

**THE
HILLS
SINGERS**

Musical Director - Carol Green

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL
CONCERT**



Saturday 13 December 2014

3:00 pm

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Croome D'Abitot

After the concert, you are invited to the
Visitor Centre
for warming drinks and mince pies



All proceeds from this concert will be shared between
The National Trust
The Hills Singers
and
The Churches Conservation Trust



PROGRAMME



Choir Deck the hall

arr. Willcocks

Narrative

Choir Ding dong merrily on high

arr. Wood

ALL Away in a manger

arr. Jacques

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Choir Mary's boy child

Hairston, arr. Gritton

Narrative

Choir Rocking carol

arr. Willcocks

Choir Silent night, holy night

Grüber, arr. Carter

Narrative

Choir Follow that star

Gritton

ALL We three kings



We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
gold I bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.

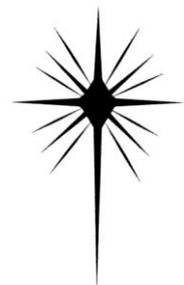
Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now, behold him arise;
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia,
alleluia the earth replies.

Refrain



Choir The sparrows' carol

Chilcott



ALL Noel, noel

- 1 Noel, noel, noel, noel,
noel, noel, noel, noel.
- 2 Jesus was born on Christmas Day,
long ago and far away.
- 3 Bells in the steeple ringing clear
are wishing you a happy New Year.



Reading

The night before Christmas

Clement Clarke Moore



Choir Jingle bells

arr. Willcocks

ALL Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose,
and if you ever saw it
you would even see it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names;
they never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then how the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee:
“Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you’ll go down in history!”

Choir The twelve days of Christmas

Carter



Choir Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Martin and Blane



The Hills Singers celebrated 21 years of singing earlier this year. The choir has a membership of 25 singers and is based in Malvern. They enjoy singing a varied repertoire which spans a period from the 16th century to present day and generally sing unaccompanied. This afternoon's programme comprises a broad range of music and includes well-loved carols and popular Christmas songs, with the opportunity for full audience participation.

Musical Director, Carol Green, has conducted choirs throughout her career and, in addition to the Hills Singers, currently directs the Malvern Sing For Pleasure Choir and Worcester Young Voices. Carol has devoted much of her professional life to promoting singing in all age groups and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2005 in recognition of her singing work in education, enabling her to travel to Hungary and Canada to study best practice in class and in choir. She now teaches locally and works as an examiner, advisory teacher and vocal animateur.

The Hills Singers are available to perform in concerts, at weddings or for charitable causes. Please telephone **Carol Green** on **01684 577033** or visit ***www.hillssingers.com***.



