



CHRIST CHURCH, ESHER
LUNCHTIME CONCERT

COME & SING CAROLS

Wednesday 20 December 2023
at 1.15 pm

*This concert is free to watch on our 'Music on the Green' YouTube channel.
Online donations welcome on our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/MOTG*

A Brief History



Music on the Green

Quality music in the heart of Esher

Music on the Green (MOTG) is the Parish of Esher's musical outreach programme based at Christ Church, overlooking Esher Green. At MOTG we believe that music should be accessible to all. Whilst having our firmest foot planted at the classical end of the spectrum, we seek to offer a rich and varied programme, presenting live music in interesting and rewarding ways so that it can be widely appreciated and enjoyed.

Music on the Green in its present incarnation was launched in January 2012, growing organically out of 'Esher Music' which had been started by Tom Bell, our previous Parish Director of Music. What began as basically a monthly organ recital series was developed into a more general chamber music series by Stuart Whatton, under the oversight of a committee including the then Rector William Allberry and chaired by Richard Marshall.

After some experimentation, we settled on a monthly pattern of lunchtime recitals on the third Wednesday of every month, and the light lunch beforehand became an equal attraction to the music itself.

We managed to keep the series going even through the pandemic, with a variety of virtual and streamed recitals until live audiences were able to return.

With Covid thankfully in the rear-view mirror, Music on the Green is now firing on all cylinders again, and next month we shall celebrate our 12th anniversary.

Although the programme for early 2024 is not yet fully confirmed, a summary of our planned lunchtime concerts between now and next summer is shown on the back page of this programme, and the dates themselves will not change, so do put them in your diaries now! Meanwhile, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Programme

Compere

Eddie Jenkyns

Musicians

Stuart Whatton, Polly Jordan & Izzy Jordan

Readers

Miranda Fuller, Jan Sayer, David Stark, Richard Barrett & Brian Elliott

Introduction & Welcome

Eddie Jenkyns

Carol

Hark! the herald angels sing

Poem

Bethlehem

Wendy Cope

read by Miranda Fuller

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear

Reading

No Room at the Inn

Gervaise Phinn

read by Jan Sayer

Carol

The twelve days of Christmas

Poem

I never trusted Herod

Jan Dean

read by David Stark

Carol

In the bleak midwinter

Song

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

sung by Izzy & Polly Jordan

Reading

I'm dreaming of a mediaeval Christmas

Tom Hodgkinson

read by Richard Barrett

Carol

Good King Wenceslas

Poem

Bethlehem

Carol Ann Duffy

read by Brian Elliott

Carol

O come, all ye faithful

Conclusion & Closing Prayer

Eddie Jenkyns



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Third Wednesday of the month

Doors open 12.30pm - Concert from 1.15pm

2024 Programme *(provisional)*

- Jan 17 Trio Sonorit  (clarinet, cello & piano)
- Feb 21 Gabriel Francis-Dehqani (cello)
- Mar 20 Alastair Penman (saxophone), Jonathan Pease (piano)
- Apr 17 Henry Ward (horn)
- May 15 Hacha Duo (clarinet & oboe)
- Jun 19 Jake Werth Jazz Trio

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