



**Friday 19 November 2021**  
**12.30 pm**

## The Orpheus Singers

*David Clark Musical Director*  
*Janet Walker Accompanist*

Like a Singing Bird	<i>Bob Chilcott</i>
Nuns' Chorus	<i>Johann Strauss</i> <i>arr. Felton Rapley</i>
River Song	<i>Andy Beck</i>
The Seal Lullaby	<i>Eric Whitacre</i>
Bridge Over Troubled Water	<i>Paul Simon</i>
Jazz Songs of Innocence	<i>Bob Chilcott</i>
The Lamb	
The Divine Image	
You Are So Beautiful <i>with The Wind Beneath My Wings</i>	<i>arr. Greg Gilpin</i>
The Autumn Leaves	<i>Joseph Kosma</i> <i>arr. Joanna Forbes</i>
Over the Rainbow	<i>Harold Arlen</i> <i>arr. Joanna Forbes</i>

The ladies of **The Orpheus Singers** returned to rehearsals on Tuesday evenings after the enforced 18month closure and it was such a joy to us all. Our members enjoy the exhilarating and uplifting joy of singing together and as a registered charity, the concerts we perform enable significant funds to be raised for a variety of local, national and international charities. Our Musical Director is David Clark who is ably assisted by Janet Walker our Accompanist. With their support we can perform a challenging repertoire, something for all the audience to enjoy, spirituals, songs from stage and film, jazz, traditional, folk and pop. In fact, we sing *Bohemian Rhapsody* and *Ave Maria* and everything in between!

We are delighted to be returning once again to Chelmsford's beautiful Cathedral as part of the popular Lunchtime Concert Series.

If you enjoy singing and would like to meet friendly, like-minded ladies you can be assured of a warm welcome. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings 7.30pm – 9pm at Hadleigh Methodist Church, corner of Chapel Lane in Hadleigh near Southend on Sea, Essex. For further details of how to join our choir please contact the Membership Secretary – phone/text 07713 582942 or email [membershipsecretary@theorpheussingers.co.uk](mailto:membershipsecretary@theorpheussingers.co.uk)

Born in Northumberland and trained at Bede College, Durham, **David Clark** has taught in middle, special and secondary schools. For 13 years he was Head of Creative Arts and Director of Music at a local comprehensive school and also Principal of Southend Music School. He was then appointed 14-19 Strategy Manager for Southend schools, followed by seven years working as a self-employed consultant, managing educational projects.

For 23 years David was the Musical Director of Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir, building their membership from 30 to 130. In 2002 he founded Southend Wind Orchestra, performing a challenging contemporary repertoire. In September 2012 he was honoured to be appointed Musical Director of The Southend Band, the civic brass band and in January 2014 he formed a new mixed voice choir, The DaCapo Singers.

David has been Musical Director of The Orpheus Singers since its inception in 2008.

**Jan** is an experienced and busy accompanist. She plays for three choirs and enjoys working with many instrumental and vocal soloists. She is the Musical Director of Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir, having been their accompanist for many years. Jan's great passion is bringing the joy of music to children and developing their skills. She has been responsible for the specialist music at West Leigh Infant and Junior School. Under her guidance the children have performed at The Royal Festival Hall, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Purcell Room. They are regular performers at St. Paul's Church in Covent Garden.

**[theorpheussingers.co.uk](http://theorpheussingers.co.uk)**

Welcome back to Chelmsford Cathedral for this lunchtime concert – we're delighted that you can join us.

Admission is free but we invite your contributions to cover the costs of these concerts; the retiring collection is now taken using the contactless giving plates; should you wish to make a donation to the Cathedral for its wider ministry you can donate by way of the Cathedral website .

We are currently not offering refreshments, but you are most welcome to bring your own and ask that you take all packaging and leftovers home with you.

Please take extra care to avoid spilling coffee on the stone floor as the stains are difficult to remove. If necessary, please request assistance from the Cathedral vergers.

If you have any enquiries, comments or suggestions regarding the Lunchtime programmes, please address them to:

Cathedral Office, 01245 294484 [music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk)

The use of mobile phones, cameras and recording equipment is not permitted.

## **Next week's concert will be the last of this year and features The Odora Trio**

Our popular *Carols for Everyone* events return on Friday 10th & 17th December  
free tickets are available from 15 November from the Cathedral website

Lunchtime concerts will resume on Friday 7 January 2022 at 12 pm  
when we welcome Steven Grahl, Organist of Christ Church, Oxford

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