

Album of the Month
April 2007

***Swingin With The Saints* by The St Michael Singers**
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St. Michael Singers describe themselves as "one of the finest and most versatile choirs in the Midlands" and I am bound to agree having sung with them for over 20 years before spreading my wings to come to Radio Warneford!

They are also, to an extent, the choral society of the Cathedral, having been formed there in 1963 shortly after Coventry's consecration. A few concerts are given there every year, but also in Warwick University Arts Centre and venues around the country and abroad. There is a strong link with BBC Songs of Praise on TV.

At present, there are about 90 members, drawn from all over Warwickshire as well as the city of Coventry. You could easily have a patient, who is or has been a member of St Mikes!

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Swingin' isn't particularly religious in content, but some of you may find the singing a bit too note-perfect, even bland and of the wrong style. Track 12 Eleanor Rigby isn't by The Beatles! All the pieces have been specially arranged for choirs. I can only say this disc was great fun to make. If the singing isn't for you, try the Brass on Tracks 3, 7, 10, 14, or 16.

Margaret Legge.
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