

## A message from Catherine & Annie

Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Cantata Newsletter'

Well the summer is upon us once again—how time flies when you're having singing fun. After a super spring term, we're now looking forward to all that's in store over the summer months. Look out for news of a slightly unusual concert from the lovely CounterPoynt ladies. And don't forget, all Cantata ladies, that it's now your last chance to book for the singing afternoon with the lovely Matt Baker.



## Knutsford & MACC

WAKS Lyrical and MACC performed our Easter meditation '*Son Rise*' to great acclaim at St Cross, Knutsford and St Paul's, Macclesfield on April 13th and 14th. Thank you to both choirs for performing so magnificently and to those of you from other Cantata Choirs who came along to support us. I think you'll agree it was a very moving experience. And the exciting additional news is that we have been asked to record *Son Rise* for Two Lochs Radio as they would like to enter us for next year's *Jerusalem Awards*.



Son Rise performance at St Cross, Knutsford



A POLITE PLEA to all you lovely singers. As you can imagine, when we have completed a 'concert season' there is a huge amount of music to sort afterwards—I've calculated that on average we have 2500—3000 copies per season! It really helps us if choir members hand in their music on the first rehearsal following a concert (which usually happens to be after a break). I'm often handed piles of music several months later and find myself filing away Christmas & Easter music in August!! If you know you're not going to be around for the first couple of weeks, please give your music to us immediately after a concert or ask a friend to hand it in at the first rehearsal. Thank you.

Annie

# An afternoon with Matt Baker



**Book now—don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity!**

Ladies from the all the Cantata Choirs are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday 11th June** at Poynton Methodist Church for a great afternoon of singing with the multi-talented Matt Baker. If you'd like to come along, just ask Annie or Catherine for an application form. Friends and members of other choirs are welcome to come and join in the fun. Cost: **£10** (light refreshments included) Time: **2pm—5pm**

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## Something Different

Like most of the Cantata choirs, CounterPoynt Ladies have a summer concert lined up. This year, it's a rather unusual one so we're calling it simply *Something Different*. It will take place in Higher Poynton, at St Martin's Church on Shrigley Road North, where the choir rehearses. The 'different' aspect involves summer refreshments being served beforehand at 7.30pm, followed by the concert in the church at 8.00pm and to be *really* different, we're doing all this on a Monday night! Fingers crossed for good weather so we can spill out onto the field and enjoy the views over the Cheshire Plain before an excellent concert which will also feature Higher Poynton's finest voice, Jeannette Wood as well as your very own Catherine and Annie.

**Monday 18th July 7.30 for 8.00pm**  
**St Martin's Church, Higher Poynton**



## Happy 1st Birthday

M.A.C.C. choir members celebrated their 1st birthday on May 5th. We can't believe how quickly the past year has flown by. Thank you all for the fun you give us on Thursday afternoons!



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Congratulations to Heaton Dawn Chorus on your fantastic response to the rather elaborate prank we played on you. For those of you in other Cantata choirs—be very glad you didn't have a rehearsal on Friday 1st April! Heaton were brilliant—they went along with everything we asked them to do during a rehearsal of a spoof piece of music called 'Death Waltz and Faerie's Aire' by fictional Polish composer Kwiecien Blaznowac (which translates as 'April Fool'). They were jumping up & down, making peapod noises, sighing, doing



Heaton Dawn Chorus rocking around the clock at 8.30am!

penguin impressions—you name it, they did it. We're so sorry guys and gals that you won't be participating in this weird piece at the fictional Music Festival, but we'll sort out something special for you as soon as possible... You're great sports! We love Friday mornings!!

### DIARY DATES: (Confirmed dates)

#### Summer Concerts:

**MAPSingers & Cantata: Summer Serenades**  
 Sunday 24th July 3pm, Poynton Methodist Church

**WAKSLyrical & MACC: Sunday 31st July 3pm**  
 at Chelford Village Hall. An **Afternoon Tea concert** £7.50 including sumptuous summer refreshments.

**CounterPoynt Something Different Monday**  
 18th July: 7.30pm St Martin's Church, Higher Poynton. £7 adults, £5 children

#### Christmas concerts:

**Sat 10th Dec: MAPSingers 3pm at Poynton Methodist Church**

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