

St Nicholas Sevenoaks

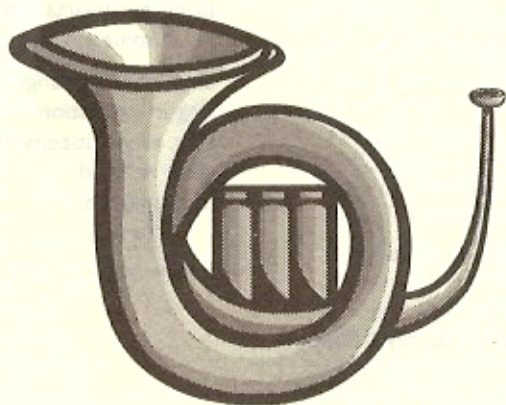
Growing in the Gospel

A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

with Eynsford Concert Band

Conductor: Colin Palmer



**7pm,
Sunday 4th December 2011**

Welcome: The Revd. Mark Oden, Curate

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: *Light Cavalry* – Suppe

School Choir: *Rise up, shepherd* – Traditional
Midnight – Mark and Helen Johnson

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 sins 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.

I. Watts (1674-1748)
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Church Music Group – Soloist: Helen Greig: *Thorns in the straw*

Since the day the angel came
It seemed that everything had changed
The only certain thing
Was the child that moved within
On the road that would not end
Winding down to Bethlehem
So far away from home

Just a blanket on the floor
Of a vacant cattle-stall
But there the child was born
She held him in her arms
And as she laid him down to sleep
She wondered - will it always be
So bitter and so sweet

And did she see there
In the straw by his head a thorn
And did she smell myrrh
In the air on that starry night
And did she hear angels sing
Not so far away
Till at last the sun rose blood-red
In the morning sky

Then the words of ancient seers
Tumbled down the centuries ...
A virgin shall conceive...
God with us... Prince of Peace
Man of Sorrows - strangest name
Oh Joseph there it comes again
So bitter yet so sweet

And as she watched him through the years
Her joy was mingled with her tears
And she'd feel it all again
The glory, and the shame
And when the miracles began
She wondered, who is this man
And where will this all end

'Til against a darkening sky
The son she loved was lifted high
And with his dying breath
She heard him say 'Father forgive'
And to the criminal beside
"Today-with me in Paradise"
So bitter yet so sweet

Graham Kendrick
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Concert Band: *Coventry Carol* – R. L. Saucedo

Church Choir and Brass Ensemble: *A Child is Born in Bethlehem* – S. Scheidt
ed. D. Willcocks arr. Peter Young

School Choir: *Gabriel's Carol* – Julie Stanley and Mary Green
This Christmas Time – Mark and Helen Johnson

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 Caswall

Concert Band: *Amazing Grace* – William Himes

Church Choir: *Oh come with me to Bethlem* – Words and music by Joanna Wehrle

Church Choir: *Villancico de la Falta de Fe (For a World Without Faith)*
– English text: Tim Morris Music: Eduardo Falu (b.1928)
This Argentinean carol brings to mind castanets and strummed guitars. The words commend the wisdom of the Wise Men in making their quest.

Concert Band: *Hymn of the Highlands* – Philip Sparke

Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-14 (p 1027, NIV)

Luke 2:1-14

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

Christmas Message: The Revd. Angus MacLeay, Rector

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. Mark Oden, Curate



EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND is a symphonic wind ensemble that has been based in the small Kentish village of Eynsford since 1972.

The band tours overseas regularly, and aspires to attain the highest standards of musicianship within a social and friendly environment.

Attracting players from all over the South East of England, the band nonetheless retains a core of long-standing members. The band is firmly rooted in its community and every year raises substantial amounts for local charities. Since 2004, we have raised nearly £30,000, and in 2011 we are supporting Coram, the UK's first-ever Children's charity.

The band has 50 playing members and is a Registered Charity (No. 277086) itself. Investing any revenue from performances back into the band, to fund the purchase of music, hire of the rehearsal or performance venues and obtaining instruments for those members who cannot afford to buy them, it is only through the voluntary efforts of its members that the band survives.

2012 will see the band celebrate its 40th Birthday. Our celebrations will include a Birthday Celebration Concert on 22nd April at the Mick Jagger Centre, Dartford as well as a weekend 'Party Cruise' to Anwerp in August...to all of which you are invited!

CONDUCTOR – COLIN PALMER

COLIN PALMER, our musical director, is one of the longest-standing members of the band and is very active in local music. Colin's association with the band goes back over thirty years when he was a regular performer.

Colin is a full time teacher of Music and ICT at Wilmington Boys Grammar School.

Along with his normal duties at the school he also runs a Choir, Staff Choir, Brass group and a wind band. He has a passion for making music accessible to young people and, to this end, conducts the Medway Schools Wind Band which comprises of school children from throughout the Medway area.

When not engaged in his musical duties, Colin can often be found bobbing up and down on the high seas quenching his love of power boating.

Further information about the band, our planned concerts and our 40th year celebrations, please visit our website at www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk.

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

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER

9.30am and 4pm Family Carol Services at Lady Boswell's School
6.30pm Come and Sing Handel's 'Messiah'

SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER

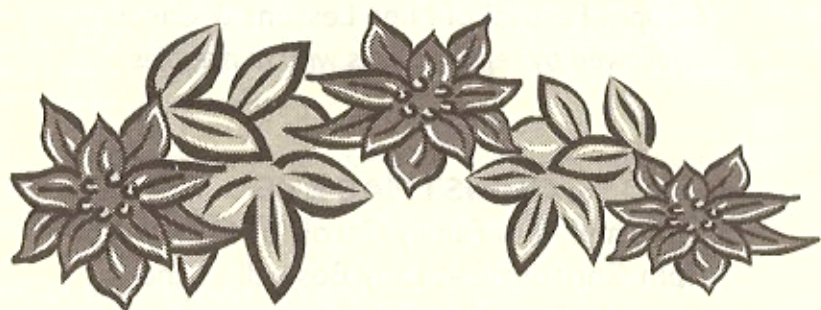
9.15am & 11am Children's Carol Service
6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
followed by refreshments with mince pies

CHRISTMAS EVE

2.30pm and 4pm Family Carols by Candlelight
4pm Christingle at Lady Boswell's School
11.15pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion Service
10am Christmas Family Celebration
(followed by Holy Communion)
10am Christmas All Age Service at Lady Boswell's School



Rectory and Church Car Park

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