

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2013 at 3pm
KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL, TAUNTON



GREAT BRITAIN - GREAT BRITTEN!



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celebrating the centenary of
Benjamin Britten's birth*

SOMERSET CHAMBER CHOIR

GREG TASSELL *tenor*

RICHARD PEARCE *piano & organ*

GRAHAM CALDBECK *conductor*



Music by **BRITTEN, ELGAR,
GRAINGER, PARRY, STANFORD,
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS and WALTON**

Picture: Britten at Crag House by Roland Haupt. Image courtesy of www.britten100.org

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Somerset Chamber Choir

contributes to the Britten 100 celebrations with this engaging programme of sacred and secular music that places some of Britten's most accessible works alongside music by other important members of our musical 'Team GB'.

Four works composed before Britten was born are included - **Stanford** *Beati quorum via*, **Elgar** *The spirit of the Lord*, **Grainger** *Brigg Fair* and **Parry** *My soul, there is a country*, plus two works by his older contemporaries - **Walton** *Set me as a seal* and **Vaughan Williams** *Three Shakespeare Songs*.

Britten's own music is represented by **Canticle 1: My beloved is mine** sung by outstanding young tenor **Greg Tassell**, accompanied by the exceptional pianist and organist, **Richard Pearce**; **A.M.D.G** (posthumously published choral settings of poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins); **Missa Brevis** (for upper voices and organ) and **The Ballad of Little Musgrave and Lady Barnard** (for men's voices and piano).

Our Britten selection is rounded off by **Old Joe has gone fishing**, a lively chorus from his first opera, *Peter Grimes*, and five of his wonderful **English Folksong arrangements**, including *The foggy, foggy dew* and two Somerset favourites - *The trees they grow so high* (collected locally in Curry Rivel in 1904), and *O Waly, Waly*.

Join us for a Great British celebration –
and some great Britten. We're going for gold!

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Britten 100 marks the centenary of the birth of **Benjamin Britten** in 2013, linking a series of events worldwide that encompass the worlds of performing arts, publishing, film, broadcasting, academia and heritage and even the minting of a new 50p coin depicting the composer. The events highlight Britten's importance as a leading figure not only in British cultural history, but also emphasizing his truly global status as one of the most important cultural figures of the 20th century.

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