

Music and Merriment 7:30pm 2 December 2023

November is the time to make a date with a very special community event in our parish. the Music and Merriment Christmas concert. This very well-established concert is far more than a carol service – it is a celebration of the Christmas Season in words and music – voices, instruments, handbells, carols for singers young and old, and much, much more.

Over the years we have given opportunities for very talented young musicians to entertain at the concert with their virtuosity. As in the last few years we will have local violinist Sarah A, now 15, who plays at the level of international master classes.



We welcome a very new talented young lady, Darcey A-B, just 13 years old, who is known widely through Facebook as ‘the voice of ITS Music’; They ‘make modern kids’ songs and videos for children education and entertainment purposes.’ In the first half, she will play and sing from the piano (at which she is an accomplished jazz player), and later will play her marimba – as in the photo above. The hammers she is holding can’t be seen in the photo, so fast is their movement! Her mum has sung in a past Music and Merriment concert.

Our third soloist is Henry Smith at the organ: he has shown his virtuosity many times as the main organist for St Mary’s church. He is a student at Royal Holloway College.

And of course, we will be hearing the talent of this year’s Junior Choir, our own children from our local schools, trained by Lucy Head, who ran the concert for 9 years, before handing over to her father Anthony Hodson, for whom this is his 12th production. The Senior Choir, now known as the Winkfield Singers, are local singers at St Mary’s with core expertise, provided by the St John’s Singers, our choir in 2022, under Peter Halliday. They will be singing a world premiere of Anthony’s beautiful new Christmas anthem ‘Christmas hath a darkness’ (words by Christina Rossetti).

Our brass instrumentalists will also be playing new Christmas music, and we will enjoy the inspiring result of long practice by our own handbells, under Jill Glennerster.

And in case you feel refreshment essential after a satisfying first half, the Women’s Guild kindly supply mulled wine and mince pies at the interval.

Online tickets (card payment) are available now on <https://fosmw.com>.

The Friends of St Mary's Winkfield present a new

Music & Merriment Christmas Concert

7:30pm Saturday

2nd December 2023

St Mary's Church

Church Road,

Winkfield SL4 4SF

Teenage super-stars:

Darcey - Marimba and singing at the piano

Sarah - violin

children's and adult choirs, brass quintet,

audience carols, handbells,

mulled wine and mince-pies

Tickets £14 (£7 for under 13s)!

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