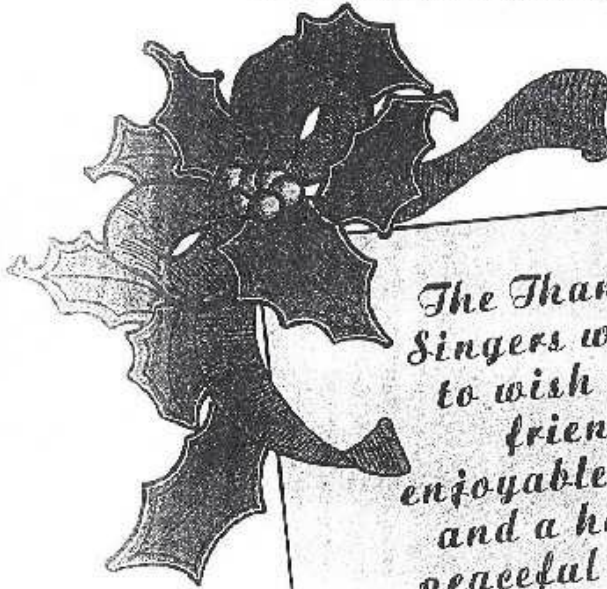


Future concert dates for your diary:

## THE MESSIAH

Palm Sunday, April 16th 2000, at  
Tilehurst Methodist Church  
Easter Sunday, April 23rd 2000, at  
St. Mary's Church, Purley

We are seeking to recruit some additional tenors and basses for the choir. For further details on membership and for any other information about the Thames Vale Singers, please contact our Chairman, John Cathrew on 984 2845.



*The Thames Vale Singers would like to wish all their friends an enjoyable Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.*



*Musical Director -  
Alex Taylor  
Accompanist -  
Peter Bernard*

1999



# 20th Century Christmas

A celebration of Christmas music through the 20th Century, with:

## The Thames Vale Singers



PROGRAMME

**ALL** Once in royal David's city

In the bleak mid-winter Harold Darke

*The Carpenter's Song* Claire Bevan

Read by **Chris Minton**

A carol of adoration Edgar Pettman

The Blessed son of God R Vaughan Williams

*Christmas Truce* Captain R J Armes, to his wife from the trenches

Read by **John Cathrew**

Adam lay ybounden Peter Warlock

Sung by **Anne Orton**

Bell Carol Eric Thiman

*Hold Your Horses* Claire Bevan

Read by **Sybil Titlow**

Winter Wonderland Felix Bernard

Winter Ride Theo Bonheur

Played by **Jane Andrews & Alex Taylor**

*Old Sam's Christmas Pudding* Marriot Edgar

Read by **Annie Parkinson**

White Christmas Irving Berlin

**ALL** Hark! the herald-angels sing

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Interval - Refreshments and Raffle draw

**ALL** O little town of Bethlehem

A maiden most gentle Andrew Carter

*"Where was the Ecstasy?"* from *The Rainbow* by D.H. Lawrence

Read by **John Skeet**

Sweet little Jesus boy arr. Gwyn Arch

Sung by **Karen Patten**

Away in a manger - God rest you merry, gentlemen

arr. John Kember for **Piano Duet**

Throw the Yule log on, Uncle John P.D.Q. Bach

*Dear Old Aunt Maude*

Read by **Emrys Lewis**

Season of dreams David Angerman

Walking in the Air Harold Blake

*The Turkey* Nigel Smith

Read by **Sheila Mason**

Silent Night arr. Paul Honey

Played by **Peter Bernard**

Bethlehem Down Alan Spedding

Jesus Child John Rutter

*A peculiar Christmas* Roy Fuller

Read by **Daphne Hollier**

**ALL** O come, all ye faithful

We wish you a Merry Christmas