

Saturday 4 December 2010

7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Bridgwater

TA6 3EQ

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Conductor – Iain Cooper

Orchestra led by Brigid Kirkland-Wilson

Organ – Ray Willis

Soprano – Mary Morgan

Countertenor – Jeremy Burrows

Tenor – TBA

Bass - TBA

Saturday 7 May 2011

7.30pm

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Joint concert with

Cleeve Chorale of Cheltenham

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Conductor – Iain Cooper

Orchestra led by Brigid Kirkland-Wilson

Accompanist – Ray Willis

Soprano – Nicola Wydenbach

Contralto – Penelope Davies

Tenor – Richard Rowntree

Baritone – James Oldfield

Joining the Friends of Bridgwater Choral Society

The support of the Friends is much appreciated. Benefits of joining include advance notice and priority booking with discount, receipt of our newsletter !Sing Up!, and an annual social event with choir members.

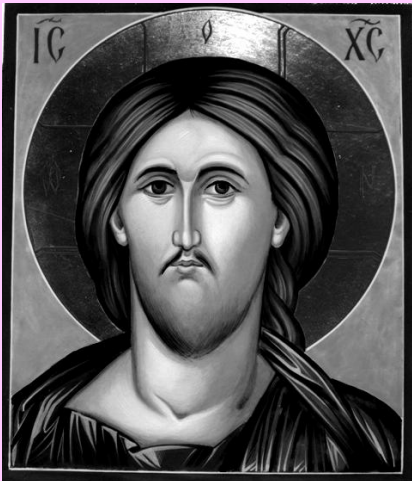
Membership

Single £10 (£3 discount on 1 ticket per choral concert)

Double £18 (£3 discount on 2 tickets per choral concert)

If you would like to join please complete and send this form and cheque payable to 'Bridgwater Choral Society' to:

Linda Curtis, Friends' Secretary,
9 Cheer Lane, Westonzoyland TA7 0EX
Tel: 01278 691376



I/We would like to become a Friend of
the Society:

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BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choral Society has been at the heart of the cultural life of Bridgwater since it was founded in 1949 by conductor Rex Browning with the aim of providing music of quality in the town and district. Early performances were in the Arts Centre and Town Hall, later moving to the fine parish church of St Mary's, where the choir continues to perform two major choral works from the classical repertoire each year. The high standard is reflected in the engagement of professional soloists and orchestra for these concerts.

Iain Cooper began conducting Bridgwater Choral Society in 2004. He brings a wealth of experience both as a musician (piano and organ) and teacher of music.. He currently works freelance as a teacher, examiner and writer. The Society has blossomed under his leadership and achieved an extremely high standard of performance, culminating in the recent performance of Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* which met with wide critical acclaim.

Ray Willis is a versatile organist, accompanist and continuo player. He is currently organist at St John's, Yeovil, and the Bishop's Chapel, Wells. He also conducts both the Clevedon and Weston –super-Mare choral societies.

President, Roger Stacey
Chairman, David Mills

JOIN THE CHOIR

New members are always welcome. The choir is a mixed voice amateur choir of around 80 singers. The membership is extremely diverse in terms of age, background and ability. Less experienced singers will receive ample support and encouragement where needed. We are actively seeking to recruit young people, and students are offered free membership in exchange for regular commitment. The choir meets weekly from September to May at:
St Joseph's Primary School, Park Avenue, Bridgwater TA6 7EE
If you are interested in joining please contact:
Mrs Jenny Patten (Hon Sec)
37 Alfoxton Road
Bridgwater TA6 7NN
Tel 01278 456645

Visit

www.bridgwaterchoral.org/

to see pictures of us in rehearsal and hear excerpts from our 2009 performance of Mozart's *Mass in C Min.*

TICKETS

Tickets can be obtained two weeks in advance from Bridgwater Book Shop tel 01278 457565 or on the door on the evening of the concert.

PRICES

£11, £8.50 reserved

£6 unreserved

accompanied under 16s free



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