
ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY
and MAYFIELD BAND

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 12th December 1993 at 3.00pm
Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church, Upper Grosvenor Road

Carols for all the Family
Readings for Christmas

Mayfield Band Conductor -
Ken Rich

Benjamin Britten - Festival Cantata
"Rejoice in the Lamb"

Organist: Wilmarc Ellman
Conductor: Derek Watmough M.B.E.

Admission by Programme £3.50

CAROL CONCERT 12TH DECEMBER 1993

Mayfield Band	"A Christmas piece" (based on "The Sussex Carol") arranged by Goff Richards	
	"Carol Sinfonietta" Third Movement by Denis Wright	
Audience Carol	"Hark! the Herald Angels sing"	
Choir	"Zion hears the Watchmen's voices" followed by "The Chorale" - Bach	214.0
Reading	From "A Christmas Carol" - Charles Dickens <i>read by Geoffrey Stredder</i>	
Audience Carol	"Once in Royal David's City"	100.9
Organ Solo	Played by Wilmarc Ellman	
Choir	"Ding Dong! Merrily on High" "Zither Carol"	28.9 32.9
Reading	From "The Sepherd's Calendar December" by John Clare <i>Read by Joyce Stredder</i>	
Audience Carol	"The First Nowell" No descant.	156.9

INTERVAL

Mayfield Band	"A Christmas Suite" by S. Wood "A Caribbean Christmas" by Sandy Smith	
Audience Carol	"Away in a Manger"	2 G.
Choir	"Rejoice in the Lamb" - Britten	
Soloists	Ben Ashlin } Adrian Robins } Janet Wardel } Aidan Lee } David Adkins }	Trebles Alto Tenor Bass
Audience Carol	"Good King Wenceslas"	34 G
Reading	From "Cider with Rosie" by Laurie Lee <i>read by Richard Gosling</i>	
Choir	Nativity Carol	16 . 0
Reading	"Christmas" - John Betjeman <i>Read by Helen MacNab</i>	
Organ Solo	Played by Wilmarc Ellman	
Audience Carol	"O Come all ye faithful"	89 G T. W. S.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. 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 the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark! the herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born king.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven 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.

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun 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.

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

1. Once in Royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mery was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 feels for our sadness,
And he shares in our gladness.

5. 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.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. 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,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born to the
King of Israel*

2. 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:

3. And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far,
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:

4. This star drew nigh to the north west;
O'er Bethlehern it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

5. Then enter'd in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knees,
And offer'd there in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

AWAY IN A MANGER

1. Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laye down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where he lay
The little lord Jesus
Asleep in the hay

2. The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with thee there.

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

1. 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,
Gathering winter fuel.

2. Hither page and stand by me,
If thou know'st it telling.
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Undemeath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.

3. Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither.

Page and Monarch forth they went
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

4. Sire the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.
Make my footsteps good my page,
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage,
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

5. 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,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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:

3. Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:

4. Sing choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest:

5. Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given,
Word of the Father,
Born on Christmas Morning

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The choir rehearses on Monday evening from September to April. New members are always welcome and there is a simple private audition. Please contact Mr. Lee for further details.

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THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Saturday 21st May 1994 - 7.30 p.m.

90th BIRTHDAY GALA CONCERT

Sir Edward Elgar's

Dream of Gerontius

Joint performance with the Wiesbaden Lutherkirke Bach Choir in the presence of the Mayors of Tunbridge Wells and Southborough.

Tickets £9.00, £6.50, £4.50

(50p concession for OAP's and children.)

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December 12th The Opera Company - Concert - Trinity Arts Centre

January 16th Green Room Club Concert 3.00pm
Schubert, Prokofiev, Dvorak Assembly Hall
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