
Cantamus



“Parish News!”

*A year in the life of a parish in choral
music and witty readings*

St Peter & St Paul Church, Blockley
Saturday 15th July 2023
7-30 pm

The Parish News

The rising sap

Choir	Sweet honey-sucking bees	John Wilbye
	Let's do it	Cole Porter
Readings	One perfect rose	Dorothy Parker
	Come into the garden Maud	Tennyson & Joyce Grenfell

Eastertide

Choir	Christus factus est	Anton Bruckner
Readings	Letter to Penelope Betjeman	
	Goblin Combe	Katherine M. Briggs

Gossips' Corner

Choir	The handsome butcher	arr. Matyas Seiber
	Fair Phyllis I saw sitting all alone	John Farmer
Peter Paul and David		
	Si iniquitates observaveris	Samuel Wesley
Reading	The Grange	Stevie Smith

Whitsun

Choir	Psallite Domino	William Byrd
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Funeral

Reading	Dirge without music	Edna St. Vincent Millais
	O grief, ev'n on the bud	Thomas Morley

Marriage

Readings	Love poem	Vivian de Sola Pinto
	Office friendships	Gavin Ewart
Choir	I love my love	arr. Gustav Holst
	The folks who live on the hill	Jerome Kern
		arr. Richard Emms

Interval

The bishop's visit

Choir	Tu es Petrus	Palestrina
Reading	The choirmaster's burial	Thomas Hardy

Children's corner

Choir	The teddy-bears' picnic	John Bratton arr. Andrew Carter
	The old woman	arr. Matyas Seiber
Reading	First day at school	Laurie Lee

Autumn

	Autumn leaves	Joseph Cosma arr. Andrew Carter
Reading	Letting go	C. Day-Lewis

News from abroad

Choir	Waltzing matilda	arr. Richard Emms
Reading	Letter from an Australian Grandma	

Christmastide

Choir	O nata lux	Morten Lauridsen
Reading	The Annunciation	Gervaise Phinn
Choir	Hodie natus est	Jan P. Sweelinck

Programme devised by Anne Hume and Richard Emms

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Musical Director: Richard Emms

Choir members singing today:

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Dorle Emms	Suzi Barry	Martyn Kitson	David Artingstall
Joanna Fawcett	Barbara Divers	John Weightman	Chris Hurst
Jane Glanville-Thomas	Di Gowers	Peter Wilkinson	Digby Norton
Gillian Grason Smith	Linda Green		Paul Richardson
Alice Hubbard	Jane Riley		
Hilary Roesen	Pam Wilkinson		
Fiona Weightman			

Cantamus, Shipston on Stour's a cappella choir, was founded by its musical director Richard Emms in 1997. Their extensive repertoire ranges from the 16th to the 21st century. Most of this is unaccompanied, ranging from madrigals to motets, popular songs, folk songs and longer works, including masses which the choir performs liturgically. For more information, please visit our website www.cantamus.org.uk

Cantamus is a member of Making Music.

Anne: television work, seasons in repertory, school tours, video film for alcoholics (nothing personal).

Richard Emms (B.Mus., L.R.A.M): Richard was educated at Birmingham University and the Birmingham Conservatoire. He specialised in composition and piano performance. Settling in Shipston on Stour in 1975, he founded Shipston's choral society, Stour Singers. In more recent years he has resumed his composing activities, and much of his creative work now takes the form of arrangements for Cantamus.

For future performances, please visit our website
www.cantamus.org.uk/concerts