

Promenade *Chairs*



A Seasonal Celebration

The Legend of Tom Bawcock

by Matt Jelf

dir. **Christopher Goldsack**
piano **Camilla Jeppeson**

St Mary's Church, Oatlands
4.30pm 1st December 2024



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Programme

Youth and Junior Choirs

Once in royal David's city
Hark! the herald angels sing
God rest you merry gentlemen

Three European Carols arr. Henry Gheel
dir. Lila Cleveland
Silent night (Germany)
O leave your sheep (France)
Bethlehem (Spain)

Junior Choir

The Legend of Tom Bawcock

by Matt Jelf
libretto by Bernadette Moran
narrator: Gordon Huang Woolger

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

Youth Choir

Candlelight Carol – Simon Mold
solo: Esme Syme
Bethlehem Down – Warlock
solo Tariro Madiyiko
Nativity Carol – John Rutter
On this day – Chris Wiggins

Junior Choir

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas – Willson
Walking in the air – Howard Blake
Winter Wonderland – Felix Bernard

Youth Choir

I'll be home for Christmas
O Mary, where is your baby
solo Skye Williams
Deck the hall – Welsh trad arr. John Rutter
A Merry Christmas – trad. arr. John Rutter

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 in 2021, and then by the Promenade Junior Choir. It proved so popular that I chose to do it again with our current Junior Choir. 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.