

FUTURE CONCERTS



Sunday, 22nd February 2009
Valentine's Sumptuous Supper
Liston Hall, Marlow SL7 1DD (£21 inc. meal)

Saturday 13th June 2009 – Summer Concert

Saturday 10th October 2009
'Mozart in Marlow', with
Alexandra and Charlotte Reid (Violins).
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CANTORUM CHOIR would like to thank:

Our superb rehearsal pianists, Gillian Salmon
& Simon Howat

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CANTORUM CHOIR



CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC



SALLY STAFFORD – Conductor

**St John the Baptist Church
Cookham Dean**

Sunday 14th December 2008, 3pm & 8pm

INSTRUMENTALISTS



GILLIAN SALMON – PIANO

Gillian's joint love of accompanying and chamber music was nurtured at the Royal College of Music, where she studied with Ruth Gerald and Hubert Dawkes. After a postgraduate year at Reading University, she taught at Downe House. Whilst there she was able to devote time to performing, including playing at the Wigmore Hall and the Purcell Room. She was Head of Music at Cox Green Comprehensive School for a number of years and now teaches piano at Claires Court Girls' School.

RHIDIAN JONES – ORGAN

Rhidian hails from Aberdare in South Wales. He read Music at the University of Oxford and taught the subject for some years in various schools. He was an associate tutor for the Open University for twenty years. He now lives in Maidenhead, where he is an education officer for the local authority, and is a church organist. In addition to organ music, he has particular interests in *lieder* and chamber music. For seven years he was the accompanist to the London-based Canonbury Chamber Choir. His musical activities recently include a number of recitals locally on the piano and the organ, and a concert at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham where he accompanied a Birmingham male voice choir.

ST MARK'S SUZUKI FLUTE GROUP

Laura Hay, Rosanna Loudon and Melissa Turpie
with Julia Bentley-Dawkes

The St Mark's Suzuki flute group was set up by local flute teacher Julia Bentley in 2005 in order to bring her flute pupils together to have fun and gain confidence in performing. The group currently has around thirty members, aged five to nineteen. Members are drawn from Julia's private teaching practice and schools in the Windsor and Maidenhead area. In addition to group classes, flute pupils receive thirty individual lessons per year and are all encouraged to participate in concerts, festivals and music in the community.



SALLY STAFFORD – *Conductor*

Sally studied for a Music Degree at Royal Holloway College, London University, and then took a joint Music and Mathematics PGCE course at the London Institute. Her first post was Head of Music at Burnham Grammar School in 1984. In 1986, she became an Advisory Teacher for Buckinghamshire and wrote the book *Sound Activities* designed to encourage and facilitate non-specialists teaching music activities in Primary classrooms.



She was appointed Director of Music at Dame Alice Owen's School, Hertfordshire, in 1990, where she built up the extra-curricular music to include three orchestras, two choirs and two concert bands. Lower school classes were invited to give a demonstration composition lesson in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and her symphony orchestra performed on the South Bank in the finals for the National Festival of Music for Youth.

Sally has lectured on PGCE and B.Mus courses at Middlesex University and has particularly enjoyed tutoring PGCE students in their school placements. After having children, she returned to teaching Music and Maths at Burnham Grammar School, where she became Joint Assistant Head of Mathematics in 2004. She is now Lead Primary Teacher for Wycombe High School, working on outreach to enrich teaching and learning mathematics in the Partner Primary Schools. She also conducts the Junior and Senior Orchestras at Wycombe Music Centre, who performed at the Royal Albert Hall in May 2005.

During her time with Cantorum, Sally has encouraged a wide and demanding repertoire. Concerts include Requiems by Mozart, Fauré and Rutter, the Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music*, Elgar's *The Music Makers* and *From the Bavarian Highlands*, Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, Poulenc's *Stabat Mater* and *Gloria*, Bach's *St John Passion* and *Magnificat* and Haydn's *Creation*.

PROGRAMME



What Sweeter Music	<i>Rutter</i>
Gaudete	<i>Anon</i>
On Christmas Night	<i>Ledger</i>
See Amid the Winter Snow (Sung by Everyone)	<i>Arr. Willcocks</i>
Susanni	<i>Richard Rodney Bennett</i>
Here is the Little Door	<i>Howells</i>
I sing of a Maiden	<i>Hadley</i>
A Reading	by David Hazeldine
Joy to the World	(Sung by Everyone) <i>Handel/Mason/Rutter</i>
Angels' Carol	<i>Rutter</i>
Deck the Hall	<i>Arr. Willcocks</i>

INTERVAL

The interval will be for approximately 20 minutes. Drinks will be served at the rear of the church and in the vestry.



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Legend – The Crown of Roses	<i>Tchaikovsky</i>
Small Wonder the Star	<i>Edwards</i>
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	<i>Marks/Christensen</i>
A Reading	by David Hazeldine
Masters in This Hall	(Sung by Everyone) <i>Arr. Willcocks</i>
Shepherd's Pipe Carol	<i>(with Julia Bentley-Dawkes)</i> <i>Rutter</i>
A Child is Born	<i>Archer</i>
God Rest You Merry	(Sung by Everyone) <i>Arr. Willcocks</i>
Birthday Carol	<i>Willcocks</i>
Let it Snow	<i>Arr. Allain</i>

Piano Accompaniment – Gillian Salmon
Organ Accompaniment – Rhidian Jones

CANTORUM CHOIR



Cantorium Choir is a lively, committed choir of approximately 40 mixed voices. We are based in Cookham, Berkshire, and draw our membership from a wide sector of the Thames Valley. Founded twenty five years ago, the choir has built up a reputation as one of the leading chamber choirs in the area, mixing high standards with a warm and friendly social life. We have undertaken several European tours and appeared a number of times on television and in films, notably in the first of the *Inspector Morse* adaptations. Currently, we give four or five concerts per year, at least one of them orchestral.

Sopranos

Bridget Bentley,
Julia Bentley-Dawkes, Emily Hove,
Sandy Johnstone, Valerie Snapes,
Cathy Virjee, Jayne Williams-Pick

Altos

Jill Burton, Penny Bysshe,
Jami Castell, Sarah Evans,
Anne Glover, Eleanor Griffiths,
Chiu Sung, Lorna Sykes

Tenors

Philip Martineau, Richard Ratcliff,
Malcolm Stork,

Basses

Derek Beaven, John Buck
Arthur Cresswell, Mike Cresswell,
David Hazeldine, Paul Seddon,

*Inspiring Voices ~ Giving Pleasure
Cookham's Chamber Choir*



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

It is a real pleasure to welcome you to another Cantorium Carol Concert here at St John's, Cookham Dean. As a relative newcomer to Cantorium, I still remember thinking when I first sang in one of these events that I had been lucky to stumble across a very special tradition.

This concert brings to a close a varied year for the choir. In March, under the baton of the redoubtable Sally Stafford, we performed Bach's St John Passion at All Saints Church, Maidenhead. In lighter vein, John Rutter's The Reluctant Dragon formed a major part in our "Myths and Melodies" summer concert, conducted by Ian Taylor at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham. The alliteration continued with "Vivaldi in Venice", in October at All Saints Church, Marlow, for which Cantorium and Ian were joined by Alexandra and Charlotte Reid. The girls stunned everybody with a dazzling performance of Vivaldi's A Minor concerto for two violins, and we're very pleased that they have agreed to return to perform Mozart in October 2009.

For today's concert we welcome back Sally Stafford, and, on behalf of Cantorium, I'd like to say a special thank you to her for her dedication, enthusiasm and patience over her many years of conducting us. She brings superb musicality together with a great sense of fun – which all should agree is not an unimportant ingredient for these events! On that note, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Philip Martineau