

Thames Vale Singers

present



**Prelude to
Christmas**

*a Concert of Music and Verse
at Purley Memorial Hall
on Saturday 17th December
at 7:30 pm*

THAMES VALE SINGERS

PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS 1988

Musical Director - Tony Mercer Pianist - Sandra Fraser

"God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen" Eng. Trad. arr. Willcocks

"The First Nowell"
Audience Verses 1 & 6
Reading by Hannah Rous Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
"Christmas Bells"

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"
16th Cent. French.
Harm. Wood

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"
Reading by Jane Hill Eng. Trad. arr. Rutter
"All the Days of Christmas"
Phyllis McGinley

"Once in Royal David's City"
Audience Verses 1,2,5 & 6
H. Gauntlett. Harm. Mann.
arr. Willcocks

"Il est né"
Reading by Sybil Titlow French Trad. arr. Rutter
"Good Will to Men"
Pam Ayres

"Good King Wenceslas"
arr. Jacques

"O Little One Sweet"
Did German Harm. Bach

Reading by Mary Foley-Fisher Charles Causley
"Mary's Song"

"The Blessed Son of God"
R. Vaughan Williams

"I Saw a Maiden"
Did Basque Noël

Reading by Tony Mercer Laurie Lee
"Christmas Landscape"

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Audience Verses 1 & 3
Mendelssohn arr. Willcocks

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J.S. Bach Ed. by Willcocks

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
Old French arr. Jacques

Reading by George McClelland
from St. Luke's Gospel Ch.2.

Sans Day Carol Trad. Cornish arr. Rutter

"While Shepherds Watched"
Audience 1,3, 5 & 6
Psalter, 1592

Reading by Barry Brown
from "Wind in the Willows"
Kenneth Grahame

"Sussex Carol"
Eng. Trad. arr. Willcocks

"Away in a Manger"
Normandy Trad. arr. Jacques

Reading by Ann Brown
"The Animals' Carol"
Charles Causley

"The Shepherds Farewell"
Hector Berlioz

"White Christmas"
Irving Berlin

Reading by Shaena Tutton
"Christmas Thankyou"
Mick Cowar

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Audience Verses 1, 2 & 4
Eng. Trad. arr. Vaughan Williams

"The Shepherds Pipe Carol"
John Rutter

Reading by Norman Bagshaw
from "A Christmas Carol"
Charles Dickens

"O Come All ye Faithful"
Audience Verses 1, 2 & 6
18th Cent. Anon. arr. Willcocks

"We Wish you a Merry Christmas"
West Country arr. Warrell

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INTERVAL

Sherry and Mince Pies will be served in the Nicholls Room.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.