

Côr Afanedd

Celebrates Christmas

Mezzo Soprano ~ Eirlys Myfanwy Davies

Baritone ~ Eirian Davies

Musical Director ~ Arleen Price

Deputy Musical Director ~ Christopher Thomas

Accompanist ~ Gwenda Phillips

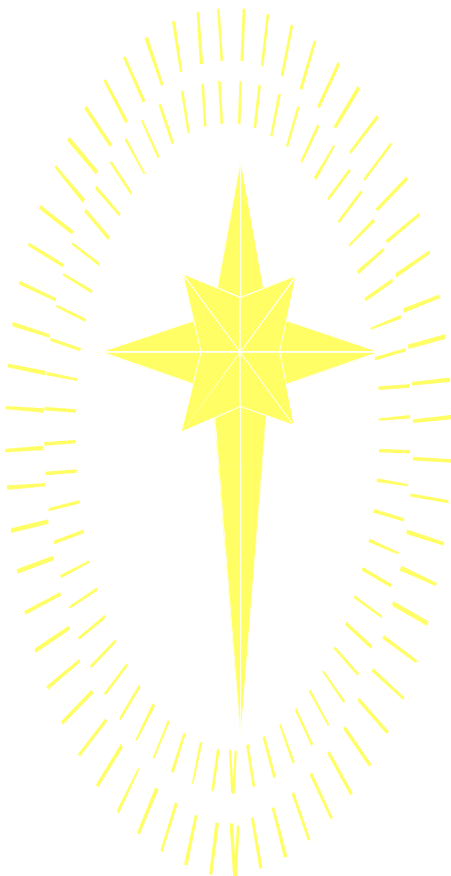
Guest Accompanist ~ Allan Fewster

Presenter ~ Peter Davies

St. Theodore's Church, Port Talbot

Saturday, 11th December, 2010

Programme ~ £1.00



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 travelled to Staple Hill Methodist Church in Bristol to support their fundraising efforts with their 'Raise The Roof' appeal. Through the generosity of the local community, we were delighted to hear the concert had raised approximately £1000. Once again, the choir provided its own soloists and we were very pleased to be able to call on the talents of Jayne Owen (Alto), Elizabeth Henderson (Soprano), Victor Hopkins (Guest Baritone), Rachel Wood (Flute) and a piano duet from Arleen Price & Gwenda Phillips.

Tonight, we are in one of our favourite 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 Eirlys Myfanwy Davies (Mezzo-Soprano), Eirian Davies (Baritone) 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, our concerts and rehearsals have produced a heavy workload for them, but they continue to inspire us and make our practice sessions so enjoyable.

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 Llawen I Bawb.

*Bernard Henderson
(Chairman)*

Eirlys Myfanwy Davies (Mezzo Soprano)

Eirlys is from Trimsaran and developed an early interest in music. She is in her fourth year at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff and a vocal student of Leah Marian Jones, and coached by Jeffrey Howard.



Her successes include the folk song solo 19-25yrs at the 'Urdd Eisteddfod in Carmarthen 2007, the Solo 19-25 at this years' 'Urdd Eisteddfod and being selected to compete for the Bryn Terfel Scholarship, which was televised on S4C recently.

*Now a regular soloist in recitals and concerts around the United Kingdom, Eirlys has also travelled abroad as a soloist and performed with many choirs. Eirlys has appeared on television on numerous occasions including being a soloist on the S4C programmes *Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol*, *Noson Lawen* and *Wedi 3*.*

Eirlys won the Welsh Association of Male Voice Choirs Music Award in 2008, and was invited to be the Guest Soloist for the Association's Massed Male Voice Choir Festival Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in April 2009.



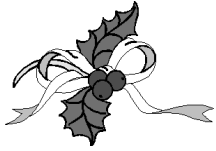
Eirian Davies (Baritone)

Eirian is from Cwmifor in West Wales. He graduated from the University of Wales Aberystwyth in 2002 and completed his P.G.C.E the following year. Since September 2003 he has been a member of the science faculty at Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera.

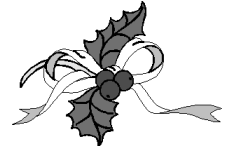
Over the years he has collected many prizes, some of which include the Unawd Bechgyn (boys solo) at the 1994 National Eisteddfod, the under 19 solo at both the Urdd National, and National Eisteddfod in 1999, and the under 25 solo at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in 2003. He is currently taking vocal tuition with John Mitchinson, where he has been working on expanding both an Oratorio and Operatic repertoire.

His concert work has been varied and diverse throughout Wales and England. He is in regular demand with choirs and welsh societies, and has appeared with Celticana String Quartet, Pontarddulais Male voice, Morryston Orpheus, and many others. His singing to date has taken him to Guernsey, Jersey, Ireland, Holland, the East Coast of Canada, and America.

For the moment he aims to continue teaching, but has aspirations to become a professional singer someday .

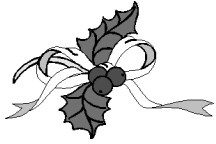


PART ONE



<i>Côr Afanedd & Audience</i>	<i>Once in Royal David's City (Verse One and Two ~ Choir only)</i>	<i>H. J. Gauntlet</i>
<i>Côr Afanedd</i>	<i>Joy To The World Sans Day Carol</i>	<i>G. F. Handel arr. J. Rutter</i>
<i>Eirlys Davies (Mezzo Soprano)</i>	<i>Selected</i>	
<i>Côr Afanedd</i>	<i>Shepherds Left Their Flocks Astraying Star Carol</i>	<i>arr. J Rutter J. Rutter</i>
<i>Eirian Davies (Baritone)</i>	<i>The Trumpet Shall Sound If I Can Help Somebody</i>	<i>G. F. Handel A. B. Andruzzo</i>
<i>Côr Afanedd</i>	<i>Away In A Manger And The Glory Of The Lord</i>	<i>arr. D. Willcocks G. F. Handel</i>

INTERVAL ~ 10 MINUTES



PART TWO



Côr Afanedd *De Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy* *arr. M Sargent*
Sir Christemas *W. Mathias*

Eirian Davies *Nadolig, Pwy a Wyr?* *R. Davies*
(Baritone) *Seinier Cyrn A Channer Clych* *J. Hairston*

Côr Afanedd *Born On Earth The Divine Christ Child* *arr. J. Rutter*
The Twelve Days Of Christmas *arr. J. Rutter*

Eirlys Davies *Selected*
(Mezzo Soprano)

Côr Afanedd *In The Bleak Mid Winter* *H. Darke*
O Holy Night *A. Adam*

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

YR ANTHEM GENEDLAETHOL

Côr Afanedd

Soprano

<i>Janet Bale</i>	<i>Rhianwen Howell</i>	<i>Mair Phillips</i>
<i>Catherine Brown</i>	<i>Cathy Holt</i>	<i>Cathleen Pitt</i>
<i>Elizabeth Capra</i>	<i>Alyson Jones</i>	<i>Cathryn Rees</i>
<i>Glenys Coombs</i>	<i>Dilys Jones</i>	<i>Cathy Richards</i>
<i>Lesley Curtis</i>	<i>Dorothy Jones</i>	<i>Barbara Roberts</i>
<i>Pam Fussell</i>	<i>Viv Jones</i>	<i>Ann Robertson</i>
<i>Mary Griffiths</i>	<i>Val Mainwaring</i>	<i>Elizabeth Roderick</i>
<i>Teri Hamilton</i>	<i>Judith Morris</i>	<i>Joan Thomas</i>
<i>Elisabeth Hanford</i>	<i>Vera Morris</i>	<i>Mary Thomas</i>
<i>Elizabeth Henderson</i>	<i>Nerys Owen</i>	<i>Moira Thomas</i>
<i>Linda Henderson</i>	<i>Jennifer Parsons</i>	<i>Mary Wood</i>

Alto

<i>Enfys Davies</i>	<i>Gwyneth Lewis</i>	<i>Karis Thomas</i>
<i>Jayne Davies</i>	<i>Myra Lewis</i>	<i>June Thomas</i>
<i>Keatley Dhar</i>	<i>Pam Luke</i>	<i>Betsy Thompson</i>
<i>Kate Drew</i>	<i>Marcia Morgan</i>	<i>Jean Tossell</i>
<i>Val Griffiths</i>	<i>Jayne Owen</i>	<i>Avril Walters</i>
<i>Susan Hooker</i>	<i>Zoe Postans</i>	<i>Lynne Wood</i>
<i>Carolyn Jarrett</i>	<i>Jean Rawlings</i>	<i>Rachel Wood</i>
<i>Sadie Jarrett</i>	<i>Betty Rees</i>	<i>Jennifer Williams</i>
<i>Elisabeth Jones</i>	<i>Ann Scourfield</i>	

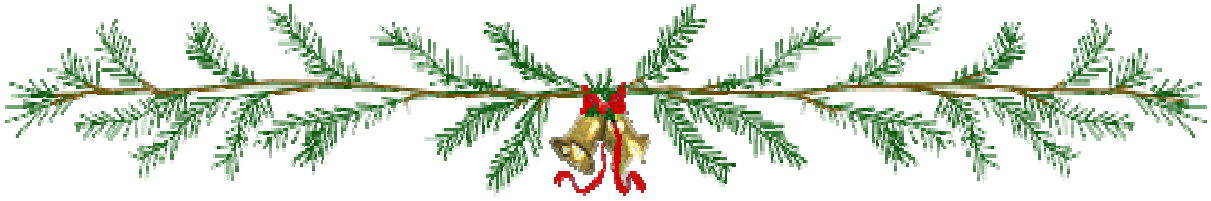
Tenor

<i>David Brown</i>	<i>John Lewis</i>	<i>Duncan Roberts</i>
<i>Gareth Davies</i>	<i>Howard Mortimore</i>	<i>Lyn Thomas</i>
<i>Mervyn Evans</i>	<i>Mel Morris</i>	<i>Christopher Thomas</i>
<i>John Gosnay</i>	<i>Phillip Perkins</i>	<i>Adrian MacPherson - Jones</i>

Bass

<i>Gwilym Davies</i>	<i>Tim Harland</i>	<i>Tony Phillips</i>
<i>David Elward</i>	<i>Bernard Henderson</i>	<i>Godfrey Price</i>
<i>Mike Griffiths</i>	<i>Duncan McPhee</i>	<i>Gerald Roderick</i>

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Once in Royal David's City

(Verses 1 and 2 ~ Choir Only)

3 *And, through all his wondrous childhood,
he would honour and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden
in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.*

4 *And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.*

5 *Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned,
all in white shall wait around.*



O Come All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born, the King of Angels;
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

*God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O come let us adore Him,*

*Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest
O come let us adore Him,*

*Yea Lord we'll greet thee
On the Happy Morning
Jesu to thee be glory given
Word of the Father
In the flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him,*

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