

HOLTWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

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Church Fundraising CD Released – It’s a Dream!

A new CD of romantic songs has been released as part of a “Talents Scheme” at Holtwood Methodist Church, near Wimborne. The project is part of the on-going fundraising to raise the £300,000 that is needed to replace the existing, worn-out church and community hall. Fundraising is on target and it’s hoped to start building work next May.

The CD “Horton Tower ... and Other Dreams” contains 4 self-penned songs by church member Peter Aston, who is singer/guitarist with the Holtwood Mission Band and the Holtwood worship group, as well as being a well-established folk musician and wandering minstrel. Last Christmas Peter released his “Name in the Sand” CD of modern Christian songs which continues to sell well - although the new CD is rather different.

Peter explains “Each of the songs either came to me in dreams or were later developed in dreams. Take the title track ‘Horton Tower’ – it tells a story of lovers parted by injustice and corruption – and hoping to be re-united by the Grey Lady of Horton Hollow.” The inspiration for the song “Last Night” came at a Guy Fawkes Bonfire at Mannington, near Wimborne, last November. Peter recalls “I noticed silhouettes of people against the light from the bonfire and along with the fireworks came the first verse of the song – the rest came later as my imagination drifted through those images.”

The most unusual songwriting experience, however, came with the track “Fly with Me” - Peter dreamt of a chance meeting with the ‘spirit’ of John Denver in a north London street. “In this dream John gave me an impromptu masterclass in songwriting. When I awoke the song was finished in my head – all I had to do was write it down. In reality of course it was a gift from God!”

The new CD retails at £5 (plus £1 p&p) with profits donated to the new hall fund. Peter adds “The past year has seen tremendous financial support from a number of grant-making organisations, including Dorset County Council, East Dorset District Council and Holt Parish Council. We are so grateful for these grants which, taken with our own fundraising efforts, means that the new hall is rapidly becoming a reality.”

More details are available from www.peter-aston.co.uk from where the CD can also be ordered.

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