

## Christmas Concert 2017

The Sheldon Singers Christmas concert at St Paul's Church Honiton began with a resounding opening of "O Come all Ye Faithful" for choir and audience, heralded by The Brass Warriors Quintet - and set the tone for the evening.

The contrast between traditional carols and not so well known ones was wonderful. The moving and sensitive rendition by the choir of James Macmillan's "O Radiant Dawn" and Will Todd's "My Lord Has Come" were highlights.

The familiar, but varied harmonies of the familiar carols made singing them all the more enjoyable, and the Brass Warriors rendition of Poulenc's Trio for trumpet horn and trombone made me want to get up and dance! Also the trumpet interlude from Will Palmer was memorable.

The unusual brass accompaniment to Vivaldi's Gloria was interesting and imaginative, but at times the brass was a little 'heavy' when compared to the original setting for string orchestra.

Altogether the Sheldon Singers presented a thoroughly enjoyable evening and has set us up for the countdown to Christmas!

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