

St Nicholas Sevenoaks

A warm welcome to St Nicholas Church!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION **with Eynsford Concert Band** **Conductor: Mike Smith**



7pm,
Sunday 7th December 2014

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: Overture to a Winter Festival – James Curnow

Trinity School Choir: Hodie Christus Natus Est from Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols'

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 – Helen Greig and Peter Harlow: Do you have room?

They journeyed far, a weary pair,
they sought for shelter from the cold night air,
Some place where she could lay her head,
where she could give her Babe a quiet bed.

Was there no room, no corner there,
in all the town a spot someone could spare?
Was there no soul come to their aid?
A stable bare was where the family stayed.

Do you have room for the Saviour,
and do you seek him anew?
Have you a place for the One
who lived and died for you?
Are you as humble as a shepherd boy,
or as wise as men of old?
Would you have come that night?
Would you have sought the light?
Do you have room?

A star arose, a wondrous light,
a sign from God this was the Holy night;
and yet so few would go to see
the Babe who came to rescue you and me.

This Child Divine is now a King,
the gift of life to all the world He brings;
and all mankind He saves from doom,
but on that night for Him there was no room.

Do you have room ...

Will you come tonight?
Will you seek the light?
Do you have room?

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Concert Band: Ukrainian Bell Carol – arr. Philip Sparke

St Nicholas Choir and Wind Ensemble: Carol of the crib
Traditional English, arr. Peter Young

Trinity School Choir: Silent Night – arr. John Keeley


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. O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

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)

 **Concert Band:** *Symphonic Highlights from Frozen* – arr. Stephen Bulla

St Nicholas Choir: *Hurry, the Lord is near* Lee & Sands, arr. Joanna Wehrle

 **Concert Band:** *Christmas Festival* – Leroy Anderson

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

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²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Drama: *Who Put the Lights Out?*

Christmas Message: The Revd. Andy Fearnley, Curate

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 us second birth.
Hark, the herald...

C Wesley (1707-1788) and others

The Blessing: The Revd. Angus MacLeay, Rector

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EYNSFORD CONCERT BAND

Eynsford Concert Band is a symphonic wind ensemble that has been based in the small Kentish village of Eynsford since 1972. We celebrated our 40th anniversary in 2012 with a spectacular concert featuring players and conductors from our past and present, followed by a cruise to Antwerp where we provided the on-board entertainment. Earlier this year we were proud to be crowned 2014 National Champion Concert Band at the National Concert Band Symposium held in Canterbury.

The band has around fifty musicians, attracting players from all over the South East of England and retains a core of long-standing members.

Eynsford Concert Band has gained an international reputation having toured Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ireland, Netherlands, Malta, Spain, and Belgium as well as playing aboard cruise ships in the Fjords of Norway and the Mediterranean.

The band has recorded three CDs, proudly releasing Heritage in January 2010, featuring a Suite by Nigel Clarke written especially for the band.

Over the past couple of years, we have been supporting The Malling School in Kent with instrumental workshops encouraging pupils to take up music. The band successfully raised over £3,000 to fund the appointment of a brass tutor at the school.

For many years we have been honoured to support the Remembrance Sunday Service each November at the Sevenoaks Vine War Memorial and to perform as part of St Nicholas' Christmas celebrations.

The band performs several concerts locally throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, please visit our website www.eynsfordconcertband.co.uk

MIKE SMITH

Michael Smith BA(Mus) LRSM was born in Warwickshire and joined the Army as a clarinettist, serving in England, Northern Ireland and Cyprus before being selected to attend the three year Bandmaster Course at The Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. He graduated in 1996 winning the Commandant's Prize and the coveted Worshipful Company of Musicians' Medal for best all-round Student Bandmaster of the year whilst completing his Bachelor of Arts Degree and gaining his Licentiate of the Royal School of Music in Conducting.

In April 2008 Michael was selected for a commission into the Corps of Army Music and was appointed Director of Music the Band of The Royal Irish Regiment (TA) based in Hollywood, Northern Ireland.

In October 2010 he was appointed Director of Music The Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers in Chatham, Kent. After just 8 months with the Engineers Band he was asked

to take up the much coveted appointment of Director of Music the Band of the Grenadier Guards in June 2011.

It was at this time that he also took up the Musical Directorship of Eynsford Concert Band, in their 40th Anniversary year, and led the band on a short celebration cruise to Belgium.

In July 2013 Michael left the Band of the Grenadier Guards to return to Headquarters Corps of Army Music in a staff officer post dealing with the deployment of Musicians on Overseas Operations. He has recently assumed the role of Corps Secretary, Corps of Army Music.

We are proud to have Michael as Musical Director of Eynsford Concert Band.



TRINITY SCHOOL CHOIR

Trinity Chamber Choir was formed when the school opened last year, and is currently made up of some 30 Year 7 and Year 8 students. The Choir leads singing in worship and concerts and is currently preparing for our Carol Service at St Mary's Riverhead on 17th December.

John Keeley, Deputy Headmaster, established the choir, which is led tonight by Mrs Miles, Music teacher.

We will be singing the plainsong *Hodie Christus Natus Est* from Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols' and an arrangement by John Keeley of *Silent Night*.



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

Wednesday, 10th December

10.30am Children's Carol Service
with Mum & Co. and Babies Club

Sunday, 14th December

9.15am & 11am Children's Carol Services
4 O'Clock Church Christmas Carol Service

Sunday, 21st December

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
followed by mince pies

Christmas Eve

2.30pm (less crowded) & 4pm Family Carols by Candlelight
11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion
10am Christmas Family Celebration
(followed by Holy Communion)
10am Christmas All Age Service at
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.