

Yateley
CHORAL
SOCIETY

Musical Director: James Casselton

Oh Sing
JOYFULLY

with
Surrey Brass
and
Organist: Ben Giddens

Saturday 25th March 2023

7.45pm at Swithun's Church, Yateley

Rutter: *Gloria*

Plus popular settings of the psalms, including

Goodall: *The Lord is my shepherd*

Stanford: *Beati quorum via*

Britten: *Jubilate Deo*

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Following on from our acclaimed 'Songs of the Sea' concert in the Autumn, Yateley Choral Society presents another rich kaleidoscope of pieces whose melodies, rhythms and harmonies bring to life the timeless words of joy, hope, comfort and encouragement that can be found in the psalms.

From Howard Goodall's familiar setting of *The Lord is my shepherd*, best known as the theme tune for the BBC comedy series 'The Vicar of Dibley', to Benjamin Britten's *Jubilate Deo*, composed in 1961 at the request of the late Duke of Edinburgh and performed at his funeral in 2021, the texts of the psalms have inspired generations of musicians to compose music which amplifies their meaning, emotion, depth and fervour.

Among the veritable treasure trove are Vaughan Williams' jewel-like *O taste and see*, written for Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, Adrian Batten's vigorous *O sing joyfully* and Charles Villiers Stanford's ineffable *Beati quorum via*, as well as John Rutter's lyrical and expansive setting of Psalm 121, *I will lift up mine eyes*.

The choir are delighted to be welcoming back Ben Giddens at the organ and are thrilled to be joined, for the first time, by members of **Surrey Brass**. By joining forces, they will provide the resplendent accompaniment for John Rutter's energetic and life-affirming *Gloria* – a work that has become a staple of modern choral repertoire and a firm favourite with singers and audiences alike.

Tickets £15, Students £5, Under 16s free

Tickets will be available on the door and also in advance from 01276 31850, Yateley Town Council, St Swithun's parish office & Discoveries.

Next performance from YCS

Sing a Song of Sixpence: Saturday 8th July 2023, 7.45, St Peter's Church, Yateley.