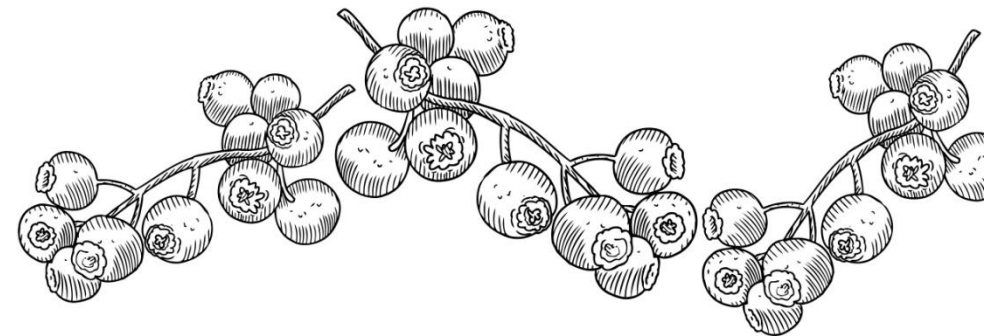




Monthly Concert Series
3rd Sunday of the Month

ST MARY'S CHURCH THORNBURY BS35 1HQ
SUNDAY 18 MAY 4PM



Minpins Children's choir

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**19
SEPTEMBER
2025
7.30PM**



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ADULT £17, UNDER 18 £5 INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

The Minpins

The Minpins, Stroud Choral Society's children's choir, was created with the support of the Roald Dahl Literary Estate, Felicity Dahl, Roald's widow, and by a legacy left to Ruth Fraser by Barbara Parrott, her cousin who taught music to primary school children for many years. They are named after Roald's final book, in which the Minpins are a 'city of little people'. Felicity Dahl is Patron of this talented and enthusiastic group who are directed by Zoë Hynes.

In March 2017 The Minpins took on their biggest challenge yet, when they performed alongside the Stroud Choral Society in the world premiere of a specially commissioned work, *The Pelicantata*, a setting of Roald Dahl's book "The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me". They also premiered the specially adapted Children Choruses entitled 'Five Animal Choruses' from *The Pelicantata* in March 2019. Last month The Minpins were very proud to premiere '*Pop Goes the Weasel! and Other Nursery Songs*' Composed by Peter Ash, who also composed *The Pelicantata* as part of their 10th Anniversary concert.

The Minpins perform at least 4 times a year, on their own, with the youth choir and with the adult choir, Stroud Choral Society.

We are very privileged to be join this evening by seven members of the Stroud Choral Youth Choir

Stroud Choral Youth Choir (SCYC)

In September 2017, in order to accommodate children who had outgrown The Minpins, we branched out and formed a new Youth Choir, Stroud Choral Youth Choir (SCYC). SCYC perform up to 5 times a year at a variety of venues including an annual summer concert with the Stroud Choral Society. Currently comprising 24 talented young people, the choir would welcome any 'teens' with a passion for singing a variety of music, including classical, choral, spiritual and pop.

Both Choirs rehearse on a Tuesday evening, in Nailsworth, during term time. For more information about performances or how to join either choir, find them on Facebook, or Instagram or contact minpins@stroudchoral.org



MONTHLY ONE HOUR CONCERTS
3rd Sunday of the Month

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ST MARY'S CHURCH THORNBURY BS35 1HQ

18 May, 4pm

Minpins Children's choir

20 July, 4pm

St Mary's Choir

15 June, 4pm

Cantanti Choir

19 October, 4pm

Panache Steel Band

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11:30 Registration
12:00 Rehearsal starts
18:00 Informal performance

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Bring own lunch Afternoon refreshments provided Entry by donation

Zoë Hynes

Zoë is a professional teacher whose enthusiasm for singing is infectious. She has been singing in choirs since the age of 9 and made the televised final of 'Sing out 2000' as part of The University of the West of England's chamber choir. She joined the Stroud Choral Society in 2006 and has been an active choir member and soloist ever since. Zoë took the role of The Minpins Musical Director when they formed in 2015 and has enjoyed the challenge of establishing and shaping the choir to the high standard it is today. From September 2017 she has also taken on the running of the Stroud Choral Youth Choir. Zoë also runs the school choir at Nailsworth Primary School.

Nicola Jee

Nicola is local to the area having been a music scholar at the Cheltenham Ladies' College. She then went on to study music at The University of Birmingham. Nicola is a class music teacher and a visiting instrumental (piano, violin and recorder) teacher, accompanist and singer, travelling widely throughout the Cotswolds. She is also a violinist in The Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra and The Full Tone Orchestra. Nicola has been the accompanist for The Minpins and the Stroud Choral Youth Choir for the past eight years.

Upcoming events:

14th June - Stroud Choral Society with SCYC Summer Concert, St Laurence Church, Stroud

12th July - The Minpins perform at Stroud Country Show

7th December - SCYC at 'The Grand Christmas Tea Party' at Nailsworth Primary School

12th December - The Minpins with Stroud Choral Society, St Laurence Church, Stroud

21st December - SCYC and The Minpins at Five Valleys Shopping Centre (time tbc)

14th March 2026 - Stroud Choral Society with SCYC, Bach St John Passion, St John the Baptist, Cirencester

PROGRAMME

The Minpins
supported by members of the Stroud Choral Youth Choir

Director of Music - Zoë Hynes
Accompanist - Nicola Jee

The Minpins

Singsational	Antony Copus
Sing Like Never Before	Mark and Helen Johnson
There Will Always Be a Reason to Sing	Rob Stroh

Folk Duo Amélie Potts and Luc Franklyn

Trio of Folk songs	Various
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Duet Agatha and Myrtle Moore

The Salley Gardens	Traditional
Words	William Butler Yeats

The Minpins

Together	Val Whitlock and Shirley Court
I Am a Small Part of the World	Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse
The Lord Bless You and Keep You	John Rutter

Quartet - Megan Figgis, Maude Hayward, Leonie Saunders, Nia Watts

Jesus Christ The Apple Tree	Elizabeth Poston
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Solo - Rozalia Wilkinson

Reviewing the Situation from 'Oliver'	Lionel Bart
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The Minpins

Hats	Hank Bebee
Music Makes The World Go Round	Mary Green and Julie Stanley
Amane Utupe	Patsy Ford Simms

Violin Solo - Nia Watts

'Canzonetta' from Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto

Solo - Zoë Hynes

The Man I Love	George and Ira Gershwin
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All performers

Why We Sing	Greg Gilpin
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