



GLORIA

a celebration of Christmas!

Director **David Davies**

Saturday 14 December 2024

Sidmouth 
Choral Society

Thank You

The members of Sidmouth Choral Society would like to thank:

David Davies and Andrew Benoy for their good humour and excellent music direction during rehearsals.

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And YOU for coming to listen to us this afternoon – we hope you enjoy our concert and look forward to seeing you at our next event on 12th April 2025 at 7.00pm in the Parish Church:

Mendelssohn Elijah

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you this afternoon to our celebration of Christmas.

Each year, Sidmouth Choral Society looks forward to presenting a colourful and magical selection of carols old and new, and this year we are thrilled to be joined by Composite Brass and Percussion, who, together with the brilliant keyboard talents of Dr Peter King and Andrew Benoy, will support and enhance our performance.

There are also some opportunities for you to join with us in singing some well-known audience carols. One of them, however, might be less familiar to you; it's also in French, so: Joyeux Noël à tous! Please feel free to join in any of the carol words printed in bold, and do take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy some refreshments during the interval.

With just ten days to go before Christmas Eve we hope that our concert will bring some warmth and happiness during this special season, and that it might offer some moments both of reflection and of joy. At this time in particular we think of those in our communities and across the globe for whom the traditionally life-affirming experiences of Christmas are, for whatever reasons, not to be, and we give thanks for the unique power of music in bringing us together today.

Thank you for supporting us.

David Davies

Musical Director

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Composite Brass & Percussion

David Shead (Leader), Trumpet I
Oliver Preece, Trumpet II
David Ward, Trumpet III
Paul Denegri, Trumpet IV
Jeremy Loysen, Trombone I
Keith Thomas, Trombone II
Luke Gilbert, Trombone III
Martin Cleave, Tuba
Kathy Banks, Timpani & Percussion
Bill Massey, Percussion

Organ Dr Peter King

Piano Andrew Benoy

Programme

Sir Christèmas (Ave Rex, Op. 45)
William Mathias (1934–1992)

Joy to the World Audience carol
Lowell Mason (1792–1872), arr. John Rutter

**Joy to the world the Lord is come,
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world the Saviour reigns;
let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

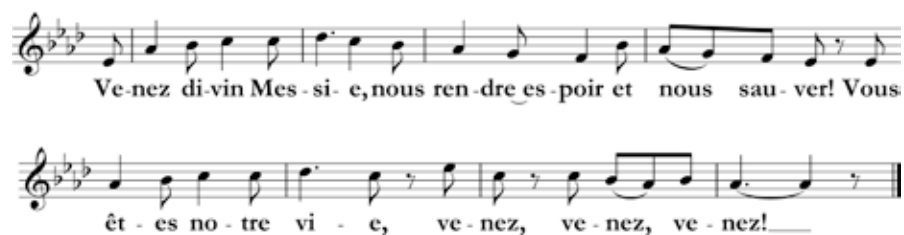
**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Nativity Carol John Rutter (b. 1945)

Shepherds' Pipe Carol John Rutter

Venez divin Messie Audience carol

Traditional French carol, arr. David Davies



(Translation: O come divine Messiah, grant us hope and save us.
You give us life: come, come, come!)

Still, still, still Traditional German carol, arr. Philip Ledger

O little town of Bethlehem Audience carol

Traditional English carol, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams and Thomas Armstrong

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**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.**

(Choir only)

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

(All)

**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.**

The Holy Boy

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Gloria

John Rutter

i. Gloria in excelsis

ii. Domine Deus

iii. Quoniam tu solus

(Semi-chorus: Rebecca Davies, Alison Newell, Jenny Jones,
Joan Edgecumbe and Isobel Francis)

Interval (20 minutes)

O come, all ye faithful Audience carol

John Francis Wade (ca 1711–86)

arr. David Davies & David Willcocks

**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.**

God of God, Light of Light,

lo, 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.

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.

Myn lyking

Richard Runciman Terry (1864–1938)

The Lord at first did Adam make

Traditional Cornish carol, arr. David Davies

Christmas Night

L'Orchésographie d'Arbeau (1588), arr. John Rutter

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen Traditional German carol

(Soprano soloist Rebecca Davies), arr. David Davies

God rest you merry, gentlemen Audience carol

arr. David Davies & David Willcocks

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
for Jesus Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:**

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,

and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,

how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name:

O tidings of comfort and joy...

(Tenors & Basses)

**The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway the blessed babe to find:**

(All) **O tidings of comfort and joy...**

(Sopranos & Altos)

**But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:**

(All) **O tidings of comfort and joy...**

**Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:**

O tidings of comfort and joy...

Away in a Manger William James Kirkpatrick (1838–1921)
arr. David Willcocks

A New Year Carol Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)

Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson (1908–1975)
arr. David Davies

The Twelve Days of Christmas arr. John Rutter
**Five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree!**

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