



King's College Chapel, Taunton

Sunday 6 January 2008
at 3pm

SOMERSET CHAMBER CHOIR

FAR BEYOND THE STARS

A CENTURY OF GREAT BRITISH CHORAL MUSIC

ELGAR
WALTON
HOLST
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
JOHN RUTTER

& works by

BRITTEN, HOWELLS,
MATHIAS, STANFORD
& PARRY

Give unto the Lord

The Twelve

The Evening-Watch

Valiant-for-Truth

Hymn to the Creator of Light

Richard Pearce *organ*

Graham Caldbeck *conductor*

BOX OFFICE 01275 349010

Tickets from £11 (£2 for children & students)
Early booking advised

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SOMERSET COUNTY GAZETTE

FAR BEYOND THE STARS

The beautiful chapel of King's College, Taunton, welcoming even on a winter's afternoon, provides the atmospheric setting for our New Year concert.

This country is justly famous for its wonderful tradition of singing and of choral music and our programme focuses on some of the most famous English sacred music by the leading composers of the period between the late 19th and the mid-20th century. The 150th anniversary of Elgar's birth is marked by a performance of his stunning anthem, *Give unto the Lord*. Amongst the other Great British music included are Walton's exciting WH Auden setting, *The Twelve*, composed for Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, where the composer had been a chorister and John Rutter's *Hymn to the Creator of Light*, a lovely anthem written for the dedication of a memorial window for Herbert Howells in Gloucester Cathedral.

We also perform beautiful settings of famous 17th-century poems by John Bunyan and Henry Vaughan by Vaughan Williams and Holst - two great friends who exerted such a powerful influence on British music in the early part of the 20th century. Britten's highly original *Festival Te Deum* and Howells' haunting *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*, together with two stunning Toccatas played by virtuoso organist Richard Pearce, complete what promises to be a memorable concert.

Box office 01275 349010

Tickets £14 & £11 ~ all major credit cards accepted

Our concerts at Kings College often sell out and we advise you to book your tickets in advance through the box office, although a small number of tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert. We look forward to seeing you at this very special event.

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Songs of War and Peace

Poulenc GLORIA ~ Kodály PSALMUS HUNGARICUS
Vaughan Williams DONA NOBIS PACEM

Charlotte Ellett *soprano* • Andrew Staples *tenor* • Jonathan Gunthorpe *baritone*

Somerset Chamber Choir & Southern Sinfonia

Three 20th-century choral masterpieces are brought together in a moving and life-affirming programme about the struggle to achieve freedom and peace on earth. Reserve this date and share this special occasion with us.

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