

Bishopwearmouth Choral Society



A Concert for
PEACE



1918 - 2018

Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem

Finzi: In Terra Pax

Sunderland Minster

Saturday 8th December at 7.30 p.m.

£14 (£8) : for details see over

...this is not a ticket...

 Bishopwearmouth Choral Society

A Concert for **PEACE** 1918-2018

The cantata **Dona Nobis Pacem** was commissioned to mark the centenary of the Huddersfield Choral Society and first performed in 1936. Vaughan Williams produced his plea for peace by referring to recent wars during the growing fears of a new one. His texts were taken from the Mass, three poems by Walt Whitman, a political speech, and sections of the Bible. The work is scored for chorus and large orchestra, with soprano and baritone soloists. The phrase *Dona nobis pacem* ("Give us peace"), in different settings, punctuates the entire piece.

Written just two years before Finzi's death in 1956 **In Terra Pax** skilfully juxtaposes words of Robert Bridges (which are set for the baritone soloist) with the familiar Christmas passage from St Luke (set for the soprano soloist and chorus). With a childlike serenity of style, the work unites all its feelings, images and familiar events into one simple, shapely musical narrative. With its seasonal theme, it makes the most attractive centre-piece for any Christmas choral programme.

TICKETS: £14

(£8 Gallery, restricted view; full-time students; wage-related benefits)

Accompanied U16s free

From: any choir member; at the door; www.wegotickets.com/BCS

Or use the link at www.bishopwearmouth.co.uk