

## **Michael Howell**

Michael started his musical training as a chorister at Westminster Abbey before winning a Music Scholarship to Cranleigh School, Surrey. He was subsequently appointed Organ Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford after which he pursued a teaching career in conjunction with accompanying local choirs in the Berkshire area and giving recitals in venues which have included Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; St Luke's, Chelsea; the BBC Concert Hall, Broadcasting House and Westminster Abbey. After 26 years of teaching in the South East he moved North to take up the post of Organist and Director of Music at Holy Trinity, Skipton in October 2008, enabling him to concentrate on his main musical interests of conducting, solo performing, accompanying and composing. He has been Musical Director of Pinsuti since April 2009

## **Christopher Rathbone**

Christopher Rathbone is Director of Music at St Margaret's. He was a Choral Exhibitioner at St Catharine's College Cambridge before being appointed as the first ever Assistant Organist at Carlisle Cathedral. He then served for 23 years as Organist and Asst Director of Music at Marlborough College in Wiltshire, also conducting Swindon Opera for 7 years. In 1996 he and his wife Isobel moved to Leeds where he was Organist at Meanwood Parish Church and directed choirs in Morley and Bradford. He sang and gave organ recitals at Leeds Parish Church, toured with the Bradford Choristers, and composed, published and recorded much choral and organ music, chamber music and songs.

After two years in Sussex the Rathbones came 'home' to Yorkshire and have recently moved into a Vicarage in Guiseley where Isobel is now an Associate Priest. There are 3 children and 5 grandchildren, in Bath, Glasgow and Sydney, Australia.



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# *Pinsuti ChamberChoir*

**Coronation Classics and Other  
Fireworks for Choir and Organ**



Director: Michael J Howell, MA  
Organist: Christopher Rathbone

# St Margaret's Church, Ilkley

## Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30



Pinsuti is a small, 16 to 20 strong chamber choir which rehearses in Ikley.

It was founded in 1995 by a local group of singers, and is named after a 19th Century composer, Ciro Pinsuti, who was a pupil of Rossini and lived and worked in England from 1848 for many years. The choir performs pieces by Pinsuti as part of its repertoire.

Pinsuti gives around 4 to 5 concerts a year. The choir sings mainly unaccompanied choral music, with repertoire spanning from renaissance/baroque to modern, sacred and secular, madrigals, part-songs, motets and anthems and occasionally sings for Church services.

You can **hire Pinsuti Chamber Choir** for your wedding or corporate event, or for a party. For more information and to check availability, please contact us on 01943 863734 or email [mail@kershaw-translations.co.uk](mailto:mail@kershaw-translations.co.uk). We are experienced at helping organise the musical entertainment at all kinds of events and can help you choose the music to set the mood and make your event extra-special.

### 2010-11 Concert Season

18 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	Washburn Festival Farnley Church, nr Otley
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2010	St Margaret's Ilkley
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	Holy Trinity Church, Skipton
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	St Margaret's Ilkley

### Programme

Reading: "Every One Sang" From "Stars and Primroses"	M G Green
Zadok the Priest	Handel
O Lord make thy servant Elizabeth	Byrd
Insanae et vanae curae	Haydn
Thou wilt keep him	Wesley
Organ Solo: Christopher Rathbone	Wesley
Choral song and Fugue	
Geistliches lied	Brahms
Cantique de Jean Racine	Faure
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis	Dyson
Organ Solo: Christopher Rathbone	Walton
Crown Imperial	
Coronation Te Deum	Walton

### Interval

Alleluia, I heard a voice	Weelkes
O Thou, the central orb	Gibbons
Ave verum corpus	Mozart
Verleih uns Frieden	Mendelssohn
I was glad	Parry
Organ Solo: Michael Howell	Howell
Centenary Toccata	
Greater love hath no man	Ireland
O Hearken thou	Elgar
God is gone up	Finzi
Reading: "Thank you" From "Funky Chickens"	Benjamin Zephaniah

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