CONCERT OF SEASONAL MUSIC

Grove Place Chapel Monday 29 December 2014

PROGRAMME

CAROLS AROUND
VOYAGE A BETHLEHEM
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER
THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND
CHILL WAS THE NIGHT
SOON AT THE INN
ENTRE LE BOEUF ET L’ANE GRIS
THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI
THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

Arr. C.J. Nygard Jr
Yvette Guilbert - from “Legendes dorees”
A. Beck - words by Christina Rossetti
Traditional English arr. W. Cutter
F. Peace - from “The Vision of the Shepherds”
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Yvette Guilbert - from “Legendes dorees”
Ann Rees - words by T.S. Elliot
W.H. Neidlinger - arr. C. Deis

NOTE: Our programme this year is an attempt to recreate an atmosphere of Bethlehem 2000 years ago as seen by poets and musicians: a dark, raw, dismal, desolate and sad night; the solitude and discomfort of the shepherds and their flocks. Into this sombre scene, the light shone to announce the birth of the Redeemer. Each carol is a painting by the poet that illuminates the splendour of the moment of the birth culminating in the arrival of the kings and their philosophical comment on the event. Among Rossetti and Eliot are lesser known poets such as Atchinson and traditional texts by Yvette Guilbert of events in the life of Christ. The music of Beck, Neidlinger, Nygard and mediaeval music, then Peace and Risi are all put together to convey the atmosphere of the moment when the earth was shaken - and still is - by this momentous event.