



CHRISTMAS 2009

**Saturday December
19th at 7.30pm**

**OLDHAM PARISH
CHURCH**

OLDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Conductor: Nigel Wilkinson
Accompanist: Angela Lloyd-Mostyn

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With guests
The Award Winning

OLDHAM BAND (LEES)
**[Sectional Winners at the Regional Finals
for the Past 5 Years]**

Conductor: Dennis Hadfield

A BRIEF NOTE OF WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our Annual Christmas Concert here in Oldham Parish Church. Once again this year, we are pleased to have as our guests the OLDHAM BAND (LEES), who, since they were with us last year have been going from strength to strength winning competitions on a regular basis ! They are indeed, great ambassadors for the town, and an organisation that Oldham should be very proud of, as we hope are we also.

Our thanks again to the Wardens and PCC of the Parish Church for all their help.

Their Ladies will again be providing Seasonal Refreshments after the Concert, and a small donation towards costs would be appreciated.

Last Season was a very special (and hectic) one, marking our 125th. Anniversary, and we are still in celebratory mood, as you will hear tonight !

We are taking part in the BBC "Sing Hallelujah" project, in which choirs all over the country will be including Handel's masterpiece in their concerts. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN – so if you've brought your music (or if you're clever enough not to need it), please sing along with us. The same goes for the Carols of course !

So relax, and enjoy tonight's offering, and our very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Fred Jones.

PS – See you at Manchester Cathedral in April for our "Dream of Gerontius"

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PROGRAMME

WE all stand for the CAROL: Once in Royal David's City

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.

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.

MALE VOICES ONLY

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly Maiden, in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

FEMALE VOICES ONLY

For He is our childhood's pattern; day by day, like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.

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;
Where like stars His children crowned, all in white shall wait around.



Hail smiling morn (Spofforth)

Good King Wenceslas
(arr. Reginald Jacques)

O Holy Night (Adam arr. NW)

French Military March
from the Algerian Suite
(Saint-Saens arr. by W.B.
Hargreaves)

Elegy from the
Downland Suite (John Ireland)

WE all stand for the CAROL: Angels from the realms of glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Gloria in excelsis deo! (2)

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light;
Gloria in excelsis deo! (2)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star;
Gloria in excelsis deo! (2)

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Gloria in excelsis deo! (2)



The Sussex Carol (Trad. arr. Willcocks)
The Nativity Carol (John Rutter)
Past Three a clock (Trad. arr. Willcocks)

My Love is like a Red, Red Rose.
(Trad. Arr. by Gordon Langford). Soloist: Michelle Lane
"Troika" from "Lieutenant Kije" –
(Prokofiev arranged by Ray Farr)

MEDLEY for BAND & CHOIR
"Christmas Crackers" by Ray Woodfield

WE all stand for the CAROL: Silent Night

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

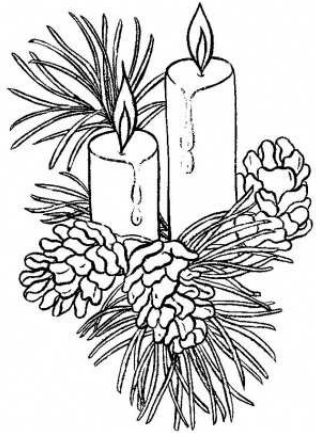
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born
Christ, the Saviour is born.

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

Masters in this hall (Trad. French Carol arr. Willcocks)
 Sing lullaby (Trad. Basque Noel arr. Willcocks)
 The Calypso Carol (John Bertalot)

Away in a Manger (Peter Graham) Soloist: Toni Heywood
 Santa Claus-Trophobia (Arr. Sandy Smith)

WE all stand for the CAROL: It came upon the midnight clear

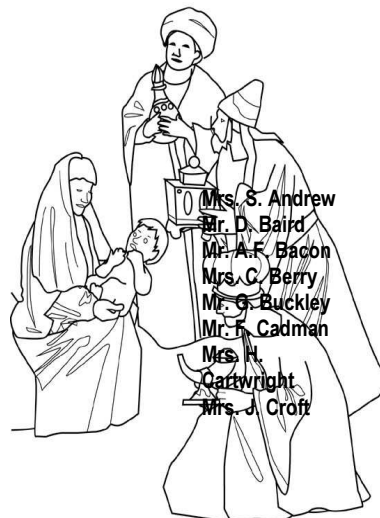


It came upon the midnight clear,
 That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth,
 To touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
 From heavens all gracious King!"
 The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
 With peaceful wings unfurled;
 And still their heavenly music floats
 O'er all the weary world:
 Above its sad and lowly plains
 They bend on hovering wing,
 And ever o'er its Babel sounds
 The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
 The world hath suffered long;
 Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
 Two thousand years of wrong;
 And man, at war with man, hears not
 The love song which they bring:
 O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
 And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
 By prophet bards foretold,
 When, with the ever-circling years,
 Shall come the Age of Gold;
 When peace shall over all the earth
 Its ancient splendours fling,
 And all the world give back the song
 Which now the angels sing.



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In the bleak midwinter (Harold Darke)
 Sing Hallelujah (from "The Messiah" by Handel)

MEDLEY for BAND & CHOIR – "Christmas Swingalong"
 (Arr. Derek Ashmore)

WE all stand for the CAROL: Hark the Herald angels sing

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 the 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!"

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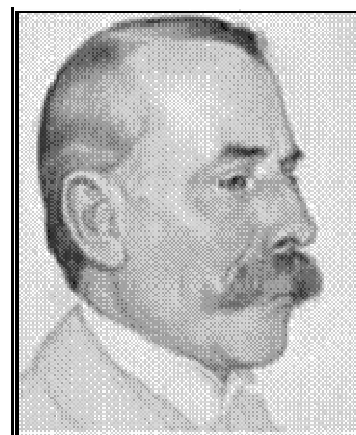
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