

St Mary Magdalene, Longbenton
The Singers at Home
Concert, Saturday 14 May 2022

THE SINGERS

Conductor Donald Halliday

Programme

1. Now is the month of maying – Thomas Morley (1557 – 1602)

2. A Ukrainian Prayer – John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sung in Ukrainian

Good Lord, protect Ukraine.

Give her strength, courage, faith, hope. Amen.

3. The Silver Swan – Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625)

4. Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Some choral music from the Coronation of Elizabeth II, 2 June 1953

- O taste and see – R Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

- O clap your hands together – Orlando Gibbons

- Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace – S S Wesley (1810 – 1876)

5. All in the April evening – Hugh Roberton (1874 – 1952)

6. Bobby Shaftoe (trad.)

7. Londonderry Air (trad.)

8. In Paradisum – Galina Grigorjeva (b. 1962)

Sung in Latin

May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem. May choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once (a) poor (man), may you have eternal rest

More information about The Singers at singers.org.uk

Community songs

Drink to me only

Words by Ben Jonson (1572 – 1637)

Drink to me only with thine eyes,
And I will pledge with mine;
Or leave a kiss within the cup,
And I'll not ask for wine.
The thirst that from the soul doth rise
Doth ask a drink divine;
But might I of Jove's nectar sip,
I would not change for thine.

I sent thee late a rosy wreath,
Not so much honouring thee
As giving it a hope, that there
It could not withered be.
But thou thereon didst only breathe,
And sent'st it back to me;
Since when it grows, and smells, I swear,
Not of itself, but thee.

Home sweet home

Henry Bishop (1786 – 1855)

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam.
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.
A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there
Which seek thro' the world, is ne'er met elsewhere.
Home! Home! Sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home, There's no place like home!

An exile from home splendour dazzles in vain,
Oh give me my lowly thatched cottage again.
The birds singing gaily that came at my call
And gave me the peace of mind dearer than all
Home, home, sweet, sweet home
There's no place like home, there's no place like home!