

Saturday 18th July, 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Church, Taunton
'Come and Sing Finzi' – A Choral Workshop with Paul Spicer
Accompanist: Miles Quick

Paul Spicer is a passionate exponent of English music with a particular specialisation in the choral repertoire. He began his musical training at New College, Oxford, and he studied with Herbert Howells (of whom he wrote a biography) at the Royal College of Music. His CDs with the Finzi Singers on the Chandos label are widely acclaimed. He is chairman of the Finzi Friends and a Trustee of the Finzi Trust.



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Monday 20th July, 10:00 a.m. in King's College Chapel, Taunton
Young Choral Conductor Competition (The John Cole Prize)



The adjudicator at this competition will be Matthew Owens (*left*), Organist and Master of the Choristers at Wells Cathedral, conductor of the Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society and sub-organist of Manchester Cathedral.

A set piece in this competition will be Finzi's 'God is Gone Up', the second of the composer's three Op. 27 anthems. It was written in 1951 for a St. Cecilia's Day Service at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn.

Tuesday 21st July, 10:30 for 11:00 a.m. - Castle Hotel, Taunton
Coffee Concert – Keith Tempest, 'Cello

Keith is a member of the Bath Pump Room Trio and was principal 'cellist with the Emerald Ensemble until 2009. He has worked with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, BBC Wales and WNO, chamber groups New London Flute Trio, Damase Trio and recital work with Mary Gilmartin and Elizabeth Hayley.

The concert will include the 2nd movement from the Finzi 'Cello Concerto.



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Tuesday 21st July, 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton
Finzi Concert

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This flagship concert will present three of Finzi's works – the Op. 31 Clarinet Concerto (soloist, Peter Sparks), the 1929 Op. 10 Eclogue for piano and strings (soloist Marion Bettsworth) and his wonderful 5-movement cantata Op. 8, 'Dies Natalis'. For this last work we are thrilled to have as soloist the world-renowned soprano Elizabeth Watts, winner of the Lieder Prize at the Cardiff Singer of the World competition, who is now forging an amazing career in opera and recital venues across the world. The concert will also include Schubert's 'Shepherd on the Rock'.



Wednesday 22nd July, 10:30 for 11:00 a.m. Castle Hotel, Taunton
Coffee Concert – the Choir of Lincoln College, Oxford

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The Choir in Residence for the Festival, the Oxford choristers have a very full schedule! Their appearance in the Castle Hotel Coffee Concert series will include some of Finzi's beautiful part songs.

Thursday 23rd July, 10:30 for 11:00 a.m. Castle Hotel, Taunton
Coffee Concert – Lynn Carter (Oboe) & Divertimento Quartet

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Born in the American Midwest, Lynn studied with Ray Still, first oboe of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. At age 21 she was Principal Oboe of the Orquesta Filarmónica de la UNAM in Mexico City, where she also enjoyed frequent solo and chamber work. In 1977 she moved to Germany to study with Heinz Holliger. Lynn was a soloist with the Heidelberg Chamber Orchestra, touring all over Europe and North America. She came to live in Somerset in 1985 and now plays with a great many local groups, including OrchestraWest, Somerset Opera, TAOS, Taunton Sinfonietta and others further afield such as the Ten Tors Orchestra and Welsh Sinfonia.

Part of her programme will be Finzi's 1936 Interlude for Oboe and String Quartet.