



CHRISTMAS 2022

Antonio Vivaldi Gloria  
Otto Olsson Te Deum

plus new and traditional carols  
for choir, congregation and organ

musical director Simon Mercer  
soprano Olivia Dow  
contralto Ella Moran  
organ Roger Briscoe

St Matthew's Church, Hayfield

**Sunday 11th December 2022, 7.30pm**

# Hayfield Singers' Christmas Concert

This concert will be an engaging mix of traditional, modern and occasionally pithy seasonal music by composers spanning the 18th to 21st centuries.

Vivaldi's evergreen *Gloria* will lighten any dark and cold evening with its joyous springy rhythms and optimistic major keys. Olivia Dow and Ella Moran, both pupils at Stockport Grammar School, will bring their youthful vivacity and beautiful voices to a number of solo and duet movements.

Martin Hindmarsh taught and profoundly influenced a great number of the students at the University of Sheffield whilst developing their solo singing and compositional careers. He is now a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court, and we are very much looking forward to singing three of his excellent "Medieval Carols", full of poignancy and wit.

The Swedish virtuoso organist and teacher Otto Olsson (1879–1964) is perhaps not as well known as he deserves. Let's hope that our performance of his magnificent *Te Deum* will redress the balance; it is full of luscious melodies and harmony with carefully woven colourful counterpoint: a masterpiece in the choral repertoire.

There will also be numerous well-known audience carols to be sung with gusto, all accompanied on the mighty Viscount Organ by the one and only Roger Briscoe.

Eager anticipation is in the air: we look forward to welcoming you.

Tickets are available in advance from choir members, or from Hayfield News or High Street Books, New Mills, at £10 for a seat with an unrestricted view. Restricted-view tickets at £8, plus any unsold £10 tickets, will be available from 7pm on the night. Please see [www.hayfieldsingers.org.uk/tickets](http://www.hayfieldsingers.org.uk/tickets) for full details of ticketing arrangements.

Hayfield Singers welcome everyone of all ages and abilities to their concerts. The church has disabled access and if you require support with particular seating, please ask at the door. We will do our best to accommodate you. Equally, children are very welcome as we firmly believe that everyone should be able to experience live classical and choral music and aim to bring this to Hayfield through our performances.



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