Many thanks to Matt Jelf for providing the Junior Choir with his wonderful cantata, The Legend of Tom Bawcock. It has proved very popular with the choir, and been a joy to work on.

Anybody interested in joining the *Promenade Choirs* can visit the *Promenade* website **www.promenade.org.uk** or call Christopher on 01932 242805.

Dates for the diary:

The next rehearsal for the Youth and Junior Choirs will be Monday 10^{th} January. The next Promenade Youth, Junior and Project Choir concert will be on March 20^{th} 2022 at St Peter's Church, Hersham. Repertoire will be Chris Williams's Tsunami Requiem, Brahms's Liebeslieder Waltzes, Three Scottish Folksongs arr. Alexander L'Estrange and The Creation Jazz by Gwyn Arch.



Concert of Festive and Seasonal Music

including: a selction of carols

The Legend of Tom Bawcock

by Mathew Jelf

directed by Christopher Goldsack piano – Camilla Jeppeson organ – Gareth Giles narrator – Janet Shell

> 4.30pm 5th December 2021 Christ Church, Esher



Programme:

Once in royal David's city

solo: Charlotte Guise

Away in a manger

In the bleak mid-winter – Holst arr. Alan Bullard

The Shepherds' Farewell – Berlioz

O come all ye faithful

Mary, did you know? - Buddy Greene

Angels' Carol – John Rutter

The Christmas Bells – trad. arr. Flatau

Walking in the air – Howard Blake

solo: Gordon Huang Woolger

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – Willson

The Snow begins to Fall – Andy Beck

The Virgin's Slumber Song – Reger

solo: Esme Syme

Three carols

by. Christopher Wiggins
On this day Earth shall ring
What child is this?
In excelsis Gloria!

Short Interval

The Legend of Tom Bawcock

by Matt Jelf libretto by Bernadette Moran

narrator: Janet Shell

Calm is the Sea
Fish, they are a wondrous thing
What Christmas should be
The Stirring Storm
I'm going out tomorrow
Storm Refrain
The Great Catch
Tom Bawcock's Eve

White Christmas

A medley of songs by Irving Berlin from the film White Christmas, arr. Mac Huff

White Christmas Snow Sisters

Count your blessings instead of Sheep The best things happen while you're dancing Blue Skies

Solos: Karolina Podwojska and Matilda Hardcastle

The Legend of Tom Bawcock was written by Matt Jelf for performance at Chichester Cathedral in 2020, but the performance had to be cancelled. It was performed by a choir from his school in Taunton just two weeks ago, so tonight's performance is only the second ever performance. It narrates a traditional tale set in the Cornish town of Mousehole during a famine in the run up to Christmas. Tom, an old fisherman, secretly decides to go out to fish despite the stormy seas.