

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

SUNDAY, 19th DECEMBER

9:15 & 11am Children's Carol Service
6:30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Followed by warm fruit punch and mince pies

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Family Carols by Candlelight
11:15pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

St. Nicholas SEVENOAKS

A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

with Eynsford Concert Band

Conductor: John Hutchins

&

Walthamstow Hall Choir

Choir Master: Peter Newell



**7:00pm,
Sunday 12th December 2004**

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 Patrick Wade, trans. Frederick Oakeley & Others

Welcome: Revd. Joe Dent

Band: *Sleeping Beauty* – Tchaikovsky

School Choir: *Joseph Dearest* – trad. arr. Imogen Holst
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day – John Rutter

Congregational Carol:

1. **Holy child, how still you lie!**
Safe the manger, soft the hay;
faint upon the eastern sky
breaks the dawn of Christmas Day.
2. Holy child, whose birthday brings
shepherds from their field and fold,
angel choirs and eastern kings,
myrrh and frankincense and gold:
3. Holy child - what gift of grace
from the Father freely willed!
In your infant form we trace
All God's promises fulfilled.
4. Holy child, whose human years
span like ours delight and pain:
one in human joys and tears,
one in all but sin and stain:
5. Holy child, so far from home,
sons of men to seek and save,
to what dreadful death you come,
to what dark and silent grave!
6. Holy child, before whose name
powers of darkness faint and fall;
conquered, death and sin and shame –
Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

7. Holy child, how still you lie!
Safe the manger, soft the hay;
Clear upon the eastern sky,
Breaks the dawn of Christmas Day.

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Church Music Group:

What kind of greatness can this be,
that chose to be made small?
Exchanging untold majesty
for a world so pitiful.
That God should come as one of us,
I'll never understand.
The more I hear the story told,
the more amazed I am.

*O what else can I do
but kneel and worship you,
and come just as I am,
my whole life an offering.*

The One in whom we live and move
in swaddling clothes lies bound.
The voice that cried, "Let there be light",
asleep without a sound.
The One who strode among the stars,
and called each one by name,
lies helpless in a mother's arms
and must learn to walk again.

What greater love could he have shown
to shamed humanity,
yet human pride hates to believe
in such deep humility.
But nations now may see his grace
and know that he is near,
when his meek heart, his words, his works
are incarnate in us.

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Band: *Carol of the Drum* – Davies

Church Choir: *Iona, Hebridean Carol* – Peter Kennerley and Edmund Walters

With moon on sea, with shining star, with pilgrim song, Iona,
This Christmas night our prayers we bring, now sleep in peace, Iona.
The earth is silent and waiting, with saint and martyr now sleeping,
O Jesus Christ, our Saviour dear, now bless this land, Iona.
Three crosses stand beside the sea, on silent shore, Iona,
The love of God for man is here, encircled round, Iona.
The cross the story of dying, the ring of living for evermore,
O Jesus Christ, our Saviour dear, now bless this land, Iona.

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Band: *Sleepers Awake* - Bach

School Choir and Band: *When Christ was born* - Parry

Congregational Carol:

1. Joy to the world – the Lord has come!
let earth receive her king
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing!
2. Joy to the earth – the saviour reigns!
let songs be heard on high,
while fields and streams and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
wherever guilt is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
the wonders of his love.

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Band: Festive Overture - Shostakovich

Church Choir & Band: I Saw Three Ships - arr. Malcolm Archer

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| 1. I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning, | 5. O they sailed in to Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
O they sailed in to Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning, |
| 2. And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning, | 6. And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning, |
| 3. Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas Day in the morning, | 7. And all the angels in heaven shall sing,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And all the angels in heaven shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning, |
| 4. Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning, | 8. And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning, |
| 9. Then let us all rejoice again!
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day,
Then let us all rejoice again!
On Christmas Day in the morning, | |

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Bible Reading: David Killingray

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Band: The Wonder of Christmas – Chattaway

Christmas Drama: The Visit

Christmas Message: Revd. Angus MacLeay

Congregational Carol:

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| 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.'
<i>Hark, the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King</i> | 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.
<i>Hark, the herald...</i> |
| 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.
<i>Hark, the herald...</i> | |

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Combined Choirs and Band: *Hallelujah Chorus* – Handel

The Blessing: Revd. Joe Dent

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.



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Please leave PROMPTLY after the service if you are blocking anyone in.**

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CONDUCTOR – JOHN HUTCHINS



John Hutchins has enjoyed connections with ECB for some time and was appointed conductor in 2003.

Graduating from the Royal Academy of Music with a first class honours degree John is enjoying a career as a freelance trumpeter. He has performed worldwide with orchestras such as the Royal Opera House Orchestra, the Ulster Orchestra and the Philharmonia. John is also a keen exponent of Baroque music specialising on the natural trumpet (without valves). He performs and records with some of the world's finest Baroque ensembles including The Kings Consort, The Sixteen, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, Florilegium, the Hanover Band, the New York Collegium and the Stuttgart Baroque Orchestra.

Brass coaching features highly in John's career, encompassing work as far afield as the Vietnamese Symphony Orchestra and Wells International School of Music. He has also contributed to various brass publications and co-written a study book for trumpet. He currently teaches at Junior Trinity College and is Professor of Baroque Trumpet at the Royal Academy of Music.

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.

In recent years they have done a Master Class with Dennis Wick, world famous trombone player, toured Malta and have played at Waterford Cathedral, Northern Ireland. Their main project this year is the completion of the Grade 1-athon exam with the Royal Academy of Music through which they have raised £10,000 for Childline.

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, and the Netherlands. 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.

