

## ST MARY'S CHURCH THORNBURY BS35 1HQ

21 January, 4pm Chris Hall, bass baritone Robert Burgess, piano 18 February, 4pm Nigel Davies, organ

17 March, 4pm Harlequin Singers 21 April, 4pm Thornbury Good Afternoon Choir

19 May, 4pm Schola Cantorum, University of Bristol 16 June, 4pm Steven Kings, piano

21 July, 4pm Revd Joy Ludlow, soprano Alex Hiam, piano 15 September, 4pm Rosie Evans, soprano Malcolm Kittle, piano

20 October, 4pm Thornbury Clarinet Choir 17 November, 4pm Castle School Panache Steel Band

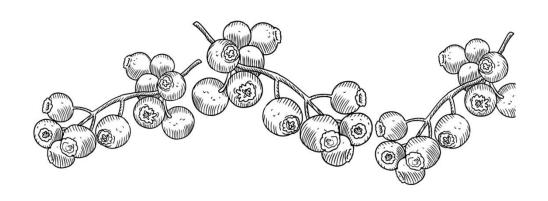
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Afternoon Concert Series 3rd Sunday of the Month

# SUNDAY 16 JUNE 4PM



Steven Kings, piano

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#### **Steven Kings**

Steven Kings received his musical training at St John's College Cambridge and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He has performed around the country as a soloist, accompanist and chamber musician, with a wide solo repertoire ranging from Scarlatti to Ligeti and beyond. He has appeared as the piano soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto no.4, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Lambert's *Rio Grande*. In 2006 he was the soloist in Beethoven's *Choral Fantasia* with the Bristol Choral Society and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Colston Hall.

His 2009 recording of piano music by John Pitts received a four-star review in the *Independent*, while *Musicweb International* described his playing as "stunning....authoritative and tremendously agile". His performance of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* in the 2010 Bristol Cathedral Summer Festival was reviewed as "an excellently controlled performance with some scintillating playing". In 2016 he gave the first performance of Raymond Warren's *Hardy Portraits*, of which he was the dedicatee, and in 2021 he made a recording of new piano pieces by Kevin Figes for an album released on Pig Records.

Steven is in constant demand as an accompanist to choirs, vocal soloists, and instrumentalists, and has worked regularly as an official accompanist at Bristol University and the Bristol Music Festival, as well as being a familiar contributor to the St George's *MiniBeats* series of performances for children. His output as a composer includes several works for piano, the latest of which is a set of 17 miniatures entitled *Fractions & Muscles*.

### **PROGRAMME**

#### FORMS AND FANTASIES

Beethoven - Sonata *quasi una Fantasia* in C sharp minor, op.27 no.2

Bach (C.P.E.) - Fantasia in C major

Moeran - Three Fancies: Windmills, Elegy, Burlesque

Scarlatti (D.) - Pastorale

Beethoven - Sonata *quasi una Fantasia* in E flat major, op.27 no.1