



*St George's Garrison Church  
Christmas Carol Concert 2022*



*Sunday 18th December*

*Conducted by Rev Dr Adam Scott OBE TD*



## Carol: Once in Royal David's City

*Soloist*

*Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed  
Mary was that mother mild  
Jesus Christ her little Child*

*All*

*He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all  
And His shelter was a stable  
And His cradle was a stall  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy*

*Choir*

*And through all His wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as He*

*All*

*For he is our childhood's pattern;  
Day by day, like us He grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness*

*All*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him  
Through His own redeeming love  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone*

*All*

*Not in that poor lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by  
We shall see Him; but in heaven  
Set at God's right hand on high  
Where like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around*



## Bidding Prayer

*Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas time our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the shepherds and the wise men adore the child lying in his mother's arms.*

*Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Garrison Church of St George glad with our carols of praise.*

*But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and fellowship within the Church he came to build, within the realm of our sovereign King Charles, in this historic Church commemorating the long-standing links with the Royal Artillery and the Army and also with the people of Woolwich.*



*And because it would rejoice his heart, let us remember at this time the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus.*

*Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we forevermore are one.*



*Lesson: Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19, read by Theo Barnes, a young supporter of the Garrison Church  
God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head*



*Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter, sung by the choir*



*Second lesson: Genesis 22: 15–18, read by Air Cadet Corporal Marcos Mathew  
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed*



*Carol: Good King Wenceslas*

*All  
Good King Wenceslas look'd out  
On the Feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel*

*Men  
Hither page and stand by me  
If thou know'st it, telling  
Yonder peasant, who is he  
Where and what his dwelling*

*Women  
Sire, he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain*

*Men  
Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine-logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear them thither*

*All  
Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather*

*Women  
Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know now how  
I can go no longer*

*Men  
Mark my footsteps, good my page  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly*

*All  
In his master's steps he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing*



Lesson: *Isaiah 9: 2; 6–7, read by Shri Gurung on behalf of the Gurkha Community*  
*The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour*



Carol: *O Holy Night, sung by the choir*



Lesson: *Isaiah 11: 1-9, read by Jose Pendergast who was married in the Church*  
*The peace that Christ will bring is shown*



Carol: *Silent Night, performed by Lynda Nwabudike, postgraduate student at Trinity College of Music*



Lesson: *Luke 1: 26–35; 38, read by Pieter van der Merwe, Deputy Lieutenant*  
*The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Christmas song: *Jingle Bells, firstly played by the RAF Cadets Band and then sung by all*

*Dashing through the snow  
On a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go,  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tail ring,  
making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight*

*Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh*



Lesson: *Luke 2: 1; 3–7, read by Captain Kailash Limbu, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment*  
*St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*



**Carol: *Away in a Manger***

*All*

*Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay*

*Soloist*

*The cattle are lowing  
The Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus  
No crying He makes  
I love You, Lord Jesus  
Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side  
Until morning is nigh*

*Choir*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus  
I ask You to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
In Your tender care  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with You there*



Lesson: *Luke 2: 8–16, read by Cllr Jit Ranabhat*  
*The shepherds go to the manger*



Carol: *The Sussex Carol, sung by the choir*



Lesson: *Matthew 2: 1–12, read by a member of the Royal Artillery*  
*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus*



## Christmas song: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

*On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree*

*On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Two turtledoves*

*On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Three French hens*

*On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Four calling birds*

*On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Five gold rings*

*On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Six geese a-laying*

*On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Seven swans a-swimming*

*On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Eight maids a-milking*

*On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Nine ladies dancing*

*On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Ten lords a-leaping*

*On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Eleven pipers piping*

*On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me  
Twelve drummers drumming*



Lesson: *John 1: 1–14*, read by *Tim Barnes, Chairman, Woolwich Garrison Church Trust*  
*St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*



*The Lord's Prayer*



*The Blessing*



*Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful*

*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!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!*

*God of God, Light of Light  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God  
Begotten, not created  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!*





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