

# *Mansfield Choral Society*

## **Christmas Carols**



**Stephen Wall**  
piano

**Ellie Martin**  
conductor  
soprano

**Queen Elizabeth's Academy, Mansfield  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 7:30pm**

# Programme

**Ding dong merrily on high** French c16<sup>th</sup>, harm. C. Wood

*Audience join in with,*

**Once in royal David's city** H. Gauntlett, harm. A. Mann

**Adam lay ybounden** B. Ord

**Torches** J. Joubert

**The Shepherd's Farewell** H. Berlioz

**Coventry Carol** Orig. 1591, arr. M. Shaw

*Stephen Wall (piano)*

**'Kinderstucke', op.72** F. Mendelssohn

*Audience join in with,*

**The First Nowell** English, arr. D. Willcocks

*Ellie Martin (soprano), Greg Place (conductor)*

**Laudate Dominum** W.A. Mozart

**The Holly and the Ivy** English, arr. W. Davies

**Nativity Carol** J. Rutter

## Interval (20 minutes)

**Sussex Carol** English, arr. D. Willcocks

**Infant holy, infant lowly** Polish, arr. D. Willcocks

*Audience join in with,*

**O little town of Bethlehem** English, arr. R.V. Williams

*Ellie Martin (soprano), Greg Place (conductor)*

**Rejoice Greatly** from *Messiah*, G. Handel

**Sure on this Shining Night** M. Lauridsen

**12 Days of Christmas** English, arr., J. Rutter

*Audience join in with,*

**Hark the herald angels sing** F. Mendelssohn, arr. Willcocks

**Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas** H. Martin and R. Blane, arr. Ellie Martin

**A Merry Christmas** English, arr. A. Warrell

# Merry Christmas

Thanks for joining us at Queen Elizabeth's Academy, for our Christmas concert. We hope that the programme really gets you in the mood for the festive season, with plenty of opportunity for you to join in the singing. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas. See you in 2018!



**Erica Leyshon, Chairman**

*Erica*

## Once in royal David's city

### **1. Solo—Ailsa Woodson**

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.

### **2. All Sing**

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.

### **3. All Sing**

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.

### **4. All Sing**

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.

### **5. All Sing**

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.

### **6. All Sing**

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;  
When like stars his children  
crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

## The first Nowell

### **1. All Sing**

The first Nowell the angels 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!*

### **2. Choir Only**

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**

### **3. All Men**

And by the light of that same  
star,  
Three wise men came from  
country far; To seek for a king  
was their intent, And to follow  
the star wherever it went:

### **Refrain**

### **4. Choir Only**

The star drew nigh to the north-  
west; O'er Bethlehem it took its  
rest, And there it did both stop  
and stay Right over the place  
where Jesus lay:

### **Refrain**

### **5. All Women**

Then enter'd in those wise men  
three, Full reverently upon their  
knee, And offer'd therein his  
presence Their gold and myrrh  
and frankincense:

### **Refrain**

### **6. All Sing**

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and  
earth of naught, And with his  
blood mankind hath bought:

### **Refrain**

## O little town of Bethlehem

### 1. All Sing

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep, The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the  
years, Are met in thee tonight.

### 2. All Sing

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 wond'ring  
love.

### 3. All Sing

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human  
hearts, The blessings of his  
heav'n.  
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. All Sing

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.

## Hark! the herald angels sing

### 1. All Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and singers 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 new-born King.*

### 2. All Sing

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 new-born King.*

### 3. All Sing

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of  
Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n 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 new-born King.*



*Merry  
Christmas*



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Mansfield, 7 July 2018

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