

# *Côr Afanedd*

## *Celebrates Christmas*

*Mezzo Soprano ~ Sarah Belsey– Wood*

*Tenor ~ Trystan Llyr Griffiths*

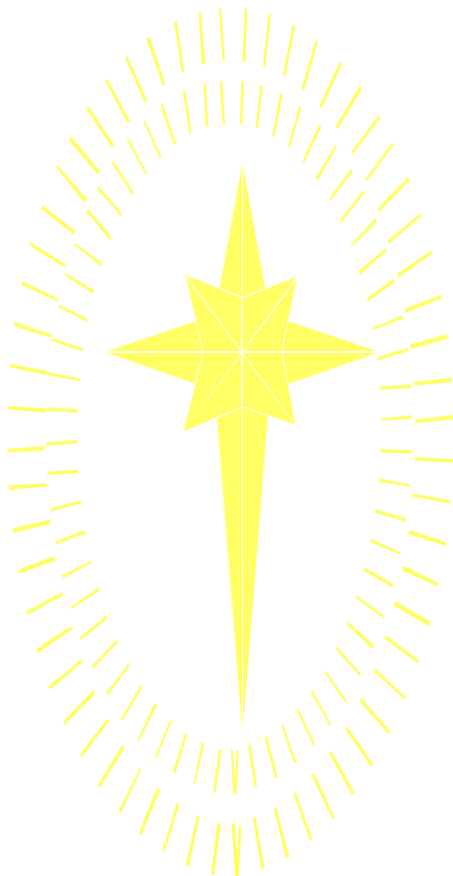
*Musical Director ~ Arleen Price*

*Deputy Musical Director ~ Christopher Thomas*

*Accompanist ~ Gwenda Phillips*

*Guest Accompanist ~ Allan Fewster*

*Presenter ~ Peter Davies*



*St. Theodore's Church, Port Talbot*

*Saturday, 12th December, 2009*

*President:*

*Ingrid Surgenor M.B.E.*

*Honorary Vice Presidents:*

*Mr. J. P. Lynn Hunt B.Sc.*

*Mr. Geraint W. Williams B.A., M.A.*

*On behalf of the officers and members of the choir, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our Christmas Concert.*

*The choir has enjoyed another successful year, both at home and while on our travels. In September, we entertained an appreciative audience at St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church in Clydach to support their fundraising efforts. In October, we travelled to Tamworth for the weekend and performed a concert at the Central Methodist Church which raised over £700 for their charity to help the homeless in their locality. Once again, the choir provided its own soloists and we were very pleased to be able to call on the talents of Lesley Curtis, Cathy Holt, Jayne Owen, Gerald Roderick and David Elward.*

*Last weekend, Côr Afanedd formed nearly half the choir brought together by BBC Radio Wales as part of the Hallelujah celebrations to mark the 250th Anniversary of Handel's death. After an afternoon practising with choristers from other choirs and many new to choral singing, we recorded the Hallelujah Chorus. We all rushed home to hear our efforts on a BBC Radio Wales programme hosted by Beverley Humphries an hour later. It was a very rewarding experience and one we hope will be repeated in future.*

*Tonight, we have returned to one of our most popular churches, St. Theodore's, and are grateful to Father Amos and members of the parish for their warm welcome and assistance with this concert's arrangements. Also, we are delighted to welcome our honoured guests, performers Sarah Belsey-Wood (Mezzo-Soprano), Trystan Llyr Griffiths (Tenor) and Allan Fewster (Guest Accompanist) and presenter, Peter Davies.*

*I'd like to thank our musical team of Arleen Price, Christopher Thomas and Gwenda Phillips for all their efforts. Once again, a succession of concerts has produced a heavy workload for them, but they continue to inspire us and make our practice sessions so enjoyable.*

*And finally it gives me pleasure to thank you, our audience, for the contribution you make to each and every one of our concerts. On behalf of the choir, I thank you all for your continued support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas ~ Nadolig Llawn I Bawb.*

*Bernard Henderson  
(Chairman)*

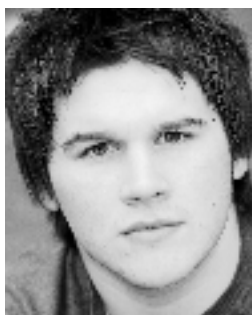
## ***Sarah Belsey-Wood (Mezzo Soprano)***

*Sarah studied at Trinity College of Music, London with John Noble. She has appeared nationally as a soloist with choirs in works such as Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' and Vivaldi's 'Gloria', and recently sang in a concert for the Archbishop of Canterbury.*



*Sarah's operatic roles include Cherubino ('Le Nozze di Figaro'), Dorabella ('Così fan tutte') and Carmen ('Carmen'). She has performed with companies such as London City Opera, Swansea City Opera and Volante Productions, singing in a range of diverse locations from The Queen Elizabeth Hall to an open-air event in Malta.*

*Sarah now studies with Jennie Caron and is currently touring with her show 'An Evening of Ivor Novello': a portrait of the famous songwriter in words and song.*



## ***Trystan Llyr Griffiths (Tenor)***

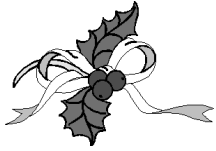
*Trystan is a member of Aelwyd Crymych, which is a local branch of Urdd Gobaith Cymru (the National Youth Organisation of Wales), and has experienced the cultures of Patagonia, Estonia, Finland, and Russia during the travels of the Aelwyd's choir.*

*He won a scholarship to Trinity College, Carmarthen, in 2005 to study a degree course in 'Theatre, Music, and Media Studies'. Whilst in college he performed on television programmes such as Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol, Blue Peter and Wedi 3, as well as singing at the Millennium Stadium and the Millennium Centre, Cardiff.*

*He starred in one of the main roles in the Welsh language musical 'Y Dyn Nath Ddwyn y Dolig' (The Man Who Stole Christmas), in which he was the character Sam Crosby. Trystan also played the part of Joseff in the musical 'Y Gair A Wnaethpwyd yn Gnawd' by Eilir Owen Griffiths.*

*Trystan has performed on the television programmes 'Noson Chis a Meinir' and 'Hwyllo'r Noson Lawen' and, last Christmas, played the lead role in one of Wales's biggest Pantomimes for Cwmni Mega.*

*In the National Eisteddfod of Wales 2009 Trystan won the Osborne Roberts Award and the London Male Voice Choir Scholarship: he has also won the David Lloyd and Jean Skidmore scholarship for the most promising tenor.*



# PART ONE



*Côr Afanedd*                      *Once in Royal David's City*                      *H. J. Gauntlet*  
& *Audience*                      *(Verse One and Two ~ Choir only)*

*Côr Afanedd*                      *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*                      *arr. D. Willcocks*  
   *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*                      *arr. D. Willcocks*

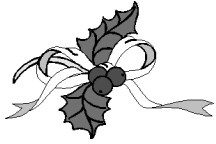
*Sarah Belsey-Wood*                      *Habanera*                      *G. Bizet*  
*(Mezzo Soprano)*                      *Fly Home, Little Heart*                      *I. Novello*

*Côr Afanedd*                      *Ar Gyfer Heddiw'r Bore*                      *D. Elwyn-Edwards*  
   *Come Leave Your Sheep*                      *arr. D. Willcocks*

*Trystan Griffiths*                      *Mary's Boy Child*                      *J. Hairston*  
*(Tenor)*                      *Llanrwst*                      *G. Glyn*

*Côr Afanedd*                      *The Infant King*                      *arr. D. Willcocks*  
   *Hallelujah*                      *G. F. Handel*

*INTERVAL ~ 10 MINUTES*



# PART TWO



*Côr Afanedd*      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      *arr. D. Willcocks*  
& *Audience*

*Côr Afanedd*      *Run, Run, Shepherds!*      *A. L. Page*  
*Good King Wenceslas*      *arr. R. Jacques*

*Trystan Griffiths*      *Hwn yw fy mhilentyn i*      *G. Griffiths*  
(*Tenor*)      *Anthem (Chess)*      *B. Andersson and T. Rice*

*Côr Afanedd*      *Here We Come A-Wassailing*      *arr. J. Rutter*  
*Birthday Carol*      *arr. D. Willcocks*

*Sarah Belsey-Wood*      *The Little Road to Bethlehem*      *M. Head*  
(*Mezzo Soprano*)      *The Birds*      *B. Britten*

*Côr Afanedd*      *Angels' Carol*      *J. Rutter*  
*O Holy Night*      *A. Adam*

*Côr Afanedd*      *O Come All Ye Faithful*      *arr. D. Willcocks*  
& *Audience*

*YR ANTHEM GENEDLAETHOL*

## *Côr Afanedd*

### *Soprano*

Janet Bale  
Catherine Brown  
Elizabeth Capra  
Glenys Coombs  
Lesley Curtis  
Pam Fussell  
Mary Griffiths  
Teri Hamilton  
Elizabeth Hanford  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Linda Henderson

Cathy Holt  
Cathryn John  
Alyson Jones  
Dilys Jones  
Dorothy Jones  
Viv Jones  
Val Mainwaring  
Judith Morris  
Vera Morris  
Nerys Owen  
Jennifer Parsons

Mair Phillips  
Cathleen Pitt  
Cathy Richards  
Barbara Roberts  
Ann Robertson  
Elizabeth Roderick  
Joan Thomas  
Mary Thomas  
Moira Thomas  
Mary Wood  
Joan Wotton

### *Alto*

Enfys Davies  
Jayne Davies  
Keatley Dhar  
Kate Drew  
Val Griffiths  
Carolyn Jarrett  
Sadie Jarrett  
Gwyneth Lewis

Myra Lewis  
Pam Luke  
Marcia Morgan  
Jayne Owen  
Zoe Postans  
Jean Rawlings  
Betty Rees  
Ann Scourfield

Karis Thomas  
June Thomas  
Betsy Thompson  
Avril Walters  
Lynne Wood  
Rachel Wood  
Jennifer Williams  
Lowri Peploe-Williams

### *Tenor*

David Brown  
Gareth Davies  
Mervyn Evans  
John Gosnay

John Lewis  
Adrian McPherson  
Howard Mortimore  
Mel Morris

Phillip Perkins  
Duncan Roberts  
Lyn Thomas  
Christopher Thomas

### *Bass*

Gwilym Davies  
David Elward  
Mike Griffiths

Tim Harland  
Bernard Henderson  
Duncan McPhee

Tony Phillips  
Godfrey Price  
Gerald Roderick

## *The D Class Lifeboat ~ Nigel Martin Spender*

*Earlier this year we were invited to sing at the official naming and handing over ceremony of Port Talbot's new D class lifeboat, named *Nigel Martin Spender*, held in the Aberafan Hotel and followed by her first official launch. The choir has a close relationship with the local RNLi station and we were privileged to be asked to participate on such a memorable occasion.*



*She was named in memory of Nigel, a popular and well-respected Port Talbot RNLi volunteer, who passed away in 1999 at the age of 33.*

*Family and friends spearheaded a major fundraising drive to purchase the new lifeboat and ensure Nigel's legacy lives on saving lives at sea. The new RNLi lifeboat was named by Nigel's parents, John and Pam Spender.*

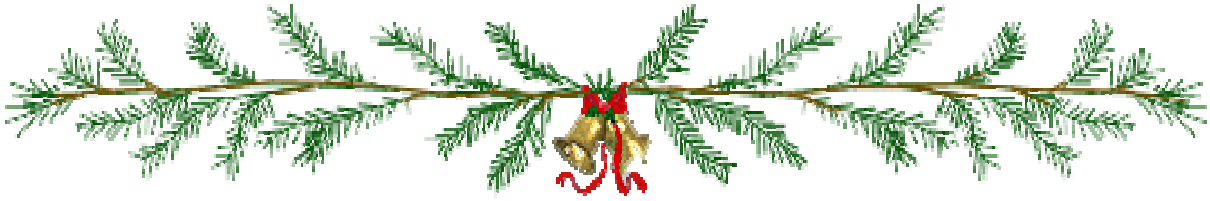
*During his 14 years as an RNLi volunteer at Port Talbot, Nigel was involved in 32 rescues, saving 14 lives. He was a surveyor, sailor, keen sportsman and a valued member of the RNLi crew at Port Talbot, always known for his lovely broad smile.*

*Nigel played rugby for Taibach, Aberavon, Bridgend and Dunvant rugby clubs from 1984-1998. He passed away suddenly on 18 February 1999, while on a training run. He is still sadly missed by all who knew him.*

*Lifeboat Operations Manager Robbie Harris said: 'The purchase of the new £31,000 RNLi lifeboat has been made possible through the fundraising efforts of Nigel's family and many, many friends, as well as RNLi supporters. As a charity, the RNLi is indebted to all those who have given so generously to enable us to accept this new lifeboat and proudly name it in Nigel's honour.'*

*We would like to echo those sentiments and sincerely hope that this boat continues to serve our community as others have in the past and her crew remain safe on each and every launch.*

## *Patrons of Côr Afanedd*



*Mrs L Blake  
Mr & Mrs D Brown  
Eleanor Burgess  
Mr & Mrs W G Caie  
Margaret Cox  
Ms E Rhian Davies  
Mrs Eiluned Davies  
Gareth John Davies  
Dr A P Dhar  
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Eileen Griffiths  
Valmai Hardee  
John Holt  
Sally Hyman  
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Mrs Rita James  
Mr Clive Jones  
Mrs Hilary Jones  
Vi Jones*

*Mr E G John  
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*Côr Afanedd would like to thank patrons for their support. If you would like to become a patron of the choir, please contact a member of the choir or ring the Patron Secretary, Byron Fussell on 01639 636374 . Apologies to those patrons whose names arrived after our publication date and do not appear above.*

*Côr Afanedd would like to wish everyone  
A Merry Christmas ~ Nadolig Llawen I Bawb*