

## Once in Royal David's City

Verse 1 – solo – James Boyce

Verse 2 – Holmchase Singers

Verse 3 – Jersey Festival Choir

Verse 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.

Verse 5 – 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;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

### Jersey Festival Choir

Ding! Dong! Merrily on high (arr. Mack Wilberg)  
Mary, did you know? (arr. Mary McDonald)

## It came upon the midnight clear

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old.  
From Angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold.  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious king;  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still the heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angels strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong.  
And man at war with man hears not  
The love song which they bring ;  
Oh ! Hush the noise, ye men of strife  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold;  
When with the ever circling years  
Comes round the age of gold.  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

### Holmchase Singers

Love came down at Christmas (arr. Edwin Fissinger)  
Carol of the Bells (Mykola Leontovych)

### Orchestral item

Here we come a-wassailing / I saw three ships  
(arr. Derek Lawrence)

## God rest you merry, Gentlemen

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.

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 of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind.  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
in tempest, storm and wind.  
And went to Bethlehem straight'way  
This blessed babe to find.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

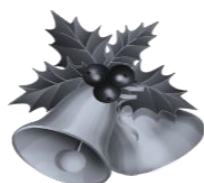
Now to the lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
each other now embrace ;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

### Organ item

Auprès de la Crèche (Hedwige Chrétien)

### Jersey Festival Choir

O Little Town of Bethlehem (arr. Dan Forrest)  
(Saxophone : Mim Poingdestre)



## Silent Night

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.

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.

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

### Jersey Festival Choir

Jesus Child (John Rutter)  
Little Drop of Heaven (Pepper Choplin)

## 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:  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*  
*Born is the King of Israel!*

(All) 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;  
*Nowell, Nowell .....*

(All Ladies) And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent  
Ad to follow that star wherever it went.  
*Nowell, Nowell .....*

(All) This 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.  
*Nowell, Nowell .....*

(All Men) Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
*Nowell, Nowell .....*

(All) 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:  
*Nowell, Nowell .....*

### Holmchase Singers

A Christmas Blessing (Philip Stopford)

### Jersey Festival Choir and Holmchase Singers

Minuit, Chrétiens  
(Guitar : Iain George)

## Appeal

On behalf of

### Motor Neurone Disease Association (Jersey Branch)

Followed by a collection  
during which we all sing

## 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!*

God of God, light of light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created:  
*O come .....*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come .....*

Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations  
*O come .....*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God in the highest:  
*O come .....*

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,  
born that happy morning,  
Jesu, to Thee be glory giv'n,  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:  
*O come .....*

## Blessing

Canon Dominic Golding

*We wish you all a  
Happy Christmas*

Each year at our Festival of Carols there is a collection for a local charity. This year's entire collection will be given to the

**Motor Neurone Disease Association (Jersey Branch)**

We wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the support given to us for this event by the Trustees of the Co-op Community Fund.

Thanks are also due to Canon Dominic Golding for allowing us to sing in this beautiful church once again.

We also extend warm thanks to the many musicians who have joined with the Jersey Festival Choir and contributed to making this evening what we hope is an enjoyable and memorable event.



The Jersey Festival Choir is a non-auditioned group of friendly singers that welcomes anyone who enjoys singing a variety of choral works. We meet on Wednesday evenings between September and June at Jersey College Prep, Mont Millais.

If you would like to support us by joining the **Friends of the Jersey Festival Choir** please contact [amblesueur@gmail.com](mailto:amblesueur@gmail.com), Friends' Secretary.

For further information about the Choir please visit our website:

<http://www.festivalchoir.org.je>

We are a registered Jersey Charity : no.23



# FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023: 8.00 p.m.**  
**St. Thomas' Church**

**JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR**

**Director – William Millow**

**HOLMCHASE SINGERS**

**Director – Angela Luce**

**St. CECILIA ORCHESTRA**

**Director – Francis Murton**

**ORGANIST**

**Nic Turner**

**PIANO ACCOMPANIST**

**Julie Millow**

**TREBLE SOLOIST**

**James Boyce**

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