

# Christ Church *News*

News, Opinion, and Information from Christ Church, Malvern

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## ESO Comes to Christ Church

We were thrilled, proud and privileged on 22nd March when the English Symphony Orchestra (ESO) performed the first of their inaugural

concerts and are honoured that they have chosen us as their venue. It was also Kenneth Woods' first concert in association with the ESO,

their conductor for this series of concerts. The cold weather did not deter the audience of over a hundred and the warmth and intimacy of the Church made for a very special evening.

There was a varied and carefully thought out programme which had promised to be exciting and it was! We heard the poignancy of the Ullmann Chamber Symphony Opus 46a, and the beauty of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto, when soloist Chris Richard made his clarinet "sing like a bird". Finally a thrilling conclusion - the powerful Beethoven's Symphony No 2 Opus 21, a veritable feast for the senses. The orchestra gave it their all, only the kitchen sink was missing! The atmosphere was both intimate and "buzzing" rather like being in your own drawing room. The acoustics were much praised and the audience gave a tremendous reaction to the concert, even commenting we were like a mini Glyndebourne. Someone said "When was the last time these walls heard live Beethoven". Just in time to mention in this issue of our magazine was their second concert on Thursday 23rd May 2013, when we heard a programme of the best of British music, including Arne, Britten, Boyce, Finzi and Arnold.



*Kenneth Woods conducting the ESO. (Photo by Ben Ealovega)*

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# Icons of Europe Concert

**Icons of Europe**  
**Saturday, 13 July 2013**  
**7.30 - 9.15pm**  
**Christ Church, Avenue Road**  
**Tickets £15/12 concessions**  
**from Malvern Theatres**  
**01684 892277**

Icons of Europe present the world premiere

## **THE DREAM OF CHOPIN**

Jenny Lind Gala Concert – music with a story

Daniel Blumenthal (piano)  
Jennifer Simpson (mezzo soprano),  
Cecilia Jorgensen (narration)  
Daniel Blumenthal, the renowned American virtuoso pianist performs a selection of Chopin's masterpieces. Each piece of music is briefly introduced by Cecilia Jorgensen, the Swedish author of the new book *Le Rêve de Chopin / The Dream of Chopin*. She cites dramatic elements of this book that chronicles Jenny Lind's secret and tragic romance with the composer.

Daniel Blumenthal, laureate of several international music competitions, Leeds among them, and professor at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels, continues to enjoy a career of acclaimed performances on five continents and award winning recordings. He has served on the jury of the Queen Elisabeth Competition for Piano. Born in Worcestershire, Jennifer Simpson is studying at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London. Cecilia Jorgensen is co-founder and creative director of the association Icons of Europe.



*Left: Daniel Blumenthal*  
*Above: Cecilia Jorgensen*

## **RELATED CHOPIN / JENNY LIND MUSICAL DRAMA BY ICONS OF EUROPE**

"It ingeniously brought out the seamlessness of great European culture" - UK Ambassador to Poland, Warsaw 2004

"We were struck by the feedback on the quality and intrigue of the story" - The Glenn Gould School, Toronto 2005

"The event was truly amazing" - Lake George Theater Lab, New York 2008



Proceeds to be divided between Christ Church and Icons of Europe

Icons of Europe:  
Inaugurated under the auspices of the Council of Europe

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## **Enough Food for Everyone IF...**

*From Christian Aid*

Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night and two million children die from malnutrition every year. Hunger is still the great scandal of our age. All around the world, even in the UK, people are struggling to feed their families. The government has promised to provide 0.7% of national income for aid and to host a Hunger Summit in 2013. We must make sure they keep these promises. This June, the world's most powerful leaders

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