

Music in Wells Cathedral 2020

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Thursday 9 January 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

David Davies (Buckfast Abbey)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music



Friday 17 January 7.00pm

PROMENADE CONCERT TALLIS VOICES - LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Peter Leech (conductor)

A beautiful programme of unaccompanied choral music from the renaissance and early baroque periods, celebrating the feast of Candlemas Tickets: £10.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, at the door, or by post from

Dr Chris Lovell, Green Farm Cottage, The Green, Farmborough, Bath, BA2 0BA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope

All proceeds in aid of the Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust (wcct.co.uk)

Tuesday 21 January 7.00pm

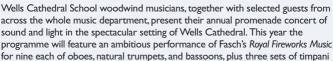
PROMENADE CONCERT WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

The brass and percussion department takes over the Cathedral for what is always a highlight in the calendar. The full range of instruments will be featured, showcasing specialist brass and percussion musicians alongside colleagues from the woodwind department. The concert climaxes with Elgar Howarth's orchestration of Mussorgsky's thrilling Great Gate of Kiev from Pictures at an Exhibition

Tickets: £10.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, and at the door In aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Wednesday 22 January 7.00pm

PROMENADE CONCERT WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL



Tickets: £10.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, and at the door In aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Thursday 23 January 7.00pm

PROMENADE CONCERT MESSIAEN'S LA NATIVITÉ DU SEIGNEUR



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Jeremy Cole (Director of Music) and Prebendary Elsa van der Zee (reader) give the annual performance of Olivier Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur (The Birth of our Lord)

Admisson: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Friday 24 January 7.00pm

PROMENADE CONCERT **OPUS ANGLICANUM**



Opus Anglicanum return to Wells to present their much-loved feast of Candlemas chant, performed in the magical candlelit setting of the chair-free Nave – but with a difference. Improviser extraordinaire Jason Rebello, at the grand piano, weaves a unique and spontaneous spell around the ancient chants. Sold out last year, now on tour!

Tickets: £20.00; available from opusanglicanum.org, Wells Cathedral Box Office, and at the door





Thursday 30 January 7.00pm

PROMENADE CONCERT - SOUNDS ANTIPHONAL

The Vicars Choral and Schola Cantorum of Wells Cathedral perform beautiful antiphonal choral music in the hidden spaces of Wells Cathedral, taking advantage of the glorious sound-world of the Cathedral's ancient architecture

Tickets: £15.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, and at the door Proceeds from this concert will go towards the work and mission of Wells Cathedral

Saturday I February 1.05pm (in the Lady Chapel)

WELLS CATHEDRAL CHORISTER TRUST FUNDRAISING **CONCERT: BRITTEN - A CEREMONY OF CAROLS**

The Boy and Girl Choristers of Wells Cathedral Choir, Ruth Faber (harp), Jeremy Cole (conductor)

The choristers of Wells Cathedral Choir perform Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols in a fundraising concert for Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust

Admisson: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust

Thursday 13 February 1.05pm (in the Quire)

THE TRIO SONATAS OF I.S. BACH - PART I

James Gough (Temporary Assistant Organist, Wells Cathedral)

A complete performance, over two recitals, of J.S. Bach's sublime and intricate Trio Sonatas

Admisson: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm

MILLFIELD FESTIVAL CHORUS

ROSSINI: PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE

Eloise Routledge (soprano), Louise Innes (alto), William Wallace (tenor), Andrew Davies (bass), Matthew Cook (conductor)

For over 25 years, Millfield has performed major choral works in Wells Cathedral, with our School Choir combining with Millfield Chorale, our adult choral society, to form a massed Festival Chorus of 200 singers. This year, the Chorus performs Rossini's remarkable Petite Messe Solennelle. Charming yet powerful, this work's majesty is at times more like an opera buffa than a solemn mass. Millfield School looks forward to welcoming you to this thoroughly engaging musical masterpiece Tickets: free of charge. To reserve, please email Millfield Music School on music@millfieldschool.com

Thursday 12 March 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Greg Morris (St Margaret's, Westminster)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Thursday 19 March 1.05pm (in the Quire)

THE TRIO SONATAS OF J.S. BACH - PART 2

James Gough (Temporary Assistant Organist, Wells Cathedral)

A complete performance, over two recitals, of I.S. Bach's sublime and intricate Trio Sonatas

Admisson: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Saturday 28 March 7.00pm

WELLS CATHEDRAL ORATORIO SOCIETY **MOZART REQUIEM**

Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society, English Symphony Orchestra, Jeremy Cole (conductor)

Programme to include Haydn's London Symphony and Insanae et vanae curae, alongside Mozart's monumental Requiem

Tickets: £12.00 - £28.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office and at the door

















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Palm Sunday 5 April 3.00pm

TAKE HIM EARTH FOR CHERISHING A SEQUENCE OF MUSIC & READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

Wells Cathedral Choir, Jeremy Cole (conductor)

A devotional recital of music for Passiontide, including Howells' Take him earth for cherishing

Admisson: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Monday 6 April 7.30pm

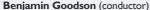
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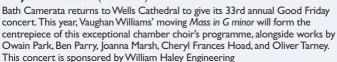


Harrison Cole (Organ Scholar of Trinity College Cambridge, and former Senior Organ Scholar of Wells Cathedral) gives a performance of Dupré's most ambitious organ work - a set of musical illustrations of the fourteen Stations of the Cross Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Good Friday 10 April 7.30pm

BATH CAMERATA THE GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT





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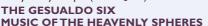
Thursday 23 April 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Michał Szostak (Lichen, Poland)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Friday I May 7.30pm (in the Quire)





World-class vocal ensemble, The Gesualdo Six, directed by former Senior Organ Scholar of Wells Cathedral, Owain Park, present a programme exploring cross-currents in sacred polyphony. Works by Gombert, Hildegard, Josquin, Byrd, and Donna McKevitt, alongside a fascinating work by Tim Watts which takes its inspiration from the German astronomer, Johannes Kepler

Tickets: £15.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office and at the door In aid of Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust (wcct.co.uk)

Saturday 2 May Time TBC

WELLS CATHEDRAL ORATORIO SOCIETY **COME AND SING DAY WITH JOHN RUTTER**



World-famous composer and conductor, and Patron of Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society, John Rutter, leads a Come and Sing Day in the Nave of Wells Cathedral. Details to be released nearer the time

Thursday 14 May 1.05 - 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Julian Bewig (Santo Ángel Custodio, Valencia, Spain)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Saturday 16 May 1.05pm

WELLS CATHEDRAL CHORISTER TRUST FUNDRAISING **CONCERT: CAPTAIN NOAH AND HIS FLOATING ZOO**

The Boy and Girl Choristers of Wells Cathedral perform Joseph Horovitz's lighthearted oratorio on the Noah story. David Stevens (piano), Jeremy Cole (conductor)

Admisson: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust (wcct.co.uk)





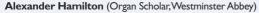






Thursday 4 June 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL



Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Saturday 13 June 7.30pm (in the Camery Garden)

SUMMER SOIRÉE MUSICALE



Tickets: TBC

Thursday 2 July 7.30pm



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WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

In celebration of a year of inspirational music education, Wells Cathedral School's Symphony Orchestra perform a demanding programme of works under the directorship of visiting conductor, **Chloé van Soeterstède**. Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique will be the central work of the evening's programme. This promises to be an awe-inspiring evening of music-making by talented young musicians

Tickets: £10.00 - £19.00; available via cedarshall.events or telephone 01749 834483

Thursday 9 July 1.05 - 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Paul Carr (Birmingham)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

WELLS CATHEDRAL

Saturday 18 July 7.30pm

WOWFEST CHORUS & ORCHESTRA – ODE TO BEETHOVEN WELLS ORCHESTRAL WEEKEND GALA CONCERT

Programme to include *Ode to Joy* from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony Admission: free, donations invited

Saturday 25 July 7.00pm

SOMERSET CHAMBER CHOIR MOZART: GREAT MASS IN C MINOR

Somerset Chamber Choir, Southern Sinfonia, Katie Trethewey (soprano), Rhiannon Llewellyn (soprano), Andrew Henley (tenor), Angus McPhee (Baritone), Richard Laing (conductor)

Along with Haydn's *The Representation of Chaos* from *The Creation*, for its popular annual concert, the choir performs two majestic masterpieces; Mozart's 'Great' *Mass in C minor* and Mendelssohn's splendid but often neglected *Psalm 95*. The choir is joined by one of the UK's most distinguished chamber ensembles, **Southern Sinfonia**, and an exceptional line-up of young soloists

Tickets: £12.00 - £28.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, Taunton Tourist Visitor Centre (01823 340470), somersetchamberchoir.org.uk, and at the door

Thursday 13 August 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

James Kealey (USA, formerly Senior Organ Scholar, Wells Cathedral) Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music





Friday 4 September 7.30pm

THE SIXTEEN - THE CHORAL PILGRIMAGE 2020 THE CALL OF ROME



Harry Christophers (conductor)

The Sixteen present some of the finest music written for the Sistine Chapel, with works by Josquin and Felice Anerio framed by Victoria's powerful Tenebrae Responsories for Holy Saturday, and culminating in arguably the most famous choral work of all time. Allegri's Miserere

Tickets: £15.00 - £30.00, with 50% discount for under-35s, students, jobseekers and people living with a disability. Available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, thesixteen.com, 0333 010 2850, and at the door

Thursday 10 September 1.05 - 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Joseph Wicks (London)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Friday 2 October 7.30pm

ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA

A splendid line-up of organists from across the UK, including Wells Cathedral's resident organists, come together to perform some of the most popular organ works of all time; there might also be a few surprises in store!

Tickets: £15.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office, and at the door Proceeds from this concert will go towards the work and mission of Wells Cathedral

Thursday 8 October 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL LOUIS VIERNE 150 CELEBRATION

David Stevens (Sub-Assistant Organist, Wells Cathedral)

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

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Friday 9 October 1.05pm (in the North Transept) **NEW MUSIC WELLS: LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

Part of new music wells 80-20. A concert of music from the last 40 years, given by the New Music Ensemble from Wells Cathedral School

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Monday 12 October 7.30pm

ALED JONES IN CONCERT

Join Aled Jones as he embarks on a UK-wide tour, performing at many of the nation's best-loved cathedrals

Tickets: £25.00, £30.00, and £35.00 from eventbrite.co.uk

Friday 23 October 7.30pm (in the Quire)

'L'IMPATIENCE' - A FEAST OF THE FRENCH BAROQUE

Kieran White (tenor/haute contre), Stephanie Gurga (harpsichord), Kate Conway (viola da gamba), Cédric Meyer (lute/baroque guitar)

International young tenor and a former Wells Head Chorister, Kieran White, and his group of European early music instrumentalists invite you to a feast of French baroque music. The 'plat principal' will be Rameau's virtuosic cantata L'impatience, written in c.1720 for tenor, obligato viola da gamba, and continuo. The menu will also include numerous 'amuses bouches', including airs de cour by Charpentier and Lambert, and instrumental music for lute, harpsichord, and viola da gamba

Tickets: £15.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office and at the door In aid of Wells Cathedral Chorister Trust (wcct.co.uk)



Sunday 8 November 3.00pm

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: FAURÉ REQUIEM

Wells Cathedral Choir, Wells Cathedral School Chamber Choir. Wells Cathedral School Instrumentalists, Jeremy Cole (conductor)

The annual act of remembrance at Wells Cathedral, this year featuring Fauré's Requiem, within a devotional service

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of the Poppy Appeal and Wells Cathedral Music

Thursday 12 November 1.05 – 1.40pm (in the Quire)

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

Organ Students from Wells Cathedral School Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral Music

Thursday 12 November 8.00pm

VICARS CHORAL COMMEMORATION CONCERT

A programme of some of the finest music for men's voices, performed by the highly-acclaimed Vicars Choral of Wells Cathedral Choir

Tickets: £15.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office and at the door

Saturday 14 November 7.00pm

WELLS CATHEDRAL ORATORIO SOCIETY **MOZART SOLEMN VESPERS & BEETHOVEN MASS IN C**

In celebration of Beethoven's 250th Anniversary Year, Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society performs his Mass in C, alongside Mozart's Solemn Vespers, with the wonderful English Chamber Orchestra and Jeremy Cole (conductor)

Tickets: £12.00 - £28.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office and at the door

Friday 27 November 7.30pm

G4 CHRISTMAS

Experience sumptuous harmonies in an idyllic, festive setting

After sell-out tours for the last three years, G4 return in 2020 with their biggest and best Christmas tour to date! Expect to hear timeless classics such as When a child is born, Silent night, and All I want for Christmas, as well as delightful medleys to evoke the Christmas spirit

VIP tickets are available, including a pre-show Meet & Greet with G4 at 6.00pm For wheelchair/access bookings, please email nathan@amickproductions.co.uk Tickets: g4official.com

Saturday 5 December 7.00pm

WELLS CATHEDRAL ORATORIO SOCIETY

HANDEL: MESSIAH

Book early for Handel's greatest Oratorio, in the annual performance from the Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society and one of the finest period instrument orchestras, conducted by Jeremy Cole

Tickets: £12.00 - £28.00; available from wcos.org.uk, Wells Cathedral Box Office, and at the door

Monday 7 December 7.00pm

SOMERSET MUSIC SOMERSET COUNTY SCHOOLS CELEBRATION

The annual celebration of music in Somerset Schools, including performances by school choirs and the Somerset County Youth Orchestra and Choir, as well as a grand finale in which all of the groups will come together to perform at the end of the programme

Tickets: TBC; from eventbrite.co.uk















Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 December 7.00pm

WELLS CATHEDRAL JUNIOR SCHOOL **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**



Iill Edmonds (musical director). **Neil Johnson** (speech director) Featuring song, speech, and instrumental items

Admission: free

Monday 14 December 7.30pm (in the Quire)

OPUS ANGLICANUM: MEDIAEVAL CAROLS

Opus Anglicanum return once again to Wells to present their much-loved feast of mediaeval carols and chant, performed in the magical candlelit spaces in and around the Quire, and interspersed with beautiful readings from the period. Join Opus Anglicanum as they celebrate 30 years of sublime and timeless words and music performed in Wells Cathedral

Tickets: £20.00; available from opusanglicanum.org, Wells Cathedral Box Office and at the

Saturday 19, Sunday 20, and Monday 21 December 7.00pm



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERTS WITH WELLS CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Early booking is advised for these highly popular concerts in which the Cathedral Choir performs seasonal music interspersed with readings, in the Cathedral, lit by thousands of candles. Jeremy Cole (conductor)

Tickets: £15.00 - £30.00; available from Wells Cathedral Box Office from 1 May and at the door, if not sold out prior to the day; please ask about our Sponsor a Candle scheme (shop@wellscathedral.uk.net)

Proceeds from these concerts support Wells Cathedral Choir and the wider work of Wells Cathedral

Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December 6.00pm CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICES



Join us for one of Wells Cathedral's Carol Services, previously named by Classic fm magazine as the 'Top choice' in the South West. There will be plenty of congregational carols, as well as beautiful singing from the Cathedral Choir, conducted by Jeremy Cole, and festive readings. Arrive early as these services are very popular. Doors open at 5.00pm

Admission: free Retiring collection in aid of Wells Cathedral

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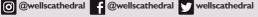
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has been set up to raise a fund large enough to ensure that no child is denied the life-changing chance to be a chorister. With the support of its Royal Patron, HRH The Countess of Wessex, the Trust is determined that no child with musical talent should miss out on such an opportunity for financial reasons.

If you would like to consider joining our regular donor scheme, Wells Angels, please visit our website or contact the Trust's administrator on 01749 834281 to find out more. You could help to transform the life of a talented child.

The Trust's website has more information and provides an opportunity to make a donation.

Please visit it as soon as you can:

www.wcct.co.uk

Wells Cathedral Café

Open daily to 4.00pm



Interval drinks are available where a wine glass symbol is shown.





Where a teacup symbol is shown the café will remain open until 6.30pm for hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks.

The café will also offer light suppers for the Candlelight Concerts. Please book 24 hours in advance.

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For more information contact Naomi MacLeod-Jones wellssongsquad@gmail.com



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Become a Young Commissioner (£4.50 per month, for 18-25 year olds), Commissioner (£8.50 per month), or Patron (£42.00 per month) to help Wells Cathedral Choir commission new works from some of today's finest composers. Cathedral Commissions has commissioned works by many major composers, including: Richard Allain, Lord Michael Berkeley CBE, Judith Bingham, Jonathan Dove CBE, Gabriel Jackson, John Joubert, Sir James MacMillan CBE, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies CH CBE, Thea Musgrave CBE, Tarik O'Regan, Howard Skempton, Sir John Tavener, and Judith Weir CBE (Master of the Queen's Music)

Being a Cathedral Commissioner enables you to become part of a group that shares the unique experience of enabling a new piece of music to come into being. As a Cathedral Commissioner you will:

- be invited to the main rehearsal for the premiere of the work, with the composer in attendance
- · be a VIP guest at the premiere
- have your score signed by the composer at a special reception
- · have your name printed in the score; this may include a dedication to a family member or a friend
- · be kept up to date with the progress of the work after its premiere
- directly support the work of a contemporary composer
- directly support Wells Cathedral Choir and the wider English choral tradition

For further details about this exciting opportunity please contact Dr Nicholas Hooper, Cathedral Commissions Administrator, telephone 01749 832204 or email administrator@cathedralcommissions.co.uk

Lunchtime Concerts **Visiting Choir Informal Concerts**

Throughout the year visiting choirs come to give informal concerts at lunchtime, starting at 1.05pm for approximately 45 minutes. They come from the USA, Canada, Australia, Russia, Continental Europe as well as this country. Please check details on the Cathedral Music List.

Wells Cathedral School, Music School Concert Hall

Lunchtime concerts are given by pupils during term time on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and occasionally on Fridays, at 1.05pm. Doors open 15 minutes before the start of the concert, admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Visit wells.cathedral.school/free-concerts for details. Wells is one of the four schools in England which caters for children of outstanding musical ability.

How to Book

Wells Cathedral Box Office

During 2020, the Wells Cathedral Box Office will cease to run from the Cathedral Shop and will instead be online through our website wellscathedral.org.uk. Details will be announced on the Cathedral website. Once the Box Office is online, if you are unable to access the internet the staff in the Cathedral Shop will be able to help you purchase your tickets. Whilst still running from the Cathedral Shop, the Box Office will be open 10.30am - 4.30pm (4.00pm during winter hours) Monday to Saturday, and 11.30am - 4.30pm (4.00pm during winter hours) on Sundays and Bank Holidays. We are able to sell the tickets as soon as the concert organisers deliver them. Tickets for the Candlelight Concerts will be available from 1 May.

N.B. Please note, tickets cannot be refunded.

Tickets on the door

For the majority of concerts where tickets can be purchased on the night, payment will be by cash only, as the Shop will be closed at this time.

Telephone Bookings

Whilst tickets are still available from the Cathedral Shop, bookings and payment may be made by telephone to the Box Office between the opening hours noted above. Please call 01749 672773 with your credit/debit card details. £3.00 is charged per transaction on ticket bookings made by telephone.