

Stoke Gabriel Community Concerts



Saturday 19th July 2025
Stoke Gabriel Parish Church
7.30pm

The Chiltern Choir is one of Hertfordshire's leading choral societies. Based in Chorleywood in the heart of the Chiltern Hills, the choir performs to audiences in Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The choir is made up of around 50 members and sings a varied repertoire from Thomas Tallis to Will Todd and everything in between. Recent performances include Will Todd's Mass in Blue, Vaughan Williams Sea Symphony and the Coromandel Coast by Chris Williams. The choir is keen to learn new repertoire and has commissioned a number of new works, particularly a new anthem by Malcolm Archer "Awake my Soul". Each year a small group of singers from the choir enjoy travelling to sing to new audiences and they are particularly delighted to visit Stoke Gabriel this year. Last year they visited Exeter Cathedral and sang all the services one weekend in August. In recent years the choir has visited Shrewsbury, Tewkesbury, and further afield to Bratislava in Slovakia and Dardilly in France. They hope you will enjoy their concert "Songs of Light" this evening.

Michael Cayton has been Musical Director of the Chiltern Choir since 2003, and is also Musical Director of Watford Philharmonic Society. Since 2003 he has been Director of Music at St John's Wood Church in London where he conducts both the critically acclaimed professional choir and the successful community Chamber Choir. Having attended the Royal College of Music, where he studied piano, organ and conducting, Michael won the Hilda Deane Anderson prize for conducting and improvisation, and became the first Millennium Organ Scholar at the Royal Hospital Chelsea. As well as conducting he is in demand as a pianist and organist, with regular appearances in Central London venues, especially at St Martin in the Fields.

PROGRAMME

O Nata Lux	<i>Tallis</i>
Adoramus te, Christe	<i>Lassus</i>
Sicut Cervus	<i>Palestrina</i>
O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht	<i>Bach</i>
Verleih uns Frieden	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Ave Verum	<i>Mozart</i>
Light of the World	<i>Elgar</i>
Ave Maris Stella	<i>Grieg</i>
Abendlied	<i>Rheinberger</i>
Cantique de Jean Racine	<i>Faure</i>
Evening Hymn (Te Lucis Ante terminum)	<i>Balfour Gardiner</i>
Geistliches Lied	<i>Brahms</i>
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C	<i>Stanford</i>

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