



St. John's
Chapel
CHICHESTER



**The Friends of St John's Chapel, Chichester
Off Centre
&
Sanctuary in Chichester**

Welcome you to

***A Celebration of Christmas
...in words and music***

***Sunday, 16th December 2018
4:00pm***

**A retiring collection in aid of
Sanctuary in Chichester
...committed to making the Chichester area a welcoming place for
refugees and asylum seekers**

Welcome & Introduction

Paul Rogerson, Chairman
The Friends of St John's Chapel

Deck the halls

All

Deck the hall with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la, fa la la la,
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.
Fill the mead cup, drain the barrel,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la,
Troll the ancient Christmas carol,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.

See the flowing bowl before us,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la,
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la,
While I sing of beauty's treasure,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.
Laughing, quaffing all together,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la,
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la, fa la la la.

Reading

by
read by

Christmas Dinner

Michael Rosen
Doreen Field

Star Carol

Words & music by John Rutter

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Mary's Cradle Song

Words by Martin Boelitz music by Max Reger arr. Alan Bullard

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The First Nowell

All

The first nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Refrain *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel*

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:

Refrain *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and Earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.

Refrain *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!*

Reading ***Winter Warfare***
by Edgell Rickword
read by Mary Quiney

Silent Night

Stille Nacht, heilige nacht
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hoch-heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh',
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh'.

(Choir only)

Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child;
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

(All)

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth

Reading

Cider with Rosie

by

Laurie Lee

read by

Rachael Osborne

We Three Kings of Orient are

All

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

(choir)

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

(all)

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high

(men)

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light*

(all)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

(ladies)

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light*

(all)

Glorious now, behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings allelujah,
Allelujah the earth replies.

(all)

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light*

A Slumber Song of the Madonna

Words Alfred Noyes Music by Michael Head

Hilary Platts

The Twelve Days of Christmas

English traditional; arr John Rutter

Off Centre/All

Refrain

Four calling birds
Three French hens
Two turtle doves
and a partridge in a pear tree

Reading

by

read by

Christmas Card Index

Alan Coren

Jane Weeks

His Praises We'll Sing

words anon; music Alan Bullard

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One More to Count

words Eileen Simmons; music Alan Simmons

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Reading

read by

Luke Chapter 2, Verses 1-12

Canon Mark Payne

Rector of St Pancras Church, Chichester

Reading *by Sanctuary in Chichester*

Roger Pask Chairman

Appeal on behalf of the charity Sanctuary in Chichester

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

words Wesley, Whitefield & Madan; music Mendelssohn

All

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:
Pleased as man, with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Closing Blessing

Canon Mark Payne



Retiring Collection on behalf of Sanctuary in Chichester



Mulled wine & mince pies





Off Centre

Musical Director Nicki Bennison
Accompanied by James Roriston

The Off Centre choir began in January 1989 under the directorship of Nicki Bennison. The primary aim of the choir has always been to entertain and to sing any style - hence its motto: "We sing anything, to anyone, anywhere (locally!)" - raising money for a wide variety of charities.

For example, we sing sacred and secular, serious and light-hearted, classical and popular pieces.

The Friends of St John's Chapel

The Friends of St John's Chapel (annual subscription £12) help to maintain and promote the use of St John's on behalf of The Churches Conservation Trust, the national charity for historic churches caring for 350 churches throughout England, including 7 in West Sussex.

For more details and an application form to join The Friends contact the Secretary, *c/o 14 St John's Street, Chichester PO19 1UU* or via email: secretary@stjohnschapelchichester.co.uk

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