

*Laudamus*  
Chamber Choir

Musical Director—Sean Bui

Accompanist—Mike Briggs



***Laudamus at  
Christmas***

**Sunday 11th December 2023**

**Trinity Methodist Church, Woking**

**6:00 pm**



## About Quest

Quest RDA (Riding for the Disabled) is based in Chobham and provides a range of services to participants from across Surrey and parts of Berkshire. The main service is provision of therapeutic horse riding (enjoyed by just over 90% of our total participants all of whom have disabilities and special needs) with the remaining participants involved in either interactive horse care or 'Tea with a Pony'.

Nearly all our participants are children and teenagers except for those who enjoy 'Tea with a Pony' that offers people with dementia or similar conditions the opportunity to enjoy cake and tea with our volunteers and then to interact with a pony.

## Laudamus Chamber Choir

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Since our formation in 1993, as an off-shoot of the parish choir of St Paul's Addlestone, Laudamus Chamber choir has grown from a small group of 8 singers to our current complement of 21 enthusiastic and friendly singers, enjoying a wide range of music. We retain our association with St Paul's and are most fortunate to have two very talented musicians in Sean, our Musical Director, and Mike, our Accompanist.

Over the past 29 years we have built a significant repertoire of music from many periods and genres which enables us to provide a variety of programmes and to undertake concerts at relatively short notice. Occasionally we have also sung at weddings. We are always extending our repertoire and each year we organise a 'Come and Sing' event which next year will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

# Programme

*Please stand and join in*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending**      *arr. Willcocks*

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand, thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing (3 times)  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshipers:  
With what rapture (3 times)  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory;  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly (3 times)  
Alleluia! Come Lord, come!

**Up! Good Christian folk and listen**      *arr. Woodward*

**Sans Day Carol**

*arr. Rutter*

**Christmas Time (Reading)**

*R. Doe*

**Christmas Night**

*arr. Rutter*

***Please stand and join in***

**The First Nowell**

*arr. Willcocks*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

I saw a maiden

*arr. Pettman*

Christmas Carol (Reading)

*S. Teasdale*

Still, still, still

*arr. Wilberg*

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

*Rutter*

***Please stand and join in***

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

*arr. Willcocks*

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, (etc.)*

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, (etc.)*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
*O come, (etc.)*

**Laudamus are pleased to welcome Paul Gardner  
from Quest RDA**



***INTERVAL***

**Gaudete**

anon.

***Please stand and join in***

**It came upon the midnight clear**

*arr. Sullivan*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heav'n's all gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing'  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

**A Visit from St Nicholas (Reading)**

*C. C. Moore*

**Deck the Hall**

*arr Willcocks*

**Coventry Carol**

*arr Shaw*

*Please stand and join in*

**God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen**

*arr. Willcocks*

God rest ye merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When he were gone astray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'ly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name  
*O tidings (etc.)*

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoicèd much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessèd babe to find:  
*O tidings (etc.)*

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this infant lay,  
They found him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:  
*O tidings (etc.)*

**A New Year Carol**

*arr. Britten*

**Minstrels (Reading)**

*W. Wordsworth*

**The Twelve Days of Christmas**

*arr. Rutter*

**I wish you Christmas**

*Rutter*

***Please stand and join in***

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*arr. Willcocks*

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.*

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.*

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.*

**There will be a retiring collection supporting**



**Forthcoming Laudamus Events**  
**Come & Sing: Vivaldi's *Gloria***  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Trinity Methodist Church, Woking

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## **Sean Bui (Musical Director)**

Sean is an experienced conductor, composer, and singer, with a background in music editing, having worked for Oxford University Press before focusing on a freelance career. Sean read Music at Royal Holloway University of London, where he received both his undergraduate and Master's degrees. During this time he joined the choir of The Royal Chapel of All Saints, Windsor Great Park, subsequently becoming Composer in Residence in 2008 and Assistant Director of Music in 2009.



In 2011, Sean took up his first directing position when he co-founded Quire Voices. Known for their unique engaging performances, they perform to a high standard and have been featured on Classic FM alongside The Band of The Household Cavalry. Sean subsequently became the Musical Director of Spelthorne Choral Society in 2015, regularly performing with Ashford Baroque Ensemble and West London Brass. Sean diversified his conducting in 2016 when he became Chorus Director of The Royal Harmonics—a Windsor-based barbershop chorus. The chorus are currently placed fourth in the country and were silver medalists at the Irish Association of Barbershop Singers Convention (IABS) in 2017. In 2017 Sean also became Chorus Director for The Knights of Harmony, a barbershop chorus based in Chesham and was appointed as the new Musical Director of West Sussex Philharmonic Choir and Laudamus Chamber Choir in 2021.

## **Mike Briggs (Accompanist)**

As a member of the BBC Concert Orchestra, Mike has performed and recorded with many vocal artists and choirs including Renee Fleming, Bryn Terfel, Tom Jones, Kylie Minogue, Cliff Richards, BBC Singers, Philharmonia Chorus and Basil Brush.

Mike has worked on various West End and touring shows including *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Miss Saigon*, *My Fair Lady*, *South Pacific* and *Les Miserables*. He is a regular organist at St Mary's, Worplesdon and lives in Guildford with his partner, two daughters, and border terrier, Dudamel.





**Laudamus Chamber Choir  
would like to wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a happy, healthy, and peaceful  
New Year!**