The *Promenade Choirs* were set up by Christopher Goldsack to provide a high quality singing opportunity for children from and around Walton and Hersham. It aims to give young singers an introduction to the riches of choral music. Members are expected to work hard, but the atmosphere is warm and supportive. Christopher is a singer and singing teacher, and his emphasis is on good singing technique and ensemble work. This is the choirs' tenth concert. Performances through the past year have been facilitated by grants from the Charity of Robert Phillips and the R.C.Sherriff Trust to facilitate this.

The Promenade Choirs work in close association with several local schools. Care is taken to ensure there are as few conflicts of timetable as possible, and Christopher has been into several of the schools to give singing workshops.

For today's concert the Promenade Choirs are joined by MamaVox - a singing group based in Walton-on-Thames, led by Janet Shell and assisted by Jo Humphries. MamaVox aim to raise the profile of singing as a healthy as well as a fun pastime. It is open to any one who wants to sing, including complete beginners, and for one or two in the choir it is the first time they will be singing in public. But as Jo says: 'It's not just that singing is good for your physical health - it also improves your confidence and makes you a happier person. It really does make you feel good!'

For a more formal choral experience Christopher has recently started the *Promenade Ladies' Choir*. They will be presenting a first informal concert on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Weybridge Methodist Church. This will be a free presentation, but a collection will be made in aid of a local charity. They will join the Youth and Junior Choirs at next term's concert with a performance on Fauré's Messe Basse.



# Christmas Concert

St Peter's Church, Hersham, 5pm Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2010

# A programme of festive and seasonal music

Promenade directed by Christopher Goldsack
Accompanied by Pam Phillips
MamaVox directed by Janet Shell
assisted by Jo Humphries





## Programme

## Junior Choir and Youth Choir

Once In Royal David's City
Solo: Tara Broekhuizen
Christmas-tide- Chilcott
The Time of Snow - Chilcott

## Junior Choir

Rocking Carol
The Virgin's Slumber - Reger
Silent night - arr. Bullard
Walking in the Air - Blake
Have yourselves a merry little Christmas
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

An earthly tree - Byrd
Solos: Daisy Shephard and Naomi Vidis-Humphries
Sleep little babe - Field
Solo: Summer Greeenaway
The Christmas Song - Solo: Rebecca Lacey
White Christmas - Berlin

Solo: Mike Smith

### MamaVox

Souallé - African folk lullaby

Adiemus - Jenkins

The Shepherd's Farewell - Berlioz

All I want for Christmas is you - Bernard

## Youth Choir

Fantasia on Christmas Carols - Vaughan Williams

Solo - William Pepperell Cello - Philip Austin

#### Members of the Promenade Junior Choir:

Lottie Buchanan Tara Broekhuizen Manon Hagger
Saskia Hawkins Matthew Long Courtney Lovell
Leanda Robinson Isabella Sasso Maggie Talibart
Max Thorne Eloise Timms Yassi Vidis-Humphries

Benedict Williams

#### Members of the Promenade Youth Choir:

Amber Broekhuizen Imogen Allen Miles Ascough Abigail Clarke Andrew Clarke Emma Clarke Helena Drosdzol Fleur Eldridge Ford Eldridge Georgia Glover Beth Goldsack Rebecca Goodchild Summer Greenaway Rebecca Lacey Helen Lawrence Esther McNamara Olivia Mitchell Matthew Palfreyman William Pepperell Daisy Shephard Mike Smith

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Naomi Vidis-Humphries Hannah Vidis-Humphries Elena Viglienghi

#### Members of MamaVox:

Rose Cox Dee Crisp Sarah Davey Liz Doble Cecile Dorvault Livvy Dawson Vivien Ellison Jane Griffith-Ward Jenny Fay Carol Hooker Danielle O'Neill Marion Tempest Jo Thompson Linda Shantry Stella Thomas Louise Walker

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

New members for  $\emph{MamaVox}$  should call Jo on 01932 248115 or email johumphries@gmail.com

#### Dates for the diary:

The next rehearsal for the Promenade Choirs will be Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The Junior Choir will be working on Jonah Man Jazz by Michael Hurd. The Youth Choir will work on Fauré's Requiem. The end of term concert will be 7pm Sunday 27th March at St. Peter's Church. Note also the Girl's Choir concert including Rutter"s Dancing Day at St Andrew's Church, Walton-on-Thames, 7.30pm December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and a free informal presentation by the new Promenade Lady's Choir on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at the Weybridge Methodist Church.