

**OLDHAM  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY**

**In  
OLDHAM  
PARISH  
CHURCH**

**On  
FRIDAY,  
21<sup>st</sup>  
December  
2018  
At 7.30pm**

*oldham  
choral  
society*

Registered Charity 518255



**Family Christmas Concert**

**Conductor : Nigel P Wilkinson**

**Accompanist: Angela Lloyd Mostyn**

**With guests**

**Ashton Band**

**Conductor: Philip Chalk**

## We all stand for the 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, 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: <i>O come, let us ...</i>	Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God in the highest: <i>O come, let us ...</i>
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Sans Day Carol (traditional, arranged by Rutter)  
The Little Road to Bethlehem (Michael Head)



**ASHTON BRASS BAND**  
Shining Star (Peter Graham)  
Christmas Festival (Leroy Anderson)



## 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 heaven's 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 lonely plains they bend on heavenly wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has 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.  
Oh 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 comes round the age of gold.  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

And the Glory the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah by Handel)  
For Unto Us a Child is Born (from Messiah by Handel)

**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,  
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.



**ASHTON BRASS BAND**

Carol of the Bells (arranged by Darrol Barry)  
Brillante (Peter Graham) – Euphonium soloist: Matthew Hill  
Schneewalzer (traditional, arranged by Goff Richards)

I wish you Christmas (Rutter)  
Jingle bells (arranged by NW)

**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 angel-singing.  
*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis, gloria, hosanna in excelsis*

E'en so here below, below let steeple bells be swungen,  
And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen.  
*Gloria, hosanna ...*

Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers.  
*Gloria, hosanna ...*





## ASHTON BRASS BAND

The Spirit of Christmas (Peter Graham)

White Christmas (Irving Berlin)

Santa-Claustrophobia (arranged by Sandy Smith)

I'll be Home for Christmas (Walter Kent, arranged by NW)

Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah by Handel)

### We all stand for the CAROL: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald-angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King."*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the ever-lasting 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-angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King".*



**Thank you for joining us for  
our festive concert.  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.**

