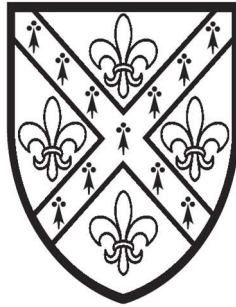


# St Hugh's College



## Advent Carol Service:

## Nine Lessons and Carols



26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

5pm

Maplethorpe Hall

## WELCOME TO OUR COLLEGE ADVENT CAROLS 2023

As we prepare to celebrate the gift of the child Jesus,  
let us hear afresh the mysterious events of his birth,  
ponder their meaning,  
and sing the praise of God who comes to us  
in the person of His newborn Son, Jesus.

You are invited to stand for the congregational hymns  
and remain seated for the Choir Carols and Readings

Anything in **Bold type** is said/sung together.

### ST HUGH'S COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR

Conducted by Organ Scholars:

James Hansen, Edie Guo, Taro Kobiyashi

Chapel Music Tutor and Pianist:

Daniel Chambers

College Chaplain:

Reverend Katie Tupling

*Our thanks go to all musicians, singers, readers, decorators,  
and caterers, who together have made this event happen*

Opening Carol

*(you are invited to stand)*

**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 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.**

**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 feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.**

**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.**

**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.**

*(Please sit)*

Welcome, Bidding Prayer

and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lesson 1      Genesis 3.8-13, 22-24

*The story of the Fall, and the origin of humanity's need of a Saviour*

Choir Carol Adam lay y-bounden (*Boris Ord*)

Lesson 2      Genesis 22.15-18

*God's promise that through Abraham's offspring He would bless all nations of the earth*

Hymn (*you are invited to stand*)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice!*  
*Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.***

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! Draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From the dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.  
***Rejoice! Rejoice!***  
***Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.***

*Men's  
voices for  
this verse*

O come, O come, thou dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's ling'ring gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.  
***Rejoice! Rejoice!***  
***Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.***

*Women's  
voices for  
this verse*

O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heav'nward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

*Men's  
voices for  
this verse*

***Rejoice! Rejoice!***

***Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.***

**O come, O come, A-do-na-i,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From that high mountain clothed with awe  
Gavest thy folk the elder law.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice!***

***Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.***

*Please sit*

Lesson 3      Isaiah 9.2-7

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light*

Choir Carol Tomorrow shall be my dancing day (*Trad.*)

Lesson 4      Isaiah 11.1-9

*The prophet foretells of Christ's peace*

Hymn (*you are invited to stand*)

**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.

*Choir only  
to sing this  
verse  
(a capella)*

**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!**

*Please sit*

Lesson 5      Luke 1.26-38  
*The angel Gabriel visits Mary*

Choir Carol    Gabriel's message (*Trad.*)

Hymn (you are invited to stand)

**Unto us is born a son,  
King of choirs supernal:  
See on earth his life begun,  
Of lords the Lord eternal.  
Of lords the Lord eternal.**

**Christ, from heav'n descending low,  
Comes on earth a stranger;  
Ox and ass their Owner know  
Be cradled in the manger.  
Be cradled in the manger.**

**This did Herod sore affray,  
And grievously bewilder,  
So he gave the word to slay,  
And slew the little childer.  
And slew the little childer.**

**Of his love and mercy mild  
This the Christmas story: And  
O that Mary's gentle Child  
Might lead us up to glory!  
Might lead us up to glory!**

**O and A and A and O,  
*Cum Cantibus in choro,*  
Let our merry organ go,  
*Benedicamus Domino.*  
*Benedicamus Domino.***

*Please sit*



Lesson 6      Matthew 1.18-23  
*St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

Hymn    *(you are invited to stand)*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**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.**

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

*Choir only  
to sing this  
verse  
(a capella)*

*Please sit*

Choir Carol    A virgin most pure *(arr. Charles Wood)*

Lesson 7      Luke 2.8-18  
*The angels greet the shepherds with good tidings*

Choir Carol  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow *(Spiritual arr. John Rutter)*

Hymn (you are invited to stand)

**The First Noel 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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took it rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those Wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**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 has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

Lesson 8      Matthew 2.1-11

*The Magi arrive from the East to see Jesus*

Hymn    (*you are invited to stand*)

**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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

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

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

**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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

*Please remain as you are for this reading:*

Lesson 9      John 1.1-14

*St John reflects on the mystery of God become human*

*Please sit*

Choir Carol    Ding, dong merrily on high (*Trad. arr Charles Wood*)

Hymn (you are invited to stand)

**Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King.***

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come  
Off-spring 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 newborn 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 newborn King.***

## The Collect and Blessing

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O GOD,

who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ:

Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him,  
when he shall come to be our judge;

who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

CHRIST, who by his Incarnation

gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly,  
grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill,  
and make you partakers of the divine nature;

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Please stay for mince pies and mulled wine.

We wish you all a Blessed Advent and a  
Happy Christmas to come!