

Fortune Green Choir

**Christmas Concert
2017**

**Thursday 14th December: 7.30 p.m.
Emmanuel Church, NW6**



PROGRAMME



*Raising funds for C4WS Homeless Project
Suggested minimum donation £5*

Welcome and introduction

Fr. Jonathan Kester – Vicar of Emmanuel Church

All stand to sing:

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him born the King of angels:

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created:

O come...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;
Glory to God, in the highest:

O come ...

All sit

The Fortune Green Choir sings:

Fortune Green Choir Song
Lyrics by Jan Page Jackson (soprano)

Snow
Music: Jonathan Dove

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho
Music: Traditional

All stand to sing:

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

All sit:

Canterreas sing:

Three Kings from Persian Lands Afar

Music: Peter Cornelius

Nativity Carol

Music: John Rutter

Danny Boy

Music: Londonderry Air, arr. Flummerfelt

Ríu ríu chíu

Music: Anonymous, Spanish 16th C

Piano Duet: Hannah Gill and Tim Pryce

The Twelve Days of Christmas

All stand to sing:

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive
him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

All sit:

The Fortune Green Choir sings:

Sing dem Herrn

Music: Michael Praetorius: arr. Wallade dePue

All that Jazz

Music: Kander & Ebb

All stand to sing:

1. While shepherds watched their
flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign.'
4. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

5. 'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease'.

All sit:

The Fortune Green Choir sings:

Gaudete

Music from Piaae Cantiones (1582)

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

Music: Martin & Blane

A few words from the Mayor of Camden, Councillor Richard Cotton

All stand to sing:

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Merry Christmas from the Fortune Green Choir!



Hannah Gill
Musical Director

Hannah Gill graduated with First Class honours in piano performance from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. Born in Wales, Hannah was awarded a scholarship to study at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. She was a concerto finalist in the Texaco Young Musician of Wales and performed on ITV in a documentary about the competition. Performance highlights have included conducting and accompanying choirs on live television at the National Eisteddfod of Wales and Côr Cymru ('Choir of Wales') competitions. From 2015-16 Hannah was Organ Scholar at the Southbank Centre, a position which included recitals and demonstrations at the Royal Festival Hall alongside education and outreach work. She is also an Associate of the Royal College of Organists (ARCO) and her choral arrangements are published by Curiad.



Tim Pryce
Accompanist

Tim Pryce started learning the piano at the age of five, studied with Paul Armstrong for several years, and now takes lessons from Mary Dullea. Tim has performed Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto, the Grieg piano concerto, Mozart's A major concerto K488 and several orchestral piano parts including Stravinsky's Firebird Suite and the Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Tim also accompanies Cor Llunsain - a Welsh female choir in London - and holds a DipABRSM with distinction. Alongside his musical achievements Tim found time to graduate from the University of Oxford with a BA Hons in Geography and achieve a distinction from the University of Reading in his MSc in Applied Meteorology. He is passionate about environmental issues, particularly climate change, spending several years working as Head of Carbon Management for the Carbon Trust. He now works for C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, a network of over 90 of the world's largest cities taking action on climate change.

Fortune Green Choir

The Fortune Green Choir started in 2007 as a small group who met to sing for fun. Over the years the numbers have grown and membership is now over 50 singers. The choir meets at Emmanuel Church every week on Tuesday evenings in 'term time'. New members are always welcome and there are no auditions.

Our members range from people singing in a choir for the first time to experienced choristers – give it a try!

See our website www.fortunegreenchoir.org.uk for details. In addition to its own regular concerts, the choir also performs at local community events including singing carols on West End Green. For a number of years now the choir has organised and hosted *Singfest* each spring – a successful charity concert involving several choirs from all over London and further afield. Our concerts have raised over £12,000 for local and national charities, such as Marie Curie, in the past six years.

The choir's repertoire ranges from traditional choral music to more modern pieces as well as show tunes and popular songs.

Canterreas

Canterreas (formerly *The Fortune Green Ensemble*) emerged out of the Fortune Green choir, as a small group of singers who shared a wish to explore a broader range of repertoire. The welcome addition of choral conductor and singer, Anne Kollar, to the group has opened up opportunities to work on a more diverse range of musical expression.

2017 has been a busy year for Canterreas: the group gave its first solo concert at Emmanuel in May, performed in Fortune Green Choir's Spring Singfest, sang with Emmanuel Church Choir for their carol service on 10th December and, of course, participated in the Fortune Green Christmas Concert. The group will be singing carols for charity at Euston Station on Monday 18th December.

The Steering Group would like to thank:

The Vicar, PCC, Church Wardens and Congregation of Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead, for their ongoing support and friendship.

The Musical Director, Accompanist, singers and supporters of the Fortune Green Choir for their hard work and dedication.

The audiences at all of our concerts for their support of our musical activities and for backing our elected causes.