

Thursday 17 December 2015  
St. Sepulchre's Church



# Carols for Choir and Audience



## London Concert Choir

Conductor: Mark Forkgen

Organist: James Longford

A retiring collection will be held in aid of Fairbridge, a charity supporting young people aged 13-25.



## **Please note:**

- The consumption of food is not allowed in the Church.
- Please switch off mobile phones and alarms on digital watches.
- Flash photography and audio or video recording are not permitted.
- There will be an interval of 20 minutes during which drinks will be served.



Programme designed by Stephen Rickett and edited by Eleanor Cowie

### **London Concert Choir**

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## Fairbridge

After the concert there will be a collection by volunteers from Fairbridge Garden & Arts Society on behalf of the Fairbridge Programme of The Prince's Trust. The Fairbridge Programme is an individually tailored personal development programme which works with marginalised and disengaged young people aged between 13 and 25 who face a range of issues and barriers in their lives.



One-to-one support and group activities focussing on life skills, team-building and learning to relate to others are delivered by a dedicated team in 15 Prince's Trust Centres based in the most disadvantaged areas of the UK. The programme helps the participants to gain the personal and social skills needed to stabilise their situation, as well as giving them the confidence and motivation they need to move into a positive outcome – education, employment, training or volunteering.

*'Fairbridge made me realise that if you put your mind to it, you can achieve whatever you want and you don't have to be afraid of anything.'* Paulina

For more information, visit 'Programmes' at [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk)

Fairbridge Garden & Arts Society (FGAS) was formed in 1993 to support Fairbridge by providing a varied and stimulating programme of events encompassing its members' interest in both gardening and the arts. All the profits from the Society's programme of events are dedicated exclusively to the Fairbridge Programme.

In the financial year to April 2014, the money raised by FGAS was spent on helping young people in the Fairbridge Programmes based in three centres – Kennington and Poplar in London, and Chatham in Kent – towards realising their potential.

For more information about the FGAS programme of events, or to join the Society, please visit [www.fgas.uk.com](http://www.fgas.uk.com)

All the money collected tonight will be donated to the Fairbridge Programme – please give generously.

# Carols for Choir and Audience

## The truth from above

(English traditional carol, arranged by Vaughan Williams)

### ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

#### 1. Choir only:

Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

#### 2. All:

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

## The Lord at first did Adam make

(English traditional carol, arranged by David Willcocks)

## Adam lay ybounden (Boris Ord)

### OF THE FATHER'S HEART BEGOTTEN

*Verse 2 is Men, Verse 4 Women*

1. Of the Father's heart begotten  
Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain  
All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things  
Yet to come the mystic Close,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
2. By his word was all created;  
He commanded and 'twas done;  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
Universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
All that breathes beneath the sun,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
3. O how blest that wondrous birthday,  
When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation,  
By the Holy Ghost conceived;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
In her loving arms received,  
*Evermore and evermore.*
4. Sing, ye heights of heav'n, his praises;  
Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing,  
Countless voices answering,  
*Evermore and evermore.*

**Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen** – *A rose has sprung up*  
(arranged by Michael Praetorius and Melchior Vulpis)

**Gaudete** (traditional, from *Piae Cantiones*)

**O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

1. 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!*
2. 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,...*
3. 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,...*
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
Born on Christmas morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him,...*

**Zion hört die Wächter singen** – *Zion hears the watchmen's voices*  
(J.S. Bach, from Cantata 140)

**Interval – 20 Minutes**

**Personent Hodie** (from *Piae Cantiones*, arranged by Gustav Holst)

**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men  
From heav'n's all-gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessèd angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold,  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

**Sweet was the Song** (Richard Rodney Bennett)

## In the bleak midwinter (Charles Paterson)

### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.
4. 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.

## Still, still, still (Austrian carol, arranged by Mack Wilberg)



**Noel!** (Gordon Thornett)

## **HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

1. Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

**Kings came riding** (Kevin Stannard)

**The holly and the ivy** (John Gardner)

## Mark Forkgen *conductor*

Mark Forkgen has been Music Director of London Concert Choir since 1996. He is also Music Director of Canticum chamber choir, Principal Conductor and Artistic Advisor of Kokoro (the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's New Music Group) and Director of Music at Tonbridge School. He has conducted major UK orchestras, including the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, City of London Sinfonia, English Chamber Orchestra, English Northern Philharmonia and Manchester Camerata, appearing at major venues, including the Royal Festival Hall, the Barbican and the Royal Albert Hall.



A specialist in the field of choral and contemporary music, Mark has given the first performances of more than 100 works. He has also conducted stage works with the Trestle Theatre Company and Britten Sinfonia, and contemporary opera with the Unicorn Theatre Company and an ensemble from the Philharmonia, at the Linbury Studio, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Mark's wide range of conducting also includes performances with Deep Purple for the Henley Festival and recreating Pink Floyd's *Atom Heart Mother* in the Chelsea Festival. He also enjoys an active life as a pianist, focusing on 20th Century and contemporary music. His recitals last season covered repertoire by Stravinsky, Debussy, Messiaen, Bartok, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, Oliver Knussen and Thomas Adès.

He has been Conductor and Artistic Advisor for highly acclaimed festivals, including: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' 70th Birthday; Stravinsky, 'A Festival of Britten', 'Music of the Americas', 'Britain since Britten' and 'East meets West'. Outside the UK he has conducted in Denmark, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Eire, the Czech Republic and Italy (including Handel's *Messiah* in Sienna and *Israel in Egypt* at the Viterbo Early Music Festival), Bulgaria (concerts broadcast for National TV and Radio) and Hong Kong.

Last season's highlights included Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' *Vesalii Icones* with the composer, productions of *Cabaret* and *The Boy Friend*, programmes based on Masters of the Kings' and Queens' Music, a project combining the music of Eric Satie with film, and a highly acclaimed concert including three first performances at the Cheltenham Festival. Other highlights this Autumn include a programme based on the theme of 'Light' for the Bournemouth Festival, a series inspired by Shakespeare, the choral music of Howard Blake and, as a pianist, performances of Shostakovich's Second Piano Trio with works by Stravinsky and Debussy.

## James Longford *organist*

James Longford works as a chamber and orchestral pianist, répétiteur and continuo player, as an arranger and copyist and in music theatre and education. He studied with Nicholas Danby, Margaret Philips, John Blakely and Yonty Solomon at the Royal College of Music, where he was awarded the Tagore Gold Medal. He is also a former organ scholar of St.Martin-in-the-Fields, where he studied with Paul Stubbings. He was selected as a Steinway Artist in 2014.



He works with the Royal Opera House and Royal Ballet, English National Opera, Southbank Sinfonia, Gabrieli Consort and Players, Ensemble NAYA, Kokoro, Bregenzer Festspiele and Schauspiel Köln, in addition to London Concert Choir. He has appeared at the Avignon, Chichester, Aix-en-Provence, Aldeburgh, Latitude, Deal, Sounds New, Anghiari, London Schubert and the Israel festivals.

In 2001, James Longford and Lindy Tennent-Brown established the longfordbrown piano duo. Laureates of several international competitions and placed in the top nine piano duos in the world at the 2008 Dranoff International Two Piano Competition in Miami, they hold an enviable reputation for innovative programming and thrilling performances.

James is also a member of the Galos Piano Trio, established in 2009, specialising in the lesser-known corners of the piano trio repertoire by English and women composers.

Please visit [jameslongford.com](http://jameslongford.com) for more information.

# London Concert Choir

London Concert Choir, founded as the Brompton Choral Society in 1960, now has around 150 members of a wide range of ages and is notable for its wide-ranging musical repertoire. With Music Director Mark Forkgen the choir appears at all the major London concert venues and in cathedrals and churches in and around the capital, as well as touring further afield.

In 2014 the choir performed Haydn's oratorio *The Seasons* in the Basilica di San Francesco at Assisi with Southbank Sinfonia. A performance of Verdi's Requiem with the Augsburg Basilica Choir in the Royal Festival Hall in 2011 was followed by a joint concert at the Augsburg Peace Festival. A tour to Krakow will take place in July 2016.

LCC celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010 with two memorable performances of Britten's *War Requiem*: at the Barbican and in Salisbury Cathedral. Among other major works in earlier seasons have been Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* with the English Chamber Orchestra and Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, both with Southbank Sinfonia.

Performances of Baroque music with Counterpoint include Handel's *Messiah* and *Judas Maccabaeus* and Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and *St Matthew Passion*. On a smaller scale, the choir has sung unaccompanied church music by British and Russian composers, and Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*.

Operas in concert performance have ranged from Gluck's *Orfeo* to Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and the London premiere of *The Chalk Legend* by Stephen McNeff. LCC has also performed Duke Ellington's *Sacred Concert*, and Will Todd's *Mass in Blue* as part of a jazz concert. The choir often gives concerts for charity and has commissioned a number of new works.

[www.london-concert-choir.org.uk](http://www.london-concert-choir.org.uk)



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Music Director

**James Longford**  
Principal Accompanist

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London Concert Choir welcomes new members, who are invited to attend a few rehearsals before an informal audition. If you are interested in joining the choir, please fill in your details online at **[www.london-concert-choir.org.uk/joinus](http://www.london-concert-choir.org.uk/joinus)**

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Conductor: Mark Forkgen

Monday 7 March 2016, 7.30pm  
St John's, Smith Square, SW1

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Wednesday 15 June 2016, 7.30pm  
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, EC1

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To commemorate the Centenary of the Battle of Jutland  
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## Hymns to the Virgin