

Minehead Choral Society - Autumn 2025 Christmas Concert

Concert: Saturday, 29th November 2025 7.30pm Avenue Methodist, Minehead

Programme:

First Half Bob Chilcott "On Christmas Night" (*Oxford University Press*)

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| 1. This is the truth (I)
<i>Reading 1: Genesis 3:8-15</i> | Trad. English | Chorus + Upper voices |
| 2. Adam lay ybounden
<i>Reading 2: Isaiah 9: 2,6-7</i> | 15 th cent. | Chorus |
| 3. A Spotless Rose
<i>Reading 3: Luke 1 : 26-35, 38</i> | 14th cent. German | Chorus + Upper voices |
| 4. The Cherry Tree Carol
<i>Reading 4: Luke 2 : 1, 3-7</i> | Trad. English | Chorus |
| 5. O Little Town
<i>Reading 5: Luke 2 : 8-16</i> | Phillips Brooks (1835-93) | Bass/Alto solo + Chorus |
| 6. Sweet was the Song
<i>Reading 6: Matthew 2 : 1-11</i> | William Ballet's Lute Book (16th Cent.) | Sop solo + Chorus |
| 7. Rejoice and be Merry | Trad. English | Chorus + Upper voices |
| 8. This is the Truth (II) | Trad. English | Chorus + Upper voices |

Second Half

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| 1. Once in Royal David's City | | <i>Willcocks CFC 1 pg 100/2 pg 148</i> |
| 2. Huron Carol | Sarah Quartel | Trad. Canadian |
| 3. Angels' Carol | John Rutter | |
| 4. Hark the Herald Angels Sing | | <i>Willcocks CFC 1 pg 39</i> |
| 5. Nativity Carol | John Rutter | |
| 6. Candlelight Carol | John Rutter | |
| 7. O Little Town of Bethlehem | | <i>Willcocks CFC 1pg 92</i> |
| Jerry Rubino (A Merry Little Christmas): | | |
| 8. It's the most wonderful time of the year! | George Wyle and Eddie Pola arr. Bob Krogstad | |
| 9. Feliz Navidad | Jose Feliciano arr. Paul Langford | |
| 10. Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas | Ralph Blane and Hugh Martin arr. Paul Johnson | |
| 11. O Come All Ye Faithful | | <i>Willcocks CFC 1 pg 88</i> |
| 12. We Wish you a Merry Christmas | arr. Paul Johnson | |

Rehearsal Schedule (all at 7:15-9pm) :

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| 1. | 9.9.25 | |
| 2. | 16.9.25 | |
| 3. | 23.9.25 | |
| 4. | 30.9.25 | |
| 5. | 7.10.25 | |
| 6. | 14.10.25 | |
| 7. | 21.10.25 | |
| 8. | 28.10.25 | |
| 9. | 4.11.25 | |
| 10. | 11.11.25 | |
| 11. | 18.11.25 | |
| 12. | 25.11.25 (in church) | Run through programme |
| 29.11.25 | Final run-through in the day tbc subject to rehearsal progress 1-4pm | |
| | Concert 7.30pm | |