

The Community Choir Alfrick

Alan Matthews	John Colley
Alan Soper	Judith Soper
Alison Randall	Judy Davies
Andrea Draper	June Jeffery
Andrew Cooper	Julia Round
Ann Porter	June Seymour
Carol Morris-Jones	Kate Brewin
Geoffrey Brewin	Linda Fishwick
Harriet Howell	Liz Devenish
Helen Cook	Liz Matthews
Hilary Harland	Louise Randall
Jane Green	Pat Bradley
Jean Cliff	Pauline Harcombe
Jean Colley	Pauline Phillips
Jeremy Morley	Rhona Davis
Jill Cooper	Richard Freeman
Joanne King	Sheila Wright

Madeline Brewin has retired from a lifetime of teaching music in a variety of schools.

She started her career in Leicestershire when the comprehensive system of education was introduced and her school was at the centre of the plan to put music at the core of the curriculum. Sir Michael Tippett was the patron and it was a very exciting time to work. Choral singing and recorder groups became her main interest, the school choir gave one of the first performances of Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' and for several years was the county's champion choir.

In 1966 she moved to Cambridgeshire to become the head of music at Impington Village College, one of the group of village colleges in that particular comprehensive style of education, subsequently moving to Worcestershire where she taught at the Worcester Girls' Grammar School and in 1983 became head of performing arts at the reorganised Christopher Whitehead High School.

She is the main organist at Alfrick Church and has formed numerous groups here having musical fun.

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SPRING CONCERT

Excerpts from
MESSIAH - G F HANDEL

Interval
and
Refreshments

SONG RECITAL
Ben Cooper (Baritone)
Christopher Allsop (Piano)

ALFRICK CHURCH
7.30pm Saturday April 9th 2016

PART I - EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Community Choir and Soloists

Conductor: Keith Bramich

Organ: Madeline Brewin

Sinfonia (Overture)

He Shall Feed His Flock;

Come Unto Him.

Louise Randall & Kate Brewin

The Lord Gave The Word

Choir

How Beautiful Are The Feet

Ann Porter

Hallelujah

Choir

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Nathaniel Newitt

Since By Man Came Death

Choir

Behold I Tell You a Mystery

Alan Soper

The Trumpet Shall Sound

Jeremy Morfey

Worthy Is The Lamb; Amen

Choir

Interval and Refreshments

PART 2

Songs by Gerald R Finzi and Others

Ben Cooper - Baritone

Christopher Allsop - Piano

The Community Choir Alfrick invites everyone to come along to experience the joy of singing. Why not come and join in? Everyone can sing and it is a brilliant form of relaxation. There is no audition and no age limit.

Keith Bramich, a student of Lawrence Leonard, Paul Sarcich and Mary Mogil, conducts Wealden Sinfonia and Blackfriars Sinfonia regularly, and is MD of Morningson Sinfonia. He has also worked as conductor with Salsa Inglesa, North Downs Sinfonia and the Leon Singers. Working with the Community Choir Alfrick represents a welcome return to his Worcestershire roots! In his spare time he runs an online classical music magazine and a web design business.

Ben Cooper - currently singing as a member of Winchester Cathedral Choir, has held positions at Worcester Cathedral and in the Schola Cantorum of Tewkesbury Abbey. He studied piano at the Colchester Institute School of Music, whilst also holding a Choral Scholarship at Chelmsford Cathedral.

With the choir of Winchester Cathedral he has just returned from Italy singing in the Vatican and Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, and in the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, in Florence.

Ben sings baritone with the international award winning a-cappella sextet 'The Songmen', giving concerts throughout Europe.

Recent engagements have included performances of Handel's 'Messiah' and 'Samson', Haydn's 'Lord Nelson Mass' and Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'. He has recorded Vaughan Williams 'Five Mystical Songs' and 'Fantasia on Christmas Carols' with Worcester Cathedral Chamber Choir, both on the Regent label.

Christopher Allsop graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge in 1996, where he spent three years as Organ Scholar.

In 1997 as Assistant Organist of the Birmingham Cathedral and Organist of the Blue Coat School, Edgbaston, he also founded the New Birmingham Scholars Chamber Choir, taught at Birmingham Conservatoire, and played for local choirs including Ex Cathedra and Birmingham Bach Choir.

In 2004 he became Assistant Organist at Worcester Cathedral and Music Teacher at The King's School. In his spare time, Christopher particularly enjoys exploring the local countryside with his wife Amanda and daughter Lucy.