

## Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986, the Sheffield-based Abbeydale Singers have established a reputation as one of the foremost chamber choirs in the Yorkshire region. Their 15 members, under Musical Director Kevin Haighton, share a love of choral music and an enthusiasm for exploring its rich and diverse heritage. The choir has a simple philosophy: to strive for the highest possible standards and ensure that everyone has a good time in the process.

Since their foundation the Abbeydale Singers have performed over two hundred concerts, at venues ranging from cathedrals, churches and community halls to hospitals, hotels, schools and universities. They have enjoyed considerable success in choral competitions at home and overseas and look forward to singing in Budapest in 2006.

### Tom Hutchinson

Tom, who is from Sheffield and went to school at King Egberts, is currently studying at the Royal Northern College of Music and hopes to go on from there to become a professional musician.

He began playing at the age of nine and has played with the Stannington Brass Band, the Barnsley Building Society Band and Rothwell Temperance. He now plays with the Black Dyke Band who are currently European Champions.

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During the interval refreshments (included in the ticket price) will be served from the back of the church.

Copies of the Abbeydale Singers' CD and tape 'A Fine Song for Singing' will be on sale during the interval and after tonight's concert, priced at £10 and £5.

## Programme

Advent Calendar	<i>Philip Ledger</i>
How far is it to Bethlehem	<i>trad arr Gordon Lawson</i>
The little road to Bethlehem	<i>Michael Head</i>
Hymn à la Vierge	<i>Pierre Vilette</i>
The world's desire	<i>Donald Cashmore</i>
Steal away	<i>trad arr Bob Chilcott</i>

### Tom Hutchinson

Past three a clock	<i>trad arr Charles Wood</i>
The three kings	<i>Peter Cornelius arr Ivor Atkins</i>
In dulci jubilo	<i>Trad arr R L Pearsall</i>
Sing all ye people	<i>Mrs M Dyson</i>
Voices of the belfry height	<i>Dr Alfred Gatty</i>
Sweet Christmas bells	<i>Bradfield Collection</i>

- Interval -

O men from the fields	<i>Arnold Cooke arr Kevin Haighton</i>
Hawaiian lullaby	<i>trad arr Malcolm Sargent</i>
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day	<i>trad arr David Willcocks</i>
Quem pastores laudavere	<i>trad arr John Rutter</i>
Adam lay ybounden	<i>Boris Ord</i>

### Tom Hutchinson

Deck the hall	<i>trad arr John Rutter</i>
Carol of the drum	<i>trad arr Katherine Davis</i>
Gaudete	<i>trad arr Brian Kay</i>
Calypso carol	<i>Michael Perry arr John Bertalot</i>

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## **Musical Director: Kevin Houghton**

- Sopranos:** Gill Carter, Ann Gyte, Michelle Hayward,  
Hilary Pye, Pat Turner
- Contraltos:** Helen Beach, Sue Houghton,  
Rachel Kitt, Linda Wareham
- Tenors:** Peter King, Mike Maddocks,  
Chris Nicholson
- Basses:** Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon,  
Matthew Lovell
- Choir Secretary:** Hilary Pye  
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We have a limited number of vacancies in all four voices; anyone who is interested in arranging an audition with our Director, Kevin Houghton, should contact him on 0114 2305082.

**The Abbeydale Singers are available to sing at special events of all kinds such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, conferences and dinners.**

**Contact our Secretary for further information.**