

Watership Cantabile are a small mixed-voice choir, based in Newbury, led by their Musical Director, Michael Howell. They have been singing for about 35 years, participating in concerts, tours and competitions at home and in Europe. Because of reducing numbers in recent years, they have specialised in close-harmony, chamber music and are well known to local audiences. They are delighted to sing for the first time in St Michael and all Angels, Haworth. The choir like to have a new theme each year and , this year, have selected a theme of “Travel”

As part of this visit to Yorkshire, the choir were also privileged to sing at an evening mass in Wakefield Cathedral and are pleased to share some of that music with you, too.

Can we also offer an appropriate thought by Emily Bronte:-

A Little While, A Little While

A little while, A little while,
The weary task is put away,
And I can sing and I can smile,
Alike, while I have holiday.

Where wilt thou go, my harassed heart –
What thought, what scene invites thee now?
What spot, or near or far apart,
Has rest for thee, my weary brow?

There is a spot, ‘mid barren hills,
Where winter howls, and driving rain;
But, if the dreary tempest chills,
There is a light that warms again.

The house is old, the trees are bare,
Moonless above bends twilight’s dome;
But what on earth is half so dear –
So longed for – as the hearth of home?

“Far Away”

*Sacred & Secular music, old and new, on a
theme of travel*

with

Watership Cantabile

On tour from Newbury, Berkshire

in

St Michael & All Angels Church,

Haworth

Sat. 2nd June

Retiring collection in aid of Church Restoration

Programme

O for a Closer Walk..... Charles Villiers Stanford

O Salutaris Hostia.....Edward Elgar

Irish Blessing.....Bob Chilcott

Cantique de Jean Racine.....Gabriel Fauré

Organ Solo (to be announced)

Fair Phyllis I Saw.....John Farmer

Adieu, Sweet Amarylis..... John Wilbye

Sloop John B......arr. Peter Relf

Deep River..... Spiritual, arr. Brian Trant

Reading: "Camp Alaska" by Areana Elvers, Norway

The Blue Bird..... Charles Villiers Stanford

Ride the chariot.....Spiritual, arr. William Henry Smith

My soul, There is a Country.....C H H Parry

Tantum Ergo..... Gabriel Fauré

Agnus Dei..... Charles Villiers Stanford

Gloria..... Charles Villiers Stanford

Organ Solo (to be announced)

Sweet and Low.....Sir Joseph Barnby

America.....Leonard Bernstein, arr. William Stickles

That Lonesome Road.....James Taylor and Don Grolnick, arr. S. Carrington

Reading: "Mexican Breakfast" by Darion Hutchison, Arizona

Ol' Man River.....Jerome Kern, arr. William Stickles, ed. David Holland

Sailing.....Gavin Sutherland, arr. David Holland

INTERVAL

We hope you enjoyed the concert. Please travel home safely !