

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

**SUNDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
9:15 & 11am Children's Carol Service

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**SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**  
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  
11:15pm Midnight Communion

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
8:00am Holy Communion Service  
10:00am Christmas Family Celebration  
*followed by Communion*  
10:00am Christmas All Age Service @ Lady Boswell's School



Rectory and Church Car Park  
**Please remember!!** If your car is blocking anyone else in,  
please be available to move it PROMPTLY after the service.

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## St. Nicholas SEVENOAKS

*A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!*

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**  
**with Eynsford Concert Band**  
Conductor: John Hutchins

&

**Sevenoaks Preparatory School**  
**Chamber Choir**  
Conductor: Nik Pears  
Accompanist: Emma Pears



**7:00pm,**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**Welcome:** The Revd. Angus MacLeay, Rector

**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 myrrrh;  
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 Calverley & Others

**Band:** *O Magnum Mysterium* – M Lauridson

**School Choir:** *Sleigh Ride* – Mitchell Parish and Leroy Anderson

**Congregational Carol:**

1. **See, amid the winter snow,**  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the gentle Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years.  
*Hail, O ever-blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*
2. Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies,  
he who, throned in height sublime,  
reigns above the cherubim.  
*Hail, O ever...*
3. Say, you humble shepherds, say  
what's your joyful news today?  
Tell us why you left your sheep  
on the lonely mountain steep:  
*Hail, O ever...*

4. Sacred infant, King most dear,  
what a tender love was here,  
thus to come from highest bliss,  
down to such a world as this!  
*Hail, O ever...*
5. Holy Saviour, born on earth,  
teach us by your lowly birth;  
grant that we may ever be  
taught by such humility.  
*Hail, O ever...*

Words and Music: Edward Caswell

**Church Music Group:** *Immanuel* – Peter Harlow

"Mary, you will bear a son, and you will call his name: Jesus.  
He shall be great, the Son of the Most High God.  
The Lord will give to him the throne of his father David,  
And of his kingdom there will be no end,  
And he shall reign for ever over the house of Jacob."

1. In these days, the Lord will give a sign:  
A young woman shall conceive and bear a son,  
And the government shall be upon his shoulders  
And his reign of peace will never end.  
In Bethlehem the babe is born  
Within a cattle stall,  
So heaven's joy becomes a boy  
And lives among us all.  
*Immanuel, come down,  
In human form be found,  
What mystery surrounds your birth!  
Immanuel, you're here,  
My rescuer come near,  
God's glory has appeared on earth.*
2. Those who dwell in darkness shall see light  
As his glory is revealed to all the world.  
And the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him  
And his name shall be called Immanuel.  
How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given,  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heaven.  
*Immanuel, come down ...*  
  
Immanuel, Immanuel, you're the Lord Immanuel;  
God with us, God with us, you're the Lord who's come to us;

Based on Luke 1:30-33 and Isaiah 9:6-7  
Music and original words: P. Harlow © 2007

**Band:** *A Christmas Carol Fantasy* – T Hoshide

**Church Choir and Wind Ensemble:** *Past Three O'Clock* – Trad., arr. Peter Young

School Choir: *Who would imagine a King?* – Mervyn Warren

Congregational Carol:

- 1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to Bethlehem's 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. Then wise men from a country far  
looked up and saw a guiding star;  
they travelled on by night and day  
to reach the place where Jesus lay:  
  
Nowell, Nowell,....
- 3. At Bethlehem they entered in,  
on bended knee they worshipped him;  
they offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:  
  
Nowell, Nowell,....
- 4. Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
for Christ has our salvation wrought  
and with his blood mankind has bought:  
  
Nowell, Nowell,....

Unknown (c. 17<sup>th</sup> Century)  
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Band: *Sheep May Safely Graze* – J S Bach

Church Choir and organ: *Mary's Magnificat* – Andrew Carter

Church Drama: *"It's What It's All About"*

Bible Reading: John 1:1-14 (p1063, NIV)

John 18:33-38

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"  
<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"  
<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"  
<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."  
<sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.  
Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."  
<sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Christmas Message: The Revd. Joe Dent, Associate Rector

Band: *Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral* – R Wagner

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...*

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The Blessing: The Revd. Angus MacLeay, Rector



## EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

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 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.

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)

## 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.

