

THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL



CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 19th December 2007
7.30pm

IN THE SCHOOL CHAPEL



CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Procession: Once in Royal David's City

Solo: 1. Once in Royal David's city
Maria McNabb Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Year 8 Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

Choir Only:	Choir and Congregation:
2. He came down to earth from heaven	3. And through all His wondrous childhood
Who is God and Lord of all,	He would honour and obey,
And His shelter was a stable,	Love and watch the lowly Maiden,
And His cradle was a stall;	In whose gentle arms He lay:
With the poor and mean and lowly	Christian children all must be
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.	Mild, obedient, good as He.
4. For He is our childhood's pattern:	5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Day by day like us he grew.	Through His own redeeming love,
He was little, weak and helpless,	For that child so dear and gentle,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:	Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He feeleth for our sadness,	And He leads His children on
And He shareth in our gladness.	To the place where He is gone.

6. 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.

Welcome and Prayer

The Reverend Janet Eastwood

THE CONGREGATION IS SEATED

Choir: Long, Long Ago Richard Shephard

Lesson 1: *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*
Eleanor Denny & Grace Holland -Year 7 **Isaiah 9**

Choir: Joy to the World arr. Mark Wilberg

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

It came upon a midnight clear Arthur Sullivan

1. It came upon the midnight clear,	2. Still through the cloven skies they come,
That glorious song of old,	With peaceful wings unfurled;
From angels bending near the earth	And still their heav'nly music floats
To touch their harps of gold:	O'er all the weary world;
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,	Above its sad and lowly plains
From heav'n's all gracious King!	They bend on hov'ring wing;
The world in solemn stillness lay	And ever o'er its Babel sounds
To hear the angels sing.	The blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife	4. For lo! The days are hastening on,
The world has suffered long;	By prophet-bards foretold,
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled	When, with the ever-circling years,
Two thousand years of wrong;	Comes round the age of gold;
And man, at war with man,	When peace shall over all the earth
hears not	Its ancient splendours fling,
The love-song which they bring;	And the whole world send back the song
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,	Which now the angels sing.
And hear the angels sing!	

Choir: Personent Hodie arr. Trad German

Lesson 2: *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary* **Luke 1**
Zoe Bond -Year 11

Choir: Still, Still, Still Austian Carol arr. Mark Wilberg

Lesson 3: *St Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus* **Luke 2**
Head of School – Alexander Casimo

Choir: Carol **The Virgin Mary had a baby Boy Trad. West Indian**

Arr. Mark Wilberg

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth:
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
2. Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light:

Gloria in excelsis deo

Gloria in excelsis deo

- 3. Sages, leave your contemplations**
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star:
- 4. Saints before the altar bending**
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear:

Gloria in excelsis deo

Gloria in excelsis deo

- 5.** Though an infant now we view Him,
He shall fill his Father's throne
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down:

Gloria in excelsis deo

Lesson 4: *The shepherds go to the manger.* **Luke 2**
Diane Evans

Choir: Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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

Lesson 5: *The Wise Men are led by a star*
Headmaster – Mr Tittershill

Matthew 2

Choir: Mid-Winter

Bob Chilcott

**Choir and Congregation:
ALL STAND**

While Shepherds Watched

LADIES

1. While shepherds watched their
flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came
down
And glory shone around.

2. "Fear not", said he (for mighty
dread
Had seized their troubled mind):
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind".

ALL

4. "The heavenly Babe you there
shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing
bands,
And in a manger laid".

ALL

6. "All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace,
Goodwill henceforth from heaven
to men
Begin and never cease".

MEN

3. "To you in David's town this
day
Is born of David's line
A saviour who is Christ the lord
and this shall be the sign

ALL

5. Thus spake the Seraph, and
forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

Choir: The Colours of Christmas Patrick Hawes
Congregation – All Stand

Lesson 6: *St. John unfolds the great Mystery of the Incarnation.*
Chair of Governors – Mr C Hallows John 1

Choir and Congregation:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.

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.

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

Closing Prayer and Blessing

The Reverend Janet Eastwood

Choir: O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

The Choir will process out.

Retiring collection in aid of:-

The Blue Coat School Tricentenary Fund

