

Please join us at St. Nicholas
for any of our Christmas events

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER

10:30am Children's Carol Service
with Mum & Co and Babies Club

SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER

6:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Followed by warm fruit punch and mince pies

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER

9:15am and 11:00am
Children's Carol Service

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Family Carols by Candlelight
11:15pm Mid-night Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

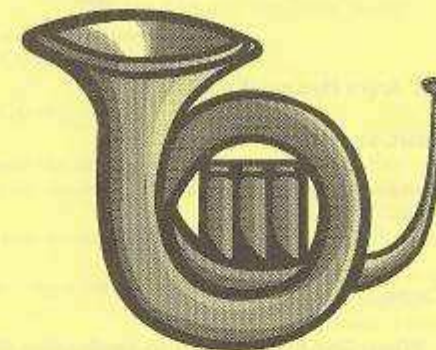
8:00am Holy Communion Service
10:00am Christmas Family Service
(followed by Communion)



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SEVENOAKS

A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
with Eynsford Concert Band**



7:00pm, Sunday 8th December 2002

Congregational Carol:

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...
3. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with
lowly fear:
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:
O come...
4. Lo, star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
we to the Christ-child
bring our hearts' oblations:
O come...
5. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
glory to God
in the highest:
O come...

Words and Music: John Francis Wade, trans. Frederick Caldale & Others

Welcome Message: Angus MacLeay (Rector)

Band: Alleluia – Mozart, arr. Pope

Band: Mary's Boy Child – arr. Philip Sparke

Congregational Carol:

1. **When God from heaven to earth came down**
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
the songs rang out in Bethlehem town
on Christmas Day in the morning.

(Women and Girls)
2. For Christ was born to save us all,
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
and laid within a manger stall
on Christmas Day in the morning.

(Men and Boys)

3. The shepherds heard the angels sing
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
to tell them of the saviour-king
on Christmas Day in the morning.

(All)
4. Now joy is ours and all is well,
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
so sound the organ, chime the bell
on Christmas Day in the morning!

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Tune: I saw three ships

Band: Beauty and the Beast – Ashman/Menken

St Michael's School Choir: The Angel's Song – Rutter

Church Music Group: Behold his love – Geoff Baker
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Church Choir and Band: The Bells ring out at Christmas time –
Miriam Richards, arr. Peter Young

Brass Group: A Christmas Cracker

Congregational Carol:

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 is 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 Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
who with the Father we adore
and Spirit blest for evermore.

Words and Music: 'William Sandys'
'Christmas Carols, Ancient & Modern', ed. Unknown (c. 17th Century)
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St Michael's School Choir: This Joy – Bob Chilcott

St Michael's School Choir & Band: The Snowman – Howard Blake, arr. Barnwell

Church Choir & Band: Joy to the World, arr. Hutchinson

Band: Little Fugue – Bach, arr. Rom



READING: Luke 2: 8-16: "The Shepherds and the Angels"

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



Christmas Drama – "Christmas Livelies"

Christmas Message: Anthony Bewes (Curate)

Congregational Carol:

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 the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald...


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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald...

C Wesley (1707-1788) and others

Band: French Carol - Roland Kernen

<p>Next Sunday morning: <i>Morning Service</i> Preacher: <i>Angus MacLeay</i> <i>2 Peter 3: 11-18</i> <i>"Christ will come again!</i> <i>Living in the light of the End."</i></p>	<p>Next Sunday evening: <i>Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols</i> <i>with the Choir followed by warm fruit</i> <i>punch and mine pies.</i></p>
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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 Welcome Desk.

 **Please think! Are you parked in the Rectory Car Park**
Please leave PROMPTLY after the service if you are blocking anyone in.

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CONDUCTOR – COLIN PALMER

A performer with us for some 22 years, Colin began his musical adventure at an early age, and soon progressed to pass the Associated Board Grade 8 Trumpet Exam at the age of 13. He spent time as a member of the English Boys Choir and has performed in many diverse musical groups, even including a 10-piece Jazz Band called Fascinating Rhythm. Performance is now Colin's second love.

Colin has now been formally appointed as our Assistant MD, after many years of directing the band ad hoc during rehearsals and sectionals and at various concerts. Colin's conducting and directing skills are well honed after many years of experience in other groups.

He is Assistant Musical Director of the Belvedere Concert Band, and has been Musical Director for Biggin Hill Light Operatic Society and Swanley Light Operatic Society and has most recently been Musical Director at the Stag Theatre for their productions of "The Student Prince", "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum" and "Annie Get Your Gun." For the Sevenoaks Players, "Carousel", "My Fair Lady", "An Evening with Rogers and Hammerstein" and "An evening with Andrew Lloyd Webber" and for the Riverside Players "Calamity Jane".

Colin's position as Musical Director of Swanley Light Opera Group since 1987 has also taken him into teaching; coaching singing and harmony gives Colin much satisfaction, and this is an aspect of his career he has extended by becoming a part-time Peripatetic Music Teacher (teaching trumpet, keyboard and singing) at Wilmington Grammar School for Boys. He is also Assistant Director of Wilmington Youth Music.

He has a great interest in powerboating and jointly runs Rival Sea School, which offers RYA powerboating courses.



EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

Eynsford Concert Band was founded in 1972. Though it has a relatively short history, the band has rapidly developed into a successful group of talented musicians. Since it began, the band has performed many hundreds of times in theatres, parks and gardens, at fetes, musical contests and festivals, locally, countrywide and while abroad on tour.

The band has also 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 band has recorded two albums. The second, "By the Ford" was recorded at the end of an intensive course with the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

The band tours extensively, regular tours in the UK and abroad. Past destinations have included Prague, Cyprus, Austria, Canada, Spain, Germany, Southern Ireland, the Netherlands and most recently a visit to Malta. The band has always been warmly welcomed and has performed to large audiences in each country.

The village of Eynsford in Kent serves as base for the band's ventures. Eynsford may seem little known, but should be thought of as a well kept secret as it is one of Kent's most beautiful and historic villages.



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL CHOIR

St Michael's School Choir consists of children aged between 8 and 12 years. It has been directed by Glynis Dickinson and Joanna Chapman for the last three years. During this time they have recorded a CD and performed regularly in concerts at the school and in Shoreham and Eynsford Churches. This year, their venues have varied from carol-singing outside Sainsbury's in Oxford, to performing on the stage at Disneyland Paris!