

# **St. Nicholas SEVENOAKS**

*A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!*

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**with Eynsford Concert Band**

**Conductor: John Hutchins**

**&**

**Granville School Choir**

**Conductor: Pat Holt**

**Accompanist: Janet Sharp**



**7:00pm,  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**Congregational Carol:** arr. Rickard

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 Oakeley & Others

**Welcome:** The Revd. Joe Dent, Associate Rector

**Band:** *Fanfare for a Festival* – Malcolm Arnold

**School Choir:** *Advent Carol* - Porritt/Coombes  
*Something told the wild geese* - Field/Back

**Congregational Carol:**

1. **Unto us a Boy is born!**  
King of all creation,  
Came He to a world forlorn  
The Lord of every nation,  
The Lord of every nation.
2. Cradled in a stall was He  
With sleepy cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see  
That He all men surpasses,  
That He all men surpasses.

3. Herod then with fear was filled:  
'A prince,' he said, 'in Jewry!'  
All the little boys he killed  
At Beth'lem in his fury,  
At Beth'lem in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's Son, who came  
So long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame  
Unto the joys above us,  
Unto the joys above us.
5. Alpha and Omega He!  
Let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee  
Doth rend the air asunder!  
Doth rend the air asunder!

German (15<sup>th</sup> C.) tr. Percy Dearmer d.1936  
From the Oxford Book of Carols, OUP

**Church Music Group:** *Good enough for him* – Peter Chesters,  
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Jesus was born in a stable, there was no room at the inn;  
He has a stall for a cradle, that was good enough for him.

Cattle asleep in the corner, Joseph kept watch from within,  
Can you imagine the sorrow? That was good enough for him.

No kingly robes for his vesture, no royal hall for this one;  
But Mary cradled her treasure, for he was God's dear Son.

Jesus was born in a stable, there was no room at the inn;  
He has a stall for a cradle, that was good enough for him,  
And that was good enough for him.

**Band:** *Veni Immanuel* – Philip Sparke

**Church Choir:** *Little Baby Born at Midnight* – John Bertalot

**Band:** *Jungle Book* – Marcell Peeters

**School Choir:** *By the light of a distant star* - Carl Strommen

**Congregational Carol:**

1. **O little town of Bethlehem,**  
how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in your dark streets shining  
is everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in you tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love:  
O morning stars together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to men on earth.
3. How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven:  
no ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him – still  
the dear Christ enters in.
4. 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.

P Brooks (1835-1893)

**Band:** *Christmas in the Round*

**School Choir:** *O come, all you children* arr. Kevin Riehle  
*Jingle Bells* arr. Ray Charles

**Church Choir & Band:** *Noel Nouvelet* - Rutter

**Bible Reading:** David Cranfield

**Luke 2:8-14**

<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."

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



**Church Drama:** "Keeping Watch"

**Christmas Message:** The Revd. Angus MacLeay, Rector

**Band:** *Once in Royal David's city* – Philip Sparke

**Congregational Carol:** arr. Rickard

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

**The Blessing:** The Revd. Joe Dent, Associate Rector



## **EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND**

The Eynsford Concert Band is a symphonic wind band that has been based in the village of Eynsford, Kent since 1972. Over the years, the band has developed into a successful group of talented musicians, performing regularly in theatres, concert halls, musical contests and festivals at home and abroad.

Our musical direction has been under the lead of John Hutchins since 2003. John graduated from the Royal Academy of Music with a first class honours degree and is now enjoying a career as a freelance trumpeter performing worldwide with orchestras such as The Royal Opera House Orchestra, The Ulster Orchestra, and The Philharmonia. Additionally, John teaches at Junior Trinity College and is Professor of Baroque trumpet at the Royal Academy of Music, where he was recently elected an Associate.

2006 has been a busy year for the band. In addition to our regular concert programme, we have released our second CD "Beyond the Ford", performed at the Trinity College of Music, performed while cruising the Norwegian Fjords and competed in the regional heats of the British Association of Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles (BASBWE) national competition.

The Christmas Celebration at St. Nicholas Church represents 'the start of Christmas' for all of us in the Eynsford Concert Band and we are delighted to be asked to return to play our part on this special occasion.

The band is a Registered Charity (No. 277086). Further details on the band, including our history, concerts and information on how to join us can be found on our website: [www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk](http://www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk). Copies of our CD "Beyond the Ford" will be available at the end of the performance.



## **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 the 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.



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

### **SUNDAY, 17th DECEMBER**

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

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00pm Family Carols by Candlelight  
4:00pm Christmas Eve @ Lady Boswell's *followed by tea*  
(No 6:30pm evening service)  
11:15pm Midnight Communion

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### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

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 take prompt action after the service.**

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