

Many of the greatest British carols composed over the past eighty years are brought together in All this time, a stunning programme of Christmas music within a lively and unbroken English carol tradition stretching back to the late Middle Ages. The spirit of the world famous Christmas Eve Carol Services, held annually in King's College Chapel, Cambridge since 1918 and broadcast since 1928, is evoked nearer to home in our own King's College Chapel - in Taunton. It is thus particularly fitting that Sir David Willcocks, renowned worldwide for his innovative carol arrangements and services when he was Director of Music at King's, Cambridge, is now a Vice President of the choir.

From Herbert Howells's beautiful *Sing Lullaby* (1920) to *The Three Kings* (2000), Jonathan Dove's memorable King's commission, carols from every decade of the last eighty years are represented. The centenary of **William Walton** is marked by the performance of all four of his carols - *Make we joy* (1931), *What cheer?* (1961), *All this time* (1971) and *King Herod and the cock* (1977) - and one of the best known Christmas works, *A Ceremony of Carols* (1942) by **Benjamin Britten**, forms the concert's centrepiece.

These works are complemented by Kenneth Leighton's *Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child* and John Joubert's carols *Torches* and *There is no rose*, composed in the 1950s; John Gardner's *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day* and Richard Rodney Bennett's *Sweet was the song* dating from the 60s; William Mathias's *A babe is born* and Graham Caldbeck's *A boy was born* from the 70s; John Rutter's *What sweeter music* from the late 80s and, finally, *A Winter Warmer* (1998), an unusual seasonal contribution by Adrian Jack, and a recent arrangement of *Silent night! Holy night!* bring us almost to our own time.

International organ recitalist **Margaret Phillips** and **Sally Pryce**, one of the UK's most gifted young professional harpists, perform solos as well as accompanying the choir, and everyone will have the opportunity to sing three well-known traditional carols together.

Join us for this exciting celebration of Christmas in the very special atmosphere of King's College Chapel and enjoy the very best seasonal music that both our country and our county have to offer!

**"Somerset Chamber Choir has deserved reputation for excellence"** Somerset County Gazette.

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Great British Christmas music for  
choir, harp and organ

**Britten:**  
A Ceremony of Carols

**Walton:** Four Carols

& works by

**Bennett, Caldbeck, Dove  
Gardner, Howells  
Jack, Joubert, Leighton  
Mathias & Rutter**

Public booking opens 1st November

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*The right is reserved, without incurring liability, to substitute artists and to vary the programme for reasons beyond our control, although these details are correct at the time of going to press.*

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**Sunday 29th December 2002 - 3pm**  
**KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL, TAUNTON**

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**Margaret Phillips** organ

**Graham Caldbeck** conductor



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