

# CHRISTMAS 2017

Friday December 22nd at 7.30pm

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH

Merry Christmas Buon Natale  
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★ FELIZ NATAL FROHE WEIHNACHTEN  
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MERRY CHRISTMAS ★ ★ Joyeux Noël  
Рождеством Христовым FROHE WEIHNACHTEN

## OLDHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Conductor: Nigel Wilkinson

Accompanist: Angela Lloyd-Mostyn

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With guests

## OLDHAM BAND (LEES)

Conductor: John Collins

**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.

*The Star Carol (John Rutter)*  
*Christmas Lullaby (John Rutter)*  
*The Sussex Carol (arr. Jacques)*

**THE OLDHAM BAND (LEES)**  
*Santaclaus-trophobia (arr. Sandy Smith)*  
*Candlelight Carol (Rutter arr. Mallett )*  
*The First Noel (arr. Tighe)*

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

O little town of Bethlehem,	O morning stars, together
How still we see thee lie!	Proclaim the holy birth,
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep	And praises sing to God the King,
The silent stars go by.	And Peace to men on earth;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth	For Christ is born of Mary;
The everlasting Light;	And, gathered all above,
The hopes and fears of all the years	While mortals sleep, the angels
Are met in thee tonight.	keep their watch of wondering 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 to 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.

*Noel Nouvelet (Trad. French arr. Rutter)*  
*Gabriel's message (Trad. Basque arr. Willcocks)*

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

Ding dong merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing  
Ding dong verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And "io, io, io," by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

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

***THE OLDHAM BAND (LEES)***  
***Sleigh Ride***  
***Away in a Manger (arr. Graham) (Flug/Cornet Solo)***  
***Three Kings Swing***

**We all stand for the CAROL: Good King Wenceslas**

***ALL: Good King Wenceslas look'd out on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even:  
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel.***

***Male voices: "Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"***

***Female voices: "Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain."***

**Male voices:** "Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither:  
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."

**ALL:** Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,  
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

**Female voices:** "Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."

**Male voices:** "Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them boldly,  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly."

**ALL:** In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,  
You who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

**Band and choir:** *The Shepherds' Farewell (Berlioz)*  
*O Holy Night (Adam arr. NW [2007])*

**THE OLDHAM BAND (LEES)**  
*The Kingdom Triumphant*  
*Jingle Bells (arr. Ashmore)*

*I'll be home for Christmas (Walter Kent arr. NW [2017])*  
**Choir and band:** *We need a little Christmas (Jerry Herman)*

**We all stand for the final 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 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 th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! The herald.....*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen 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.....*