



**THE CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CHILD
CAROL SERVICE**

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2023, 6.00pm

HOW SILENTLY, HOW SILENTLY, THE WONDROUS GIFT IS GIVEN!
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.

*WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE CONGREGATION WOULD OBSERVE SILENCE
FROM THE TIME THE ORGANIST BEGINS TO PLAY PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SERVICE.
THE CONGREGATION SHOULD STAND AS THE CHAPLAIN ENTERS THE CHAPEL.*



CAROL

SOLO

Bella Strange
(LV Form Rhodes)

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

CHOIR

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

ALL

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

WELCOME

The Rev'd Jacob Harrison
Cranleigh School Chaplain

BIDDING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please be seated

LESSON
Isaiah IX

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah
Read by Chris Allison
Head of Riding and Trustee, Cranleigh Foundation

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In the Bleak Midwinter

SOLOISTS

Cat Staples (Loveday 2001)
Billy Backhouse (Assistant Chaplain and Teacher of
Economics and Business Studies)

Please stand

ALL
CAROL

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright

Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Please be seated

READING

Christmas - John Betjeman
Read by Peter Longshaw
MCR English, 1979-2015

Please stand

ALL

CAROL

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,

And "io io, io!"
By priest and people sungen
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve'time song, ye singers
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Please be seated

LESSON Micah V

The Prophet foretells the glory of little Bethlehem
Read by Clare Mould
Parent of OCs and Cranleigh Friend

Please stand

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CAROL

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.

O 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 wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
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 to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Please be seated

LESSON

St. Luke II

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus
Read by Gemma Bukowska née Greenwood (South 2007)
Teacher and Housemistress of Rhodes

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O Holy Night

SOLO

Fayruz Megdiche (South 2016)
Accompanied by organist Asher Oliver

ADDRESS

The Rev'd Jacob Harrison

Please stand

ALL

CAROL

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...

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...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest.
O come, let us adore Him...

Please be seated

LESSON

St. Matthew II

Magi honour the King of the Jews
Read by Sue Llewellyn (1&4 South 1979)

Please stand

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CAROL

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Please be seated

READING

Extract from A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
Read by Rob Curling (West 1975)

Please stand

ALL

CAROL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel...

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel...

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel...

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel...

Please remain standing

LESSON

St. John I

St. John describes the arrival of God incarnate
Read by Martin Reader
Head Cranleigh School

COLLECT

BLESSING

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Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn 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 the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son 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 newborn King!"*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*With many thanks to Asher Oliver
Sub organist of Guildford Cathedral*

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it has given me a future' – *Past Cranleigh
Foundationer*

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