

CHRISTMAS 2016

**Friday
December 16th
at 7.30pm**



**OLDHAM
PARISH
CHURCH**

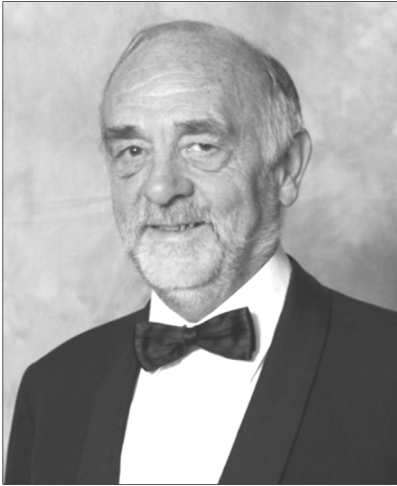
**OLDHAM
CHORAL
SOCIETY**

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

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**With guests
The Award Winning
OLDHAM BAND (LEES)**

Conductor: John Collins



Chairman's Notes

Welcome to our Annual Christmas Concert here in Oldham Parish Church.

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.

As we move into 2017, our immediate thoughts turn towards Handel's "Messiah" which we will be performing in the wonderful Concert Hall of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on Sunday April 2nd, which happens to be Passion Sunday.

It is quite some years since we performed this work, and we hope that you will turn out in great numbers to hear us perform this iconic work alongside 4 international class soloists and our superb orchestra.

Thank you for all your support, and I hope you enjoy this evening's concert. Please join us for refreshments at the rear of the church before you make your way home.

Fred Jones.

If you would like to sing with the choir please visit our website :

www.oldhamchoral.org.uk

or contact me:

**Fred Jones on
0161 205 4638**

Rehearsals are held every Monday evening at Chadderton Town Hall

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

Annual membership fee is low

We are a very friendly and sociable organisation

**YOU COULD BE A PART OF
OUR EXCITING FUTURE**

**Why not join us for our
"Messiah" rehearsals which
commence on
Monday Jan. 9th 2017!**

PROGRAMME

A Fanfare for Christmas (Robin Wells)
Hail Smiling Morn (A glee by Reginald Spofforth [1810])

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)

OLDHAM BAND (LEES)

Dies Natalis - John Golland

Frosty the Snowman

- S Nelson/J Rollins arr. S Smith

Tuba Soloist: Josh Flynn

***For news and updates
about the choir and band
please visit our websites:
www.oldhamchoral.org.uk
& www.oldhamband.co.uk***



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.



The Shepherd's Pipe Carol (John Rutter)
The Nativity carol (John Rutter)
The Gift (Judith Longley 2016)

OLDHAM BAND (LEES)
A Christmas Overture - John Golland

A Christmas Song
– Mel Tormé / Wells arr. P Sparke

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

The Sans Day Carol (Trad. arr. Rutter)
White Christmas (Irving Berlin arr. NW)

OLDHAM BAND (LEES)

Away in a Manger - P Graham *Coronet Soloist: Alan Hobbins*

Yule Dance - Philip Harper

Please put our next concert in your diary:

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

Sunday April 2nd 2017 at 7.00pm

At the RNCM

Soloists:

Natasha Jouhl, Louise Winter,
Mucchala Amar and Henry Waddington.

The East Lancs Sinfonia

Cond: Nigel P. Wilkinson

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Bookings via the RNCM Box Office / Website



We all stand for the CAROL: The First Nowell

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

LADIES

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.

[Refrain]

MEN

Then enter'd in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offer'd there, in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.

[Refrain]



ALL

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

[Refrain]



*In the bleak midwinter (Harold Darke)
I wish you Christmas (John Rutter)
Let it snow (Jule Styne arr. NW)*

WE all stand for the final CAROL:
O Come all ye faithful

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 (3)
Christ the Lord

God of God, light of light.
Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God. Begotten not created.
[Refrain]

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exaltation.
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
"Glory to God in the highest"
[Refrain]

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