



A celebration of Epworth at Christmas



Tuesday 15th December 7.30

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York Road Project

Welcome

**Pam Curnock, Honorary Secretary
Epworth Choir**

We are delighted to welcome you to our celebration of Epworth on-line event. Sit back and enjoy a look back at some of our previous concerts with videos from 2006, 2009 and 2013 and live music from Michael Waldron our musical director and Laurence Williams our accompanist. We have provided all the words so you can sing along if you would like (don't worry we won't be able to hear you).

This year has been difficult for everyone and the choir has not been together in person since March but we have still been meeting every week through zoom calls and would like to thank Michael and Laurence for all their hard work in making this so enjoyable. We will have a rich choice of music to sing next year when we can finally perform together again.

We are supporting the York Road Project as our charity of the year and would ask that you make a donation of whatever you can afford to them.



York Road Project

Our Mission

Our mission is to share the Christian gospel of God's love and compassion to those in need in the Borough of Woking and surrounding areas regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion, belief and sexual orientation. We believe that everyone has a right to a home, regardless of the difficulties and issues they may face in their lives. We also believe in showing those who need support that the wider community is there to help and to offer hope for a better future.

Our Aims

Our ultimate aim is to support anyone experiencing homelessness into permanent accommodation. We recognise that not everyone is ready to live independently and support them with any difficulties creating barriers to accessing stable accommodation.

Our History

We have a long history of supporting people experiencing homelessness in Woking. Starting as a soup kitchen and winter shelter run by volunteers from churches in the local area before officially becoming a charity in 2001 offering a range of services all year round.

Torches from 2013 at HG Wells

Torches! Torches! Run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem
Christ is born and now lies sleeping
Come and sing your song to him

Sleep you well my hearts own darling
While we sing you our Ro-Ro

Sing my friends and make you merry
Joy and mirth and joy again
Lo, he lives the King of Heaven
Now and evermore Amen



Rev. Peter Hills - Christmas message & Prayer



Silent Night – Audience Carol

Accompanied by Michael Waldron

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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



Michael Waldron - Piano solo



Reading:

Marian Wernham - A Christmas Advent poem by John Betjeman




The Very Best Time of Year from 2006 at HG Wells

Christmas trees and boughs of holly,
Yuletide logs and mistletoe;
Candles burning bright,
And meadows frosty white,
And faces in the firelight's glow;

Sounds of happy children's voices
Singing carols that you love to hear;
Then the silence of the night
And the winter air so still and clear.

Feels like you could reach and touch the sky,
Or catch a star and fly away;
Feels like you could wish
For peace on earth,
And all at once
It would come, some day.

Families and friends together
Feel a special kind of love and cheer,
Sharing all the joys of Christmas time:
The very best time of year.
Families and friends together
Feel a special kind of love and cheer,
Sharing all the joys of Christmas time:



Joy to the World – Audience Carol

Accompanied by Tony Kent

1.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and
nature sing.

2.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.



Have yourself a merry little Christmas from 2013 at HG Wells

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
Next year all our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the Yule-tide gay
Next year all our troubles will be miles away

Here we are as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us once more

Through the years we all will be together
If the fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the nearest bough
So have yourself a merry little Christmas now...



Laurence Williams – Solo



Inebriate Days of Christmas from 2013 at HG Wells

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

A half pint of lemon shandy

Two mugs of cider

Three pale ales

Four cherry Bs

Five tots of rum

Six pints of Porter

Seven Dry Martinis

Eight nips of whisky

Nine stiff Camparis

Ten gin and tonics

Eleven Double brandies

Twelve pints of bitter

Short Break



Appeal from the York Road Project



O Come All Ye Faithful – Audience Carol

Accompanied by Tony Kent

1.

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.

2.

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,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

3. (with descant)

O Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all that hear in heaven
God's holy word.
Give to our Father glory in the
Highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.



Reading:

**Barbara Crabb - Another Night Before Christmas
by Carol Ann Duffy**



O Christmas Tree from 2008 at Christchurch

O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
your verdant branches charm me
They're green when summer days are bright; they're green when winter snow is white
O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
your verdant branches charm me

O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
Such pleasure do you bring us
How often at this festive time as tree like you has been a sign
O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
Such pleasure do you bring us

O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
I'll not forget your beauty
Your patience hope and loyalty inspire us when we gaze on thee
O Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree
I'll not forget your beauty



Michael Waldron – Piano Solo



Christmas Past from 2013 at HG Wells

Joy to the world the Lord is come let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare his room and heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature
sing and heaven and nature sing.



It came upon a midnight clear that glorious song of old from angels bending near the
earth to touch their heart of gold.
Peace on the earth good will to men from heaven's all gracious King the world in solemn
stillness lay to hear the angels sing



Ding dong merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing
Ding done verily the sky is riven with angels singing
Gloria Gloria Gloria Hosanna in excelsis
E'en so here below below let steeple bells be swungen
And ioioio by priest and people sungen
Gloria Gloria Gloria Hosanna in excelsis



Infant holy, infant lowly for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all
Swift are winging, angels singing, Nowells ringing, tidings bringing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.



Deck the Halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la la la
T'is the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Fill the mead cup, drain the barrel
Fa la la la la la la la la
Troll the ancient yule tide carol
Fa la la la la la la la la



Once in Royal David's City – Audience Carol

Accompanied by Tony Kent

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.

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





Follow that Star from 2013 at HG Wells

Follow that Star
Ba da ba doo ba da ba da ba doo da..
One dark and stormy evening, through the wind and rain
There came a sight worth seeing 'cos it wasn't gonna happen again
Three kings

(Ba da ba doo ba da ba da ba doo da)
They'd seen a bright light in the sky
Without knowing who, what, when, where, why
They grabbed their gifts and off they went
Three Kings (They don't know what they do)


Just follow that star

They had to find the little town, they had to find a little town
It was not easy to be found

Just follow that star

They don't know what they do they just follow that star

Follow that star





Jingle Bells from 2009 at Christchurch

Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song
Just get a bob tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

