



# CHRISTMAS 2013

**Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> at  
7.30pm**

**OLDHAM PARISH  
CHURCH**

## OLDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

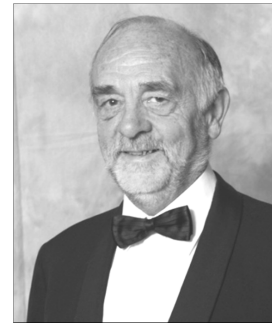
**Conductor: Nigel Wilkinson  
Accompanist: Angela Lloyd-Mostyn**

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**With guests  
The Award Winning**

## OLDHAM BAND (LEES)

**Conductor: Dennis Hadfield**



### Chairman's Notes

Welcome to our Annual Christmas Concert here in Oldham Parish Church. If this is your first visit, I'm sure you will enjoy your evening. If you have been before, you know that we will have a good time together as always. Do please sing up in the

carols – it's your chance to become honorary choir members for the evening – although if you like to sing, you could always think about joining us! New voices are welcome in all parts, especially in the men's sections. Ask any choir member for details.

It is a great pleasure once again to be able to welcome the Oldham Band (Lees) as our guests this evening. The sound of a brass band leading the carols, is one of the magical sounds of Christmas, and I am sure that we will all enjoy their solo items too. They are a musical ensemble that Oldham should celebrate, and we feel proud that they are always so keen to link up with us.

Our thanks, as always, go to the Vicar, Wardens and PCC of the Parish church for all their help, and to the ladies of the church, who will be serving seasonal refreshments again at the end of the evening. (Donations towards the cost would be welcomed).

Our next concert is here in the Parish Church. The RNCM Concert Hall is closed for refurbishment, so we have decided to return to this lovely venue, which we enjoy singing in, but is very limited in terms of facilities. It is also too small if we perform with orchestra, so we have selected two moving sacred works that are totally convincing with organ accompaniment only – the Duruflé Requiem, which will be new to the choir, and the very lovely and popular Fauré Requiem. Please support us. (Further details on the back cover).

Finally, on Sunday June 22nd, we will be presenting another G & S Gala at the Middleton Arena, featuring "The Mikado" and "Patience". As usual this will be led by the inimitable Donald Maxwell, with the National festival Orchestra and our usual line-up of talented soloists.

On behalf of the choir – "A very Merry Christmas", and we look forward to welcoming you again in 2014.  
*Fred Jones (Chairman)*

If you would like to sing with the choir please visit our website :  
[www.oldhamchoral.org.uk](http://www.oldhamchoral.org.uk)  
or contact me:  
Fred Jones on  
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Rehearsals are held every Monday evening in the Chadderton Town Hall.

We aim to sing / promote quality choral music with first class soloists and professional orchestral accompaniment

We perform in some of the best regional venues including the RNCM Concert Hall.

Annual membership fee is low

We are a very friendly and sociable organisation

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PART OF OUR  
EXCITING FUTURE**

## 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.



The Shepherd's Pipe Carol  
(John Rutter)

What sweeter music  
(John Rutter Text: Herrick)

OLDHAM BAND (LEES)  
Dies Natalis (John Golland)  
Away in a Manger  
(Peter Graham)

[Flugel soloist – Toni Heywood]

### We all stand for the CAROL: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in the 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 wondering 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.



For unto us a child is born  
(Handel [from "The Messiah"])  
Lay your burden [Suo Gan]  
(Welsh Trad. arr. Iliff)  
Deck the hall with boughs of holly  
(arr. Rutter)

OLDHAM BAND (LEES)  
Frosty the Snowman (Nelson/Rollins arr. Sandy Smith)  
[Bass soloist – Joshua Flynn]  
Candlelight Carol (Rutter arr. Chris Mallet)

## We all stand for the CAROL: The First Nowell

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

They lookéd 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

*MEN only*  
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.

*CHOIR only*  
This star drew to the north-west,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

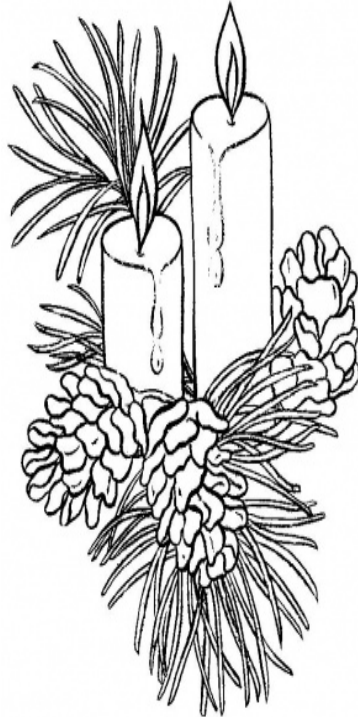
*LADIES only*  
Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*ALL*  
Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to the Heavenly Lord,  
Which hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

**Esta Noche – “O be joyful” (Spanish Folksong arr. Rutter)  
I wish you Christmas (John Rutter)**

**OLDHAM BAND (LEES)**

**When a Child is Born (Zacar/Jay arr. John Holland)  
Sleigh Ride (Leroy Anderson arr. Ernest Tomlinson)**



## We all stand for the CAROL: Ding dong merrily on high

Ding dong merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing  
Ding dong verily the sky is riven with angels singing  
Gloria in excelsis Deo (2)

E'en so her below, below let steeple bells be swungen,  
And “io, io, io” by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo (2)

Pray you dutifully prime, your matin chime ye ringers  
May you beautifully “rime”, ye evetime song ye singers  
Gloria in excelsis Deo (2)

**Worthy is the lamb / Amen (“The Messiah” [Handel])  
We wish you a merry Christmas (arr. Worrell)**

## 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!”



## OLDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY 2013

+ = 20 years service  
§ = 30 years service  
\*\*\* = 50 years service

### SOPRANOS

LINDA ALLARDICE SMITH  
LORNA ASHTON +  
HELEN BANHAM  
CHRISTINE BIRKS +  
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BRENDA BUCKLEY §  
LINDA BUTCHER  
ALISON COATES  
BRENDA COLLINGWOOD  
LYNN COTTON  
MARY CROSSLEY  
EVA DALE \*\*\*  
VAL DAWSON  
SUSAN DODD  
SUSAN DONOHUE  
CLAIRE ELLIS  
FIONA FARAGHER  
BERYL FARRAR  
MARGARET HALLAM +  
MARGARET HALLETT  
JILL HAMNETT  
PATRICIA HEATON  
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MARGARET JONES §  
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TERESA MACIEJEWSKI  
MARGARET MARTIN  
JANICE MURRAY  
IRIT NARKISS  
PAULINE O'DALY  
JUNE O'GRADY  
JOAN PEARTON  
SALLY POWELL  
MAUREEN PRICE  
NICOLA RAINE  
MARJORIE RICHARDS +  
JULIA ROBINSON  
ELAINE SHAW +  
JANEANE TAYLOR  
SHEILA TOLLEY  
JACKIE TURNBULL  
MARGARET ULYATT  
BRENDA WILDISH  
BARBARA WILLIAMS §  
ANNE WILLIAMSON

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PAT ASHWORTH  
MARJORIE BARKER  
CAROL BEDFORD  
IRENE CADMAN  
ROSALIND CORSER §  
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MAGGIE CULKIN  
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BEVERLEY HARPER  
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MARJORIE HIRST  
JULIE HOLLIS  
ANN HOPE  
SUE HOWARD  
SUE HUTCHINSON  
EILEEN JOHNSON  
ANN JOYCE  
JANET LINDLEY  
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MARGARET RAWLINS  
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CLAIRE SULLIVAN  
CAROL VAUDREY  
ELIZABETH WIENER  
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DAVID ALLEN  
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BARRY COTTON  
LAWRENCE CROFT  
JOHN DEARDEN  
GILES DENNIS  
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BRIAN FARRAR  
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RODNEY PORTER  
JOHN RICHARDS  
ALAN SCOTT  
JOHN SAXON  
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HELEN TAYLOR  
KEITH WIENER

### BASSES

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GEORGE HARDY  
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BARRY HARPER  
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HENRY HOPE  
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## Future Programme

# “REQUIEM”

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH  
SUNDAY May 4th 2014

7.00p.m.

The two most celebrated and popular French  
sacred works ever composed:

*The Fauré Requiem &  
The Durufle Requiem*

Soloists and organist to be confirmed.

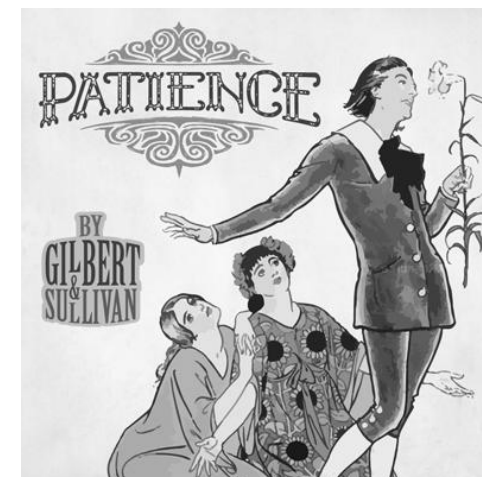
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*With the RNCM Concert Hall closed for  
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Church in May to perform these two  
atmospheric works.*

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SUNDAY JUNE 22nd

At 7.30pm.

AT THE MIDDLETON ARENA  
OLDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

By popular demand:  
“ANOTHER”

**Gilbert & Sullivan Gala!**

Abridged versions of

**The Mikado &  
Patience**

Presented by

Donald Maxwell (Narrator)

With Jeffrey Lawton and

a cast of G & S specialists inc.:  
Sarah Helsby-Hughes, Nick Sales,  
Joan Rawstron, Philip Hindle  
and the  
National Festival Orchestra

