

**Oldham  
Choral  
Society**

**Directed by**

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**Oldham  
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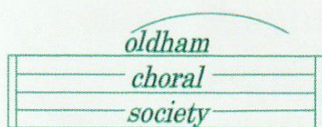
**With Guests**

**Ashton  
Band**

**Directed by  
Martyn Evans**

**7.30 pm**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2022**



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# Traditional Family Christmas Concert

**RAFFLE - REFRESHMENTS - in aid of Church Funds**

## Programme

More information: Facebook: Oldham-Choral-Society  
<https://www.oldhamchoral.org.uk>

## **AUDIENCE 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: O come, let us adore him etc

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above,  
'Glory to God in the highest', O come! let us adore him etc

## **CHOIR**

Shepherd's Pipe Carol (Rutter)  
For unto us a child is born (Handel)  
The Sans Day Carol (Cornish carol arr. Rutter)



## **ASHTON BAND**

### **AUDIENCE 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 thy 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 wond'ring 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.

## **CHOIR**

The Sussex Carol (Trad arr. Willcocks)  
I saw a maiden (Basque Carol arr. Pettman)

## **ASHTON BAND:**



## **AUDIENCE 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! 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

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glory streams from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia',  
Christ the saviour is born! Christ the saviour is born.

## **CHOIR**

Christmas Singalong (Arr NW)  
I'll be home for Christmas

## **AUDIENCE CAROL: While Shepherds watched (Jackson)**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.

Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind);  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:

'All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease.'

### **ASHTON BAND:**

### **CHOIR:**

We wish you a Merry Christmas (Trad. Arr Warrell)  
Hallelujah Chorus (Handel) - you are invited to join in.  
A Gaelic Blessing (Rutter)



### **AUDIENCE 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 everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veil'd 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 Sun 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'.