



A Service in Preparation for Christmas

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

TUESDAY 11TH & WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 2.15PM

*The congregation is asked to sit for the readings and carols,
and to stand for the prayers and for the singing of the hymns.*

Organ Music before the Service:

Thomas Watkin (5th Form): Intrada, Grayston Ives

Jaylen Cheng (6th Form): Praeludium in C (BuxWV 138), Dieterich Buxtehude
Chorale Prelude on St Mary, Hubert Parry

Thomas Watkin: Fanfare, Kenneth Leighton

Jaylen Cheng: Carillon, Herbert Murrill

Thomas Watkin: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645), J S Bach

*The School records its gratitude to the Reverend Canon Mark Oakley,
Dean of St John's College,
and to the College Council for permission to use the College Chapel.
Seats may not be reserved after 2pm*

Reading: Advent: A Carol
Patric Dickinson

Introit: Ach so laß von mir dich finden Choristers
Music: Georg Telemann

Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-2 The Prophet Foretells the Coming of the Saviour

Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from those dread caverns of the grave,
from nether hell, thy people save.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Words: 18th Century, tr. Thomas Lacey, Melody: 15th Century French
Descant: David Hill*

BIDDING AND PRAYER (Please remain standing)

Carol: In Winter Byron House Chamber Choir
Music: Victor Johnson

Reading: Luke 1: 26-35, 38 The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter Senior House Chamber Choir
Music: Harold Darke

Readings: Young Mary
After Annunciation
Madeleine L'Engle

Hymn: Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, With what rapture, With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

*Words: Charles Wesley & John Cennick, Melody: 18th Century English
Descant: Christopher Robinson*

Reading: Luke 2: 1-19 Christ Born of Mary; Glory in the highest

Carol: That Yongë Child (*from A Ceremony of Carols*) Choristers
Music: Benjamin Britten

Reading: BC:AD
U A Fanthorpe

Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Oh morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king,
And peace to men on Earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wand'ring love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
Still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: P Brooks, Music: Trad. English, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
Descant: Thomas Armstrong

Reading: A Christmas Carol
G K Chesterton

Carol: Rise up, Shepherd and Follow Byron House & Senior House Chamber
Music: Spiritual, arr. Richard Rodney Bennett & Forms 3 & 4 Choirs

Reading: Shepherds' Carol
Norman Nicholson

Carol: Starlight
Music: Giles Swayne

Byron House Chamber & Junior Choirs

Reading: The Three Kings
H W Longfellow

Hymn: Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Words: Charles Wesley et al., Music: Felix Mendelssohn
Descant: Christopher Robinson*

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come let us adore him, etc.

Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
O come let us adore him, etc.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
Glory in the highest:
O come let us adore him, etc.

Words and Melody: John Wade, arr. David Willcocks
Descant: David Willcocks

After the final hymn, please remain standing while the Choristers and Clergy leave in procession. Please then be seated quietly while the remaining children leave the main body of the Chapel.

Organ Music after the Service:

Jaylen Cheng: Toccata (*from* The Plymouth Suite), Percy Whitlock

The retiring collection will be taken in aid of the following charities:

Eddie's

Eddie's is an award-winning charity based in Waterbeach. They have been supporting people with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire for over ten years and used to be part of Cambridgeshire Mencap. Their history spans 70 years. Eddie's vision is a world where people with a learning disability are valued equally, listened to and included. They want everyone to have the opportunity to achieve the things they want out of life. Eddie's is an important local provider of community services and support to children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and family carers in Cambridgeshire. They aim to help the people they support with increased confidence, more effective social inclusion, improved skills, and reduced financial and social hardship. Their community-based activities help people with learning disabilities to do the things they enjoy, make new friends and learn new skills.

Jimmy's Cambridge

For over 20 years, Jimmy's has been providing help for the homeless in Cambridge. They work with the local community, volunteers and partner agencies to deliver 24/7 emergency accommodation and supported housing for those who would otherwise be homeless or vulnerably housed.