

# Fortune Green Choir

# Christmas Concert

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
at 7.30 p.m.  
Emmanuel Church, NW6



## PROGRAMME



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

## **Welcome and introduction**

**Councillor Richard Cotton – Mayor of Camden**

*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:**

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*Music from Piae Cantiones (1582)*

The History of Western Music  
*Arranged by Audrey Snyder*

*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:*

**Cantereas sing:**

Full Fathom Five

*Music: Charles Wood*

Abendlied

*Music: Josef Rheinberger*

O Mistress Mine

*Music: Matthew Harris*

The Messiah

*Music: Handel*

**Piano Duets: Hannah Gill and Tim Pryce**

Rachmaninoff – Scherzo

God rest ye merry, gentlemen

*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:**

O Holy Night

*Music: Adolphe Adam*

Mary's Boy Child/O Happy Day

*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
4. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus

And this shall be the sign.”

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:**

Glory to God from The Messiah

*Music: G.F. Handel*

Winter Wonderland

*Music: Felix Bernard arr. Lin Marsh*

*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.

**Natalie Bleicher**  
**Accompanist**

## **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](http://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.

In 2018 Canterreas performed Faure's Requiem at a solo concert at Emmanuel in May, performed in Fortune Green Choir's Spring Singfest, and will be singing with Emmanuel Church Choir for their carol service on 16<sup>th</sup> December, as well as participating in the Fortune Green Christmas Concert.

*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.*