

**EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND**

**Conductor**  
Graham Sheldon

**Flutes**  
Nigel Keen  
Alison Hughes  
Clare Chalkley  
Chris Blow  
Louise Sherwood  
Charlotte Westmoreland

**Oboe**  
Jo Chapman

**Clarinets**  
Andy Mattison  
Sandra Lane  
Wendy Eaton  
Christine Weller  
Joe Stafford  
Rob Burns  
Sue Moore  
Maggs Pohl  
Jane Brightwell  
Michael May

**Alto Clarinet**  
Brian Evans

**Bass Clarinet**  
Bob Stewart  
Matthew Wood

**Trumpets**  
David Walker  
Colin Palmer  
Ron Hazelwood  
Tony Wilson  
Simon Blow

**Saxophones**  
Marie Chalkley-Bowman  
Keren Mead  
Ian Page  
Graham Bell  
Stewart Bennett

**Bassoon**  
Sian Miller

**Horns**  
Duncan Gwyther  
Gary Copnal  
Roy Banks

**Trombones**  
Paul Gould  
Mike Barker  
Darren Biddulph

**Euphoniums**  
Fraser Westmoreland  
Geoff Batty

**Tuba**  
Steve Bennett  
Brian Bennett

**Percussion**  
Dorian Burt  
David Chapman  
Trevor Edwards  
Nick Latimer



**ST. NICHOLAS, SEVENOAKS**

*A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!*

**Christmas Praise  
with Eynsford Concert Band**



**7:00pm Sunday, 10th December 2000**

- Angels from the realms of glory,**  
Wing your flight through all the earth;  
Heralds of creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth!  
*Come and worship*  
*Christ, the new-born king:*  
*come and worship,*  
*worship Christ the new-born king.*
- Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching by your flocks at night,  
God with man is now residing:  
See, there shines the infant light!  
*Come and worship...*
- Wise men, leave your contemplations!  
Brighter visions shine afar;  
Seek in him the hope of nations,  
You have seen his rising star:  
*Come and worship...*  
*Christ, the new-born king:*  
*come and worship,*  
*worship Christ the new-born king.*
- Though an infant now we view him,  
He will share his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Every knee shall then bow down:  
*Come and worship...*

J. Montgomery (1771-1854)  
© in this version Jubilate Hymns

**Welcome and Prayer:** Rev. Philip de Grey-Warter

*Sousa* arr. Warren Barker  
*New Lamps for Old* by Gilbert Vinter  
*River Dance* arr. Cole

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| <p>1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night<br/>All seated on the ground,<br/>The angel of the Lord came down<br/>And glory shone around.</p> <p>2 'Fear not,' said he - for mighty dread<br/>Had seized their troubled mind -<br/>'Good news of greatest joy I bring<br/>To you and all mankind.</p> <p>5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith<br/>Appeared a shining throng<br/>Of angels praising God, who thus<br/>Addressed their joyful song:</p> | <p>3. 'To you in Bethlehem this day<br/>Is born of David's line -<br/>A saviour, who is Christ the Lord<br/>And this shall be the sign;</p> <p>4. The heavenly babe you there shall find<br/>To human view displayed,<br/>In simple clothing tightly wrapped<br/>And in a manger laid.'</p> <p>6. 'All glory be to God on high<br/>And to the earth be peace!<br/>To those on whom his favour rests<br/>Goodwill shall never cease.'</p> |
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**On this very special night  
The bells ring out  
An English Christmas by Clare Grundman**

<sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (<sup>2</sup>This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to his own town to register. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed in him a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you: he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
*(Luke 2:1-12, NIV)*

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| <p>1. <b>O little town of Bethlehem,</b><br/><i>how still we see thee lie!<br/>Above thy deep and dreamless sleep<br/>the silent stars go by.<br/>Yet in thy dark streets shineth<br/>the everlasting Light;<br/>The hopes and fears of all the years<br/>Are met in thee tonight.</i></p> <p>2. <i>O morning stars, together<br/>proclaim the holy birth,<br/>and praises sing to God the King,<br/>And peace to men on earth;<br/>For Christ is born of Mary,<br/>and gathered all above,<br/>while mortals sleep, the angels keep<br/>their watch of wondering love.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>How silently, how silently<br/>the wondrous gift is given!<br/>So God imparts to human hearts<br/>the blessings of His heaven<br/>No ear may hear His coming,<br/>But in this world of sin,<br/>where meek souls will receive Him, still<br/>the dear Christ enters in.</i></p> <p>4. <i>O holy Child of Bethlehem,<br/>descend to us, we pray;<br/>Cast out our sin, and enter in,<br/>Be born in us today.<br/>We hear the Christmas angels<br/>the great glad tidings tell;<br/>O come to us, abide with us,<br/>our Lord Immanuel!</i></p> |
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**Drama: Joy to the Mall**  
(Luke 2 for a new millennium)

Talk: Rev. Anthony Bewes

**Duet: Thorns in the Straw** by Graham Kendrick

*Since the day the angel came it seemed that everything had changed,  
The only certain thing was that the child moved within.  
On the road that would not end, winding down to Bethlehem,  
So far away from home.*

*Just a blanket on the floor of a vacant cattle stall,  
But there the child was born, she held him in her arms.  
And as she laid him down to sleep, she wondered, - "Will it always be  
So bitter and so sweet?"*

*And did she see there in the straw, by his head, a thorn?  
And did she smell myrrh in the air on that stormy night?  
And did she hear angels sing not so far away,  
'Til at last the sun rose blood-red in the morning sky?*

*Then the words of ancient seers, tumbled down the centuries,  
... A virgin shall conceive ... God with us ... Prince of Peace.  
Man of Sorrows—strangest name, "O, Joseph, there it goes again,  
So bitter yet so sweet."*

*And did she see there ...*

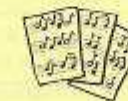
*And as she watched him through the years, her joy was mingled with fier tears,  
And she'd feel it all again, the glory, and the shame  
And when the miracles began she wondered, "Who is this man,  
And where will this all end?"*

*'Til against a darkening sky, the son she loved was lifted high,  
And with his dying breath, she heard him say "Father forgive"  
And to the criminal beside, "Today—with me in Paradise"  
So bitter yet so sweet.*

*And did she see there ...*

Graham Kendrick  
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**A Christmas Festival** arr. Leroy Anderson



1. **Hark the herald angels sing**  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all you 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 the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel:  
*Hark! The herald angels sing...*
3. Hail the heaven-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:  
*Hark! The herald angels sing...*

**Final Prayer:** Rev. Philip de Grey-Warter

## **ST NICHOLAS CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 13th December**  
10:30am Children's Carol Service  
With Mum & Co and Babies Club

**Sunday, 17th December**  
6:30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve**  
4:30pm Family Carols by Candlelight  
11:15pm Holy Communion

**Christmas Day**  
10:30am Christmas Family Service

If you would like information about activities at St Nicholas (including details about giving to St Nicholas) please talk to the Welcome Team at the Information Desk.



## **Eynsford Concert Band**

Since being established in 1972, the Eynsford Concert Band encourages players in and around the Kent area and in its relatively short history has many achievements to its name.

These achievements include tours of Malta, Cyprus, Austria, Canada, Spain, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and most recently Prague. The band has also been lucky enough to have played with the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the Royal Albert Hall and performed several times at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on London's South Bank. The recording of their album "By the Ford" is an important milestone. The album's exciting and varied musical programme was the result of an intensive course of practice and tuition from members of the BBC Symphony Orchestra. More recently the band has been presented with the Silver Award by the British Association of Symphonic Wind Band Ensembles.

Closer to home the roots of the band are not forgotten as the band are pleased to support local events and charities and recently performed at the Eynsford Millennium Concert. The local profile of the band is of great importance as new local venues for future concerts and new band members are constantly being sought. The band would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in finding out more.

Please contact Paul Gould on 01474 706665 for more information, or visit the website <http://come.to/eynsfordcb>.

## **Graham Sheldon (Conductor)**

After starting the cornet at the age of eight, Graham joined the Army in 1976, being trained at the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall. He has a strong association with military and brass band music, being musical director of the Essex Police Band and taking another group to the finals of the National Brass Band Championship at Wembley. Since May of this year, Graham has retired from his position as Band Sergeant Major in the Irish Guards and is currently working full-time for the Salvation Army.

The band is glad to welcome Graham for tonight's concert appearance, his performances always being popular with musicians and audience alike.

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