

St Nicholas Sevenoaks

Growing in the Gospel

A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

with Eynsford Concert Band

Conductor: John Hutchins

&

**Walthamstow Hall
Junior School Choir:**

Cantores

Conductor: Peter Newell

Accompanist: Carolyn Cabrera



7pm,

Sunday 7th December 2008

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 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

Concert Band: *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* – G Holst

School Choir: *Adam lay y bounden* – Robert Jones

1. Adam lay y bounden, bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
2. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkés finden, written in their book.
3. Ne had the apple taken, the apple taken been,
Ne had ne'er our Lady abeen Heavéné Queen.
4. Blessed be the time, that apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen: Deo-gracias.

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. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
the wonders of his love.

L.Watts (1674-1748)
© in this version Jubilate Hymns

Church Music Group: *Look At Us Now* – Adrian Snell

Mary:

Never thought that it could – never thought that I would –
Such a helpless child and yet I know he's so much more than ...

Joseph:

Here I am a father, yet I'm not his father,
Can't imagine why the Lord should ever choose to leave his son with me

Mary:

Don't know how to hold him, how to get to know him,
It's all so new, it's all so strange but what a change it's going to make in us!
Oh, it's such a wonder to me Lord: I just don't know how to find the words
Never thought I'd ever see the day, nothing else I know could feel this way

Mary & Joseph:

What a night, what a life, here in our lives – look at us now!

Mary:

Not the best of places, but you should see the faces,
Everybody crowding round to take another look at Jesus.

Joseph:

Strange to hear the way the shepherds knew, see the wise men on their knees,
What a moment when they gave their gifts to Jesus.

Mary & Joseph:

It's more than I have ever seen yet nothing is too much for him
Oh just imagine what this day is going to mean for everyone!
Oh, it's such a wonder to me Lord: I just don't know how to find the words
Never thought I'd ever see the day, nothing else I know could feel this way
What a night, what a life, here in our lives – look at us now!

from "The Virgin" by Adrian Snell ©1981

Concert Band: *Humoresque* – A Dvorak

Church Choir and Wind Ensemble: *Gallery Carol* – Trad. English, arr. Peter Young

School Choir: *Sweet Jesus, Softly Sleep* – Richard Lloyd

1. Sweet Jesus, softly sleep,
while angels guard thy bed,
as ox and ass before you stand,
and Mary strokes your head,
and Mary strokes your head.
2. For you a humble shed was all they
could provide,
as Mary held you in her arms,
and Joseph stood beside,
and Joseph stood beside.
3. That love was born to give,
O love that died for me,
as we believe, new life and hope,
and so to set us free,
and so to set us free.
4. Sweet Jesus, softly sleep,
while angels guard thy bed,
as ox and ass before you stand,
and Mary strokes your head,
and Mary strokes your head.

School Choir: *Christ is born to us this day* – Rosalie Bonighton

*Christ is born to us this day!
Rejoice sing alleluia!
Deo gratias! Deo gratias!*

1. Come see the rivers clap their hands.
Look at the mountains leaping for joy!
God has appeared, God has appeared, sing Gloria.
2. Simple folk kneel before a child.
Great ones bow down to worship a king.
God is with us, God is with us, sing Gloria!
3. Now is begun salvation's day;
Now must dark night give way to the sun.
Jesus is light, Jesus is light, sing Gloria!

Congregational Carol:

1. **While shepherds watched their
flocks by night**
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he – for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind -
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.
3. "To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be the sign:
4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
6. "All glory be to God on high,
and on the earth be peace!
goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth
begin and never cease."

N Tate (1652-1715)

Concert Band: *A Joyful Christmas* – N Richardson

Church Choir and organ: *Cradle Song* – Trad. Flemish, arr. John Rutter

Church Drama: *"The X-Mas Factor"*

Bible Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 (p965, NIV)

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²²All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -which means, "God with us."

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Christmas Message: Andy Martin, Associate Minister

Concert Band: *Polar Express* – A Silvestri and G Ballard

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. Angus MacLeay, Rector



EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

The Eynsford Concert Band are delighted to be asked to return to play our part on this special festive 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, both at home and abroad.

Under the direction of John Hutchins, the band is now moving into a new era. This small village band has grown in both size and reputation, and prides itself on an eclectic, challenging and rewarding repertoire, featuring current British compositions for Concert Band.

While maintaining local links, the band aims to perform further afield. The band has recently returned from their latest adventure - a 2 week Mediterranean cruise aboard Fred.Olsen's Black Watch. With a large group of friends and family, the band were able to enjoy a perfect summer holiday together, as well as perform as part of the ship's entertainment programme.

If you would like to find out more about the band, their 2009 concert programme or how to become a Friend of the band, then please visit www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk

CONDUCTOR - JOHN HUTCHINS

John has enjoyed long associations with ECB on the trumpet and accepted the position of Director of Music in 2003.

John currently plays trumpet for the Phantom of the Opera in the West End and also plays with groups such as the Royal Opera House Orchestra Covent Garden, English National Opera and The London Chamber Orchestra.

John is also a keen exponent of the baroque trumpet and works and records regularly with groups such as The Kings Consort, The Sixteen, The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, The Stuttgart Baroque and The New York Collegium. He can be seen and heard on the BBC series The Genius of Mozart and Beethoven and The History of British Music. He has coached and conducted at Trinity College of Music and various Youth Orchestras, the Vietnamese National Orchestra and at the Royal Academy of Music, where he teaches Baroque Trumpet.

In 2005, John was elected Associate of the Royal Academy of Music for distinction in the music profession.

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

SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER

9.15am & 11am Children's Carol Service

SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
followed by warm fruit punch and mince pies

CHRISTMAS EVE

2.30pm and 4pm Family Carols by Candlelight
11.15pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

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