

St. John's Tuesday concert

16 April 2019

Christine Bennett - **Soprano**
Graham Wheeler - **Piano**

Christine Bennett – soprano – (www.christinebennett-soprano.com). Christine has sung since childhood, at home, in church, at school, in shows. She has been a member of the St James's Church Choir (Bushey) since 1976 (with a break). Her first formal singing lessons took place while she was at University in the 1970s and her current teacher is Julie Bale.

She took up singing professionally nine years ago. Although her original career was not in singing, she is experienced as a soloist: singing oratorio, opera arias, art songs, early music and church music, as well as a wide range of popular, humorous, and folk songs. Her oratorio repertoire includes music by Vivaldi, Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Fauré and Vaughan Williams. On several occasions, she has been a soprano soloist for the Bushey Festival Gala Concerts. She has sung as soloist for Harrow Philharmonic Choir, Potters Bar and Hertford Choral Societies, and Simeon Singers (formerly Louth Chorale) as well as, privately, for a number of life-step events (such as weddings and special birthdays). She has been invited to sing as a member of the select chorus of OperaHerts, singing occasional "chorus solos".

Christine teaches beginners using the course devised by The Singing School, Bushey.

Programme

O For the Wings of a Dove	Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)
The Holy City	Stephen Adams (1841 – 1913)
Deep River	African-American spiritual
Sanctuary of the Heart	Albert W. Ketèlbey (1875 – 1959)
Amazing grace <i>words: John Newton</i>	African-American spiritual
I know that my Redeemer liveth (<i>Messiah</i>)	G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)