



A Service in Preparation for Christmas

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

TUESDAY 6TH & WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2016 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:

Adam Chillingworth (5th Form): Toccata in F (BuxWV 157), Dieterich Buxtehude

Jaylen Cheng (4th Form): The Holy Boy, John Ireland

George Balfour (6th Form): Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639), J S Bach
Fanfare, Kenneth Leighton

Alan Chen (4th Form): Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Flor Peeters
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (BWV 731), J S Bach

Blake Chen (6th Form): Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) J S Bach

*The School records its gratitude to the Reverend Duncan Dormor,
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: Quem pastores laudavere Choristers
Music: 16th Century German melody

Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6 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: I sing of a maiden (*world première performance*) Choristers
Music: Ian Shaw

Reading: Luke 1: 26-35, 38 The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Carol: In the time of snow
Music: Bob Chilcott Byron House Chamber Choir
- 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: Joseph
U A Fanthorpe
- Carol: Star Candles
Music: Michael Head Forms 3 and 4 Choir
- Reading: To Bethlehem
Ashley Smith

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: Angels' Song
Charles Causley

Carol: Angels' Carol
Music: John Rutter Byron House and Senior House Chamber and
Forms 3 and 4 Choirs

Reading: Shepherds' Carol
Norman Nicholson

Carol: Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep Senior House Chamber Choir
Music: Besançon Carol, arr. Gladys Pitcher

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*

Reading: The Animals' Carol
Charles Causley

- Carol: Ring out the bells Byron House Chamber and Junior Choirs
Music: Roger Emerson
- Reading: Camels of the Kings
Leslie Norris
- Carol: A little child there is yborn Senior House Chamber Choir
Music: German, arr. Kenneth Simpson
- Reading: *from* The Coming of the Kings
Ted Hughes
- Carol: Ding dong! Merrily on high Choristers
Music: 16th Century French melody, arr. Charles Wood
- Reading: The Sky Exploded
Jan Dean
- Carol: In the bleak midwinter Senior House Chamber Choir
Music: Bob Chilcott
- Reading: *from* The Coming of the Kings
Ted Hughes
- Carol: The Holly and the Ivy All Choirs
Music: John Gardner

PRAYERS AND BLESSING (Please stand)

Hymn: O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold Him
 Born the King of Angels:
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

God of God,
 Light of Light,
 Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created:
O come let us adore him, etc.

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,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

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:

Adam Chillingworth (5th Form): Fanfare, Francis Jackson

Blake Chen (6th Form): Impromptu, Lennox Berkeley

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

Local Charity: Little Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket

Little Miracles is an award-winning Cambridgeshire and Suffolk-based charity and parent-led support group for families with children that have autism, additional needs, disabilities and life-limiting conditions. It is based in Ely Community Centre, on the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk border, reaching out to Cambridge, Ely, Newmarket and their surrounding villages. Currently they are working with over 700 children.

Their projects focus around social and communication development skills and supporting sensory needs whilst maintaining a fun aspect for the children. Where possible, projects will always include an educational element and will consider such areas as the arts and environment whilst utilising technology and any resources that provide opportunities for different types of interaction. Recent projects include the building of a sensory garden, a sensory soft-play area, a video media suite and the setting up of a role-play and imagination project. Sessions for families are free as monies are raised through fundraising activities.

National Charity: CLIC Sargent

When cancer strikes young lives, CLIC Sargent helps families limit the damage cancer causes beyond their health.

Cancer does not discriminate. Today, 11 more children and young people will hear the devastating news that they have cancer. From diagnosis, CLIC Sargent's specialist care teams will step in, ready to help, support and guide. They will provide a specialist package of support tailored to each young cancer patient and family.

CLIC Sargent fights tirelessly for children and young people with cancer, often when they feel they cannot. They do this individually, locally and nationally, so that they can focus on the important things, like getting well. But, if the worst happens, they will work with bereaved families to get them support and to help them cope with their emotional pain.