

St Mary Magdalene, Longbenton
Saturday 11 May 2019, 2 pm

The Singers

Conductor Donald Halliday

COMMUNITY CONCERT PROGRAMME

Now is the month of maying

Thomas Morley (c. 1557 – 1602)

...The Spring, clad all in gladness,
Doth laugh at Winter's sadness, Fa la la.
And to the bagpipe's sound
The nymphs tread out their ground, Fa la
la...

The Spring time of the year

arr. Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

As I walked out one morning,
In the springtime of the year,
I overheard a sailor boy,
Likewise a lady fair.
They sang a song together,
Made the valleys for to ring,
While the birds on spray
And the meadows gay
Proclaimed the lovely spring.

Morning song of praise

Max Bruch (1838 – 1920)

Lo! the glorious sun has risen,
floods the earth with golden rays;
Song of lark and harvest blessing
follow where the sunbeam strays,
Wake from your slumbers and tarry no
more!
God, who hath granted you sunlight,
adore!
Sorrow and care that have weighed down
the heart,

touch'd with the blush of the morn', shall
depart.

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824 – 1896)

This place was made by God,
a priceless mystery;
it is without reproof.

SONG FOR ALL

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.

Ave verum corpus

Alexandre Guilmant (1837 – 1911)

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank flowed water
and blood: Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.

Organ Alison Rudd

Turn thy face from my sins

Thomas Attwood (1765 – 1838)

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all
my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew
a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and
take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Soloist Lindsey Nicholls

Organ Alison Rudd

God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840 – 1901)

God so loved the world that he sent his
only begotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.

Schweigend sinkt die Nacht

Fanny Hensel (1805 – 1847)

Silently the night drops down,
Quietly smoulders the evening splendour,
Softly our songs fade away,
The wave sounds quieter again.
Our journey, it is done.
Quiet, quiet, good night.

Folk Song

Bobby Shafto

SONG FOR ALL

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!

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The Singers: some future events

Edinburgh

Sunday morning services and a St Giles at
Six concert in St Giles Cathedral,
Edinburgh, 14 July, 2019.

Coventry

Music weekend in Coventry. Saturday
Concert in Holy Trinity Church and Sunday
services in Coventry Cathedral, 19 and 20
October 2019.

Christmas with The Singers

St George's Jesmond, Newcastle upon
Tyne, Saturday 14 December 2019 at 7pm

Durham

Epiphany in Durham Cathedral
Monday 6 January, 2020 at 7.30pm