

*Thames Vale Singers*

*present*



**Prelude to  
Christmas**

*a Concert of Music and Verse  
at Purley Memorial Hall  
on Saturday 15th December*

Musical Director            Tony Mercer  
Pianist                        Malcolm Stowell

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P R O G R A M M E

Hark the Herald Angels Sing            F. Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks  
O Little One Sweet                      Traditional. Percy Dearmer  
Reading by Sybil Titlow  
  "Nativity Play"                        Clare Bevan  
Away in a Manger                        W.J. Kirkpatrick arr. Willcocks  
I saw a Maiden                          Old Basque. Words 15th Cent.  
It came upon the midnight clear        Tune adapted Arthur Sullivan  
    Words E.H. Sears arr. Willcocks  
Reading by Gary Maslen  
  "The Shepherds go to the Manger" Luke 2  
The Infant King                         Basque Noel arr. Willcocks  
    Words S. Baring-Gould  
The First Nowell                         English Trad. arr. Willcocks  
Reading by Julia Sant  
  "Mary's Song"                         Charles Causley  
See amid the winter's snow              John Goss arr. Willcocks  
    Words E. Caswall  
Chorale from "Zion hears the  
Watchmen's Voices"                      J.S. Bach. Edited J. Rutter  
Reading by Edna Bint  
  "Wise men ask children the way" Heinrich Heine  
The Linden Tree Carol                    Trad. G.R. Woodward  
    arr. Reginald Jacques

Sans Day Carol                         Cornish Trad. arr. John Rutter  
O Little Town of Bethlehem             Eng. Trad. arr. V. Williams  
    Descant T. Armstrong

I N T E R V A L

Sherry and mince pies will be served in the Nicholls Room

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Once in Royal David's City             Gauntlett/Alexander  
    Descant Willcocks  
Past Three O'clock                      Trad. Harmony Charles Wood  
    Words G.R. Woodward  
Reading by Sheena Tutton  
  "An Atrocious Institution"            George Bernard Shaw  
Ding Dong Merrily on High              16th Cent. French. Harm: Wood  
White Christmas                         Irving Berlin  
Reading by Norman Bagshaw  
  "Christmas Fifty Years Ago"          Norman Longmate  
The Twelve Days of Christmas          Eng. Trad. arr. Rutter  
Il est ne                                 French Trad. arr. Rutter  
Shepherd's Pipe Carol                    John Rutter  
Reading by Barbara Masters  
  "Every Year"                          Clare Bevan  
Silent Night                             Arr. Leslie Woodgate  
O Come all Ye Faithful                 Unknown. arr. Willcocks  
A Merry Christmas                       Trad. arr. Warrell

Happy Christmas to you all and a peaceful New Year