed Director of Music at Dame Alice Owen's School, where she conducted a full symphony orchestra, a

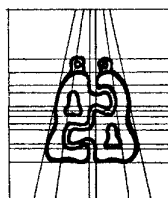
training orchestra of 130, a chamber orchestra, jazz bands and choirs. She has conducted orchestras on the South Bank as part of the Festival of Music for Youth.

She has taken a great interest in the training and supervision of music teachers and has lectured on the P.G.C.E., B.Ed. and M.A. courses at Middlesex University. Sally has recently devoted her time to bringing up her young family, and is now beginning to resume her professional career in conducting and music education, through teaching and consultancy work. As many of you know, Sally has been involved in setting up **TELEMED**, a recently formed registered charity. promoting televisual links for the diagnosis of critically ill babies in between hospitals. You will be pleased to know that links have now been provided for Wycombe, Wexham Park, Milton Keynes, Stoke Mandeville and The Royal Berkshire Hospitals. The Royal Berkshire had its training day yesterday, and the head of Outreach, Great Ormond St. was present with a view to installing the system in GOS. Sally is continually amazed at the ongoing developments of **TELEMED** and overwhelmed by people's generosity to this cause.



## KERI DEXTER (ORGANIST)

Keri Dexter read music at Clare College, Cambridge and Reading University, before completing a PhD at Royal Holloway. As organ scholar, he appeared with the renowned Clare College choir on several broadcasts and recordings, and performed in major festivals in Europe and the USA. He remains much in demand as an accompanist. Keri is also an accomplished baritone: a member of *Cantorum* since 1995, he has also sung with the choirs of St George's Chapel, Windsor, and St Martin-in-the Fields.



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Sitting here listening to a varied programme of seasonal music really makes us feel that Christmas has begun. The familiar faces of our talented choir and their exuberance suggest that something wonderful and exciting is imminent. Hopefully there will be lively gatherings of friends and families as well as the relaxed quieter times for drowsing in front of the fire, watching the flames reflect on a favourite piece of pewter...

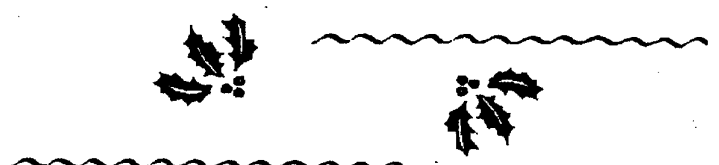

We can still help you to find that "Special present" in time for Christmas.

PROGRAMME

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- 1 A Boy was Born Benjamin Britten
  - 2 Gaudete arr Ian Hicks Mudd
  - 3 Myn Lyking R.R. Terry
  - 4 Unto Us is Born a Son arr, David Willcox
  - 5 O Magnum Mysterium Francis Poulenc
  - 6 Quem Vidistis Francis Poulenc
  - 7 Hodie Christus Natus Est Francis Poulenc
  - 8 Good King Wencelas arr. Reginald Jacques
  - 9 Nativity Carol John Rutter
  - 10 Shepherd's Pipe Carol John Rutter
  - 11 Deck the Halls John Rutter



INTERVAL

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- 1 Sir Christmas William Mathias
  - 2 Ave Maris Stella Edvard Grieg
  - 3 On Christmas Night arr Leger
  - 4 The Holly and The Ivy John Gardner
  - 5 Riu, Riu, Chiu Traditional, anon  
*Tenor Michael Snapes*  
*Tenor Jonathan Stork*
  - 6 The Oxen Ian Hillier
  - 7 There is no Rose Christopher Brown
  - 8 A Child is Born Malcolm Archer
  - 9 Candlelight John Rutter
  - 10 The Christmas Song Mel Torme  
*Soprano Marianne Stork*
  - 11 Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Hugh Martin  
*Soprano Valerie Snapes*  
*Soprano Jill Goode*
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**CANTORUM CHOIR**

**Sopranos**

Catherine Arnold  
Helen Baker  
Bridget Bentley  
Jill Goode  
Emily Hove  
Claire Mousset  
Catherine Orton  
Jo Parton  
Susannah Riley  
Valerie Snapes  
Marianne Stork  
Genevieve Usher

**Altos**

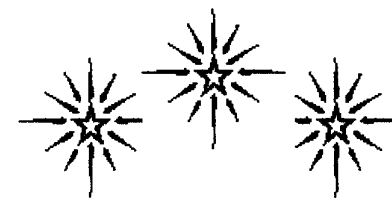
Penny Bysse  
Jami Castell  
Anne Glover  
Eleanor Griffiths  
Mary Jefferies  
Vivienne Mitchell  
Richard Sedding  
Lorna Sykes

**Tenors**

Robert Goode  
David Hazeldine  
Michael Snapes  
Jonathan Stork  
Malcolm Stork

**Basses**

John Buck  
Howard Faulks  
Charles Luxford  
Peter Griffiths  
Patrick McCaughry  
Paul Seddon  
Nick Weait



**CANTORUM CHOIR**

**FORTHCOMING CONCERTS**

Sunday 24 February -- Liston Hall, Marlow  
An Evening of Light Music with a  
Sumptuous Supper

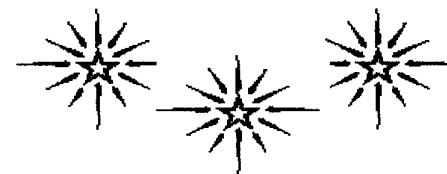
**Conductor - Sally Stafford**

**Tickets for this concert are available today**

Saturday 13 July  
Norden Farm Arts Centre  
Programme to include Brahms Requiem

Look out for Further Details

**Cantorum occasionally has vacancies.**  
If you would like further information about  
membership of the choir, forthcoming  
concerts, mailing list, tickets etc:  
**Please contact Val Snapes on**  
**01753 866479**





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