

THREE SONGS OF COURAGE

- i Valour
- ii The Seekers
- iii Reveille

George Dyson
(b. 1883)

THE LUTON CHORAL SOCIETY

FOUR ENGLISH SONGS

Sorrow, Stay
Where Sin Sore Wounding

} *John Dowland*
(1563-1626)

The White Piece

Arnold Bax
(b. 1883)

Love went a-riding

Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)

GERALD ENGLISH

The concert will be concluded by the singing of

PSALM CXLVIII

Gustav Holst
(1874-1934)

by CHURCH CHOIRS and THE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Blessing

As the processional choir leaves the nave the congregation are requested to stand

Conductors

ARTHUR E. DAVIES

KENNETH J. D. ABBOTT

Organists

C. EDGAR KNOWLES

DONALD I. BURROWS

WILLIAM DAVISON - *Vicar*

The
Parish Church of St. Mary
Luton

A

Festival *of* Music

To commemorate the
FESTIVAL of BRITAIN, 1951

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**Commemoration Concert
of British Music
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DR. GORDON JACOB

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The Reverend Canon William Davison, M.A.
Vicar of Luton

PRICE TWO SHILLINGS

COMMEMORATION CONCERT *of* BRITISH MUSIC

GERALD ENGLISH - TENOR

7.0 p.m.

Organ Recital

DONALD BURROWS

NIMROD (No. ix of Enigma Variations)

Elgar

FANTASIE CHORALE IN F SHARP MINOR

Whitlock

ADAGIO IN E

Frank Bridge

7.25 p.m.

The Motet

'SING JOYFULLY UNTO GOD' *by* WILLIAM BYRD

(1542-1623)

THE CHOIR OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY

The Processional Hymn

During the singing of this hymn the Processional
Choir will move up the chancel

Thy Hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page:
Our fathers own'd Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
Through many a scene of strife,
The faithful few fought bravely,
To guard the Nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
Sin pardon'd, man restored,
Was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest, as to least;
They bade men rise, and hasten
To share the great King's feast:
And this was all their teaching,
In every deed and word,
To all alike proclaiming
One Church, one Faith, One Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, One Lord.

When shadows thick were falling
And all seem'd sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous Grace was pour'd,
And this was still their message,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord

Thy Mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right Hand to help us,
The Victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels
Thy Name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."
Amen.

The Bidding

Lords Prayer

Collects

To be followed by

Coronation Anthem

Handel

'ZADOK THE PRIEST'

(1685-1750)

CHURCH CHOIRS *and* LUTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Then shall be sung the Anthems by the CHURCH CHOIRS

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

Richard Farrant
(d. 1580)

MY SOUL THERE IS A COUNTRY

Hubert Parry
(1848-1918)

YE CHOIRS OF NEW JERUSALEM

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

and

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

Charles Villiers Stanford

(set to music in the key of C)

Then shall follow from

'THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS'

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Gerontius—Jesu Maria

Chorus—Kyrie Eleison

Soul—But hark! a grand mysterious harmony

Chorus—Praise to the Holiest in the height

Sung by THE LUTON CHORAL SOCIETY

The Offertory Hymn

During the singing of this hymn a silver collection
will be taken towards the expenses of this festival

Unison

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransom'd, heal'd, restored,

forgiven,

Evermore His praises sing;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

Sopranos

Father-like, He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Unison

Angels in the height, adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him
Gather'd in from every race;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.
Amen.

Harmony

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.