

We are a mixed-voice adult choir, based in Harlow, founded in 1973, so we are celebrating our Golden Jubilee this year!

We sing mainly unaccompanied choral music in many venues in Herts and Essex and are available for hire to sing at weddings, funerals, parties etc.

Our Musical Director, Janette Ruocco, is a former pupil of Burnt Mill School, Harlow. She started her musical career as a violin teacher in several Harlow schools before changing track to take up choral direction. In addition to establishing county youth choirs for Essex Music Services, Janette has directed Harlow Chorus Academy, Harleston Choral Society and Braintree Choral Society. She currently also directs the Meljon Singers, based in Buckhurst Hill, the Gippeswyk Singers, based in Ipswich and the Suffolk-based chamber choir, Nota Bene.

The Choir is affiliated to Making Music, which represents and supports amateur vocal and instrumental music groups throughout the U.K.

Please refer to our website for more about the Choir:

www.demerc.org.uk

Would you like to **hire us** for a wedding, party
or other occasion?

Would you like to try **singing** with us?

We are currently looking for sopranos and tenors!

How about joining our **e-mailing list**?

Talk to any member of the Choir
or contact our secretary, Isky Roberts:

info@demerc.org.uk

The choir is a registered Charity, No.1095387



Conductor

Janette Ruocco

O LUX BEATISSIMA

A choral journey through light and darkness

11th March 2023

St Mary-at-Latton Church
Harlow

Programme

de Merc Chamber Choir

Musical Director

Janette Ruocco

Sopranos

Kate Daynes

Gill Jones

Sue Richards

Isky Roberts

Tenors

Julian Roques

Colin Newman

John Warren

Altos

Margaret O'Dwyer

Jane Fox

Imelda Laybourn

Helen Reynolds

Julia Sheffield

Gaynor Tregidgo

Basses

John Bilton

Colin Bromage

Simon Dinwiddy

Peter Kincey

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Programme

English

Rejoice in the Lord alway Anon (mid 16th century)

Nolo mortem peccatoris - *I ask not the death of sinners*
Thomas Morley (c.1557/8 - 1602)

O Lord give thy Holy Spirit Thomas Tallis (c.1505 - 1585)

Russian

Otche nash - *The Lord's Prayer* Antony Arensky (1861 - 1906)

Da Ispravitsya - *Let my prayer arise* P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840 - 1893)

Ave Maria - *Hail, Mary* Igor Stavinsky (1882 - 1971)

English

O taste and see Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

God so loved the world John Stainer (1840 - 1901)

They are at rest Edward Elgar (1857 - 1934)

American

O lux beatissima - *O most blessed light* Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Adon Olam - *Lord of the universe* Kenneth Lampl (b. 1964)

Estonian & Norwegian

Bogoróditse Djevo - *Mother of God* Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Panis angelicus - *Bread of the angel host* Rihtards Dubra (b. 1964)

Even when he is silent Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)

English

Justorum animae - *The souls of the faithful are in God's hand*
Charles Villiers Stanford (1853 - 1924)

Beati quorum via - *Blessed are they whose way is pure*
Charles Villiers Stanford (1853 - 1924)

Coelos ascendit hodie - *He ascends to heaven today*
Charles Villiers Stanford (1853 - 1924)

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Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the Concert.

Donations received with thanks.