



G L O R I A !

BMS Singers
Bolton Parish Church Choir
CORUS Brass Ensemble

Saturday 16 November 2024, 7pm
Bolton Parish Church

PROGRAMME

BOLTON PARISH CHURCH CHOIR

Cantate Domino	<i>Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni</i>
Ave Verum Corpus *	<i>Edward Elgar</i>
Locus Iste	<i>Anton Bruckner</i>
O for a closer walk *	<i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>
O taste and see **	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
God be in my head	<i>Henry Walford Davies</i>
For the beauty of the earth *	<i>John Rutter</i>

* Played by Logan Ferris

** Conducted by Logan Ferris, played by Philip O'Connor

CORUS BRASS ENSEMBLE

Theme from 'Where Eagles Dare'	<i>Ron Goodwin, arr. Michael J Lyons</i>
Main Title from 'The Queen's Gambit'	<i>Carlos Rafael Rivera, arr. Michael J Lyons</i>
Life on Mars?	<i>David Bowie, arr. Michael J Lyons</i>
Romance	<i>Sam King</i>
Bachianas Brasileiras no.5	<i>Heitor Villa-Lobos, arr. Michael J Lyons</i>
Live and Let Die	<i>Paul McCartney, arr. Michael J Lyons</i>

INTERVAL

BMS SINGERS

Exsultate justi

Lodovico Grossi da Viadana

Os Justi

Anton Bruckner

Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

PHILIP O'CONNOR, tenor

'Then shall the righteous shine
forth' from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

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Soloists: Jasmine Higgs, Rebecca Montgomery and Naomi Bridges

Gloria

John Rutter

- i. Allegro Vivace 'Gloria'
- ii. Andante 'Domine Deus'
- iii. Vivace e ritmico 'Quoniam'

BMS SINGERS

Conducted by Alex Patterson

Accompanist: Oliver Di-Marcello

The BMS Singers are the adult choir of Bolton Music Service which is the lead organisation for the Greater Manchester Music Hub. The choir enjoy a busy and varied schedule under the direction of their new conductor, Alex Patterson, who took over from the choir's founder Jane Hampson earlier this year. The choir regularly sing in concert halls, churches and cathedrals, and also at evening dinners and weddings. The choir often work collaboratively with other musicians which this year have included Kaleidoscope (from Steyning), Bolton Symphony Orchestra, Bolton Catholic Choral Society, and good friends CORUS Brass Ensemble with whom they have enjoyed concerts for over 15 years.

You can follow the choir on our socials: Instagram **@the_bms_singers**, Facebook and X/Twitter **@BMSSingers**

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CORUS BRASS ENSEMBLE

Conducted by Sam King

Corus Brass Ensemble was formed in 1985 and since then has gained an enviable reputation as one of the finest brass ensembles of its kind in the country. The Ensemble has performed throughout the country and beyond and have played at numerous prestigious events. These have included two engagements during the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, television appearances, recordings and concerts in some of the finest venues in the United Kingdom. Corus regularly performs in the wonderful setting of the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, a venue at which the individual and collective talents of the Ensemble have been heard on numerous occasions.

Bolton is the home town of Corus Brass Ensemble and the town is twinned with several similar towns in Europe. Perhaps the most notable of these is the town of Paderborn in Germany and Corus over the years has been one of the most active ambassadors for Bolton in events in its German twin. The group has made numerous concert tours of Paderborn and its near neighbour of Elsen, gaining great critical acclaim. The ensemble continues to promote high quality brass instrumental music of all styles to as wide an audience as possible. Corus have produced numerous CD's, including a Christmas recording with choirs from Bolton Music Service in aid of Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Corus was originally directed by the distinguished conductor and educationalist Nigel Taylor, who handed over to Sam King in 2021.

ALEX PATTERSON

Alex is a Northern Irish-born conductor, composer and choral animateur based in the North West. In addition to conducting the BMS Singers, he is Director of Music at Salford Cathedral, where he oversees all aspects of the Cathedral Music Foundation, as well as the Salford Schools Singing Programme, which engages with over 1,600 children in singing sessions in schools across Greater Manchester and Lancashire each week.

Alex studied at the University of Nottingham and later at Birmingham Conservatoire specialising in composition and opera. He has a wealth of experience as a choral animateur, particularly for community and youth music-making, through positions at Music for Everyone, a Nottingham-based music participatory charity, and as Director of Music at Nottingham Cathedral.

He has conducted a range of major works including *Spem in Alium*, the 40-part motet by Tallis, Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, J. S. Bach's *St John Passion* and *Mass in B Minor*, Monteverdi's *Vespers of 1610*, Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, and Jonathan Dove's church opera *Tobias and the Angel*. He was also Musical Director for Nottingham Playhouse's community production of *Coram Boy* staged at Nottingham's Albert Hall.

Alex is a passionate advocate for new music and has commissioned choral and vocal music from composers such as Howard Skempton, Amy Summers, Sarah Quartel and Hannah King. He is also a proud promotor of music by women composers with his recent CD 'Rise Up and Wonder' with Salford Cathedral Choir, comprising only sacred unaccompanied choral music composed by women.

In addition to previous work at Arts Council England, Alex has written a wealth of choral music, which has been performed globally, broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and published by Banks Music Publications. He is also a Trustee for the Finzi Trust.

BOLTON PARISH CHURCH CHOIR

Music lies at the very heart of our worship at Bolton Parish Church. The Choir rehearses on a Thursday evening from 7-8.30pm, and sings at the weekly Parish Eucharist, Choral Evensong on the 4th Sunday of the month, and on festival and other occasions. It has a wide repertoire, including both traditional and contemporary compositions. Highlights of the year are the Advent and 9 Lessons Carol Services, and Stainer's *The Crucifixion*. We are really excited to be performing in this concert tonight, which rumour has it, is the first one in almost 40 years!

You can follow the choir on our socials: Instagram **@bpc.music** and Facebook **@MusicAtBoltonParishChurch**

PHILIP O'CONNOR

Derbyshire born musician, Philip's main musical education began at Wells Cathedral School in Somerset. Subsequently, Philip then worked at Hereford Cathedral, culminating in the Three Choirs Festival at Gloucester in 2013. In 2016, Philip graduated from Manchester University, and in 2021 he concluded his studying at the Royal Northern College of Music with a Distinction in his Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Studies and his MMus.

As a Tenor, Philip has performed throughout Europe with companies such as the Bergen National Opera, Opera Ballet Vlaanderen, Savonlinna Opera Festival, Danish National Opera, Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, and the Dutch National Opera. As an Organist, Philip has been a Manchester University Organist since 2015 where has played for services and ceremonies at Whitworth Hall. Since 2024, he has been visited Organ Professor at Manchester University. From May 2023, Philip has been Organist and Director of Music at Bolton Parish Church, and is delighted that the Choir is performing their first concert since his instillation.

LOGAN FERRIS

Logan is currently in his second year at the University of Manchester reading music, and is a first study Organist under the tutelage of Philip O'Connor. Whilst still at secondary school, Logan gained a distinction in his ARSM Piano Performance Diploma, and has worked as a collaborative pianist in many settings.

He has been Assistant MD and played Principal Keys for many musical theatre productions such as Legally Blonde and High School Musical, and is an active répétiteur for the University Operas. He has also worked in schools offering classroom and private teaching to many young musicians. Logan is currently Organ Scholar at Bolton Parish Church; a position he has held since 2023.



CHRISTMAS 2024 AT BOLTON PARISH CHURCH

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 01 December at 18.00

Carols Round the Tree

18 and 21 December at 12.15

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22 December at 18.00

Christmas Eve 24th December

Crib Service and pop-up nativity at 15.00

First Communion of Christmas at 23.00

Christmas Day 25th December

Holy Communion at 10.00

