



# THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE



Thursday 10th December 2009

7.00pm

In the School Chapel

**Choir:**

**Hodie from Ceremony of Carols**

**Britten**

**CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND**

**Procession:**

**Once in Royal David's City**

**1) Solo:**

Siobhan Wilson  
Year 13

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) Choir Only**

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**

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**

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**

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.

**Welcome and Prayer**

Canon Janet Eastwood

**THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED**

**Choir:**

**Gaudete**

**Trad. Arr Hatfield**

**Lesson 1: Christ's Birth and Kingdom are Foretold**

Sam Batterton and Rebecca Borthwick

**Isaiah ix**

Year 10

**Choir:**

**Babe of Bethlehem**

**Walters**

*(Congregation join in humming of "Away in a Manger" in Verse 3)*

**Choir and Congregation - ALL STAND**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**1) All**

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 to-night.

**2) All**

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) Choir**

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) All

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

**Choir:** **Coventry Carol** **Trad. Arr Shaw**

**Lesson 2: The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Virgin Mary** **Luke i**  
Paul Brannigan and Amy Baldwin Year 13

**Choir:** **Angel's Carol** **Rutter**

**Lesson 3: St Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus** **Luke ii**  
Tomas Bath and Caitlin Baxendale Year 8

#### Hark the Herald

#### 1) All

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 th'angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King.

#### 2) All

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

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 sings  
Glory to the new-born King.

**Lesson 4: The Shepherds Go to the Manger** **Luke ii**  
T C Kershaw Head of English

**Choir:** **Riu Riu** **Spanish Carol**  
**Soloist:** Craig Milligan

**Lesson 5: The Wise Men Are Led by a Star to Jesus** **Matthew ii**  
J M Shaw Chair of Governors

**Choir:** **Candlelight Carol** **Rutter**

#### Silent Night

#### 1) All

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

#### 2) All

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds first saw the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

#### 3) 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



**Choir:**

## Where Riches is Everlastingly

## Chilcott

## God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman

1) All

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy,*  
*comfort and joy,*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

2) All

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
*O tidings ...*

3) All

The shepherds at those tidings  
 Rejoicèd much in mind,  
 And left their flocks a-feeding  
 In tempest, storm and wind,  
 And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
 This blessèd Babe to find:  
*O tidings ...*

4) All

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this Infant lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:  
*O tidings ...*

5) All

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface:  
*O tidings ...*

## Lesson 6:

## St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation

John i

D A Silcock                      Headteacher

### Choir:

## Hallelujah Chorus

## Handel

**Choir and Congregation:**

## O Come All Ye Faithful

**1) ALL**

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) ALL

God of God  
Light of Light,  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God,  
Begotten not created.

3) ALL

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to His cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw  
nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps.

4) ALL

Child, for us sinners  
 Poor and in the manger,  
 Fain we embrace Thee, with awe and love;  
 Who would not love Thee,  
 Loving us so dearly?

5) ALL

Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest.

## Blessing.

## Canon Janet Eastwood

**Choir:**

## Holy Night

**Adam**

**The Choir will process out  
Retiring collection in aid of: - Marie Curie Cancer Care**

