

The Warrington Male Voice Choir



We are delighted to welcome the Warrington Male Voice Choir to Haydock once again - this time for an evening of music on a Christmas theme.

Terry Waite CBE, Patron of the Warrington Male Voice Choir, says; "The Choir has a long and distinguished history. Its roots are deep within the Christian tradition. It was nourished within a small industrial town in the North of England. Across the generations, men from every walk of life have blended their voices together to make music. There have been times in the history of Warrington when life has seemed dark indeed. Times when unemployment with all its attendant evils has stalked the town. In good times, as in bad, the Choir has continued in the belief that music has the capacity to raise our spirits to a higher plane and to breathe harmony into troubled souls."

We are grateful to the members of this prestigious choir for giving their time and talents to help this church in its bid to give a warm welcome to all who come in through its doors.

Not least, our thanks to you for supporting this concert - we'd like to welcome you back at any of our church services or events. All the details can be found on our church website at:

www.stjamesthegreat.org.uk/



A Choral Christmas

with the internationally famous

Warrington Male Voice Choir



Friday 9th December
St James the Great, Haydock

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A Choral Christmas

For The Brave And Loyal (Rachiz) *C Roberts \ A Humphreys*
The Peacemakers (Y Tangnwfeddwr) *E Jones*
Nella Fantasia *E Morricone*
The Song Of The Jolly Roger *C F C Candish*

Solo

Lord in a Manger Lies (Kwmbayah) *R J Dinham*
Quem Pastores *A Simmons*
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening *R Thompson*
Hodie! *J Leavitt*

Solo

Born Tonight *R Paterson*
Hush My Little Darling (Si Hwi Lwli 'Mabi) *E James*
Mistletoe And Wine *Stewart & Paul \ A Simmons*
Saviour's Day *C Eaton \ A Simmons*

Solo

Silent Night, Holy Night! (Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!)

F X Gruber \ G Richards

When a Child is Born *Zacar \ A Simmons*

White Christmas *I Berlin \ M James*

Winter Wonderland *F Bernard \ G J Trinkaus*

Terry Waite CBE is the Choir's Patron.

Born in Styal in Cheshire, Terry Waite was educated at Stockton Heath County Secondary school, so he has strong local connections with Warrington. However, he is most famous for his role in Lebanon in the 1980s. He was the Assistant for Anglican Communion Affairs for the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, and went as an envoy for the Church of England to Lebanon to try to secure the release of four hostages, including the journalist John McCarthy. He was himself kidnapped and held captive from 1987 to 1991. He became Patron of the Choir in 1996 in tribute to the Choir's humanitarian role, and now frequently supports the choir's performances in British and Irish prisons, assisting rehabilitation programmes.



Russell Paterson is the Choir's Musical Director.

After graduating in music from Manchester University, Russell became Assistant Musical Director of the renowned Manchester Choral before accepting the challenge of his present position. He has been Musical Director of the Warrington Male Voice Choir for the past fifteen years, and has led this outstanding choir to festival honours including, most recently, National Champions of Great Britain, several times prize winners at the Llangollen International Cistoddjod, and premier male choir at both the Sligo and Bangor International Choral Festivals. He is noted for his own personal brand of wit, and it has become a tradition that his longest and most rambling joke is a feature of the Christmas programme!



Jason Hawkins is Guest Accompanist for this evening