

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR

Director – William Millow

HOLMCHASE SINGERS

Director – Angela Luce

St. CECILIA ORCHESTRA

Director – Francis Murton

ORGANIST

Nic Turner

PIANO ACCOMPANISTS

Grace Garnier & Jonathan Pollard

TREBLE SOLOIST

Archie Brimelow

Wednesday 18th December 2024

St. Thomas' Church



Please note we kindly request that you refrain from any applause until after the singing of Minuit, Chrétiens

Once in Royal David's City

Verse 1 – solo – Archie Brimelow

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

La Berceuse (Barbara Bell, Arranged John Rutter)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Traditional, Arranged David Willcocks)

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him who heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with heavenly joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

Holmchase Singers

Sussex Carol (Arranged Bob Chilcott)

Silent Night (Arranged Guthrie Foote)

Orchestral item

'Sleigh Ride' (Leroy Anderson, Arranged Derek Lawrence)

Unto us is born a Son

Verse 1 – ALL

Unto us is born a son,
King of quires supernal :
See on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.

Verse 2 – ALL

Christ from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Becradled in the manger,
Becradled in the manger.

Verse 3 – All Men

This did Herod sore affray,
and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.

Verse 4 – Ladies

Of his love and mercy mild,
this the Christmas story ;
and O that Mary's gentle child
might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory !

Verse 5 – ALL

O and A, and A and O,
cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

Organ item

L'Adoration de l'Enfant (Florence Beatrice Price)

Jersey Festival Choir

A baby so small, a message so great (Alan Bullard)

A maiden most gentle (Andrew Carter)



While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night

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

'Fear not' said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind'.

'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:

The heav'nly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed.
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid'.

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

'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin, and never cease'.

Jersey Festival Choir

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(Mim Poingdestre Saxophone. Arranged Dan Forrest)
Angels Carol (John Rutter)

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come ;
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Holmchase Singers

Mary's Lullaby (John Rutter)

Jersey Festival Choir and Holmchase Singers

Minuit, Chrétiens
(Guitar : Iain George)

Appeal

On behalf of
Dementia Jersey

**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 **Dementia Jersey**

A Sum-Up machine is available alongside the collection buckets
All donations on this will be added to the collection.

Thanks are 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 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 join us or if you would like to support us by joining the **Friends of the Jersey Festival Choir**, please contact jeane@gruchy.com, the Choir Secretary.

For further information about the Choir please visit our website:

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

We are a registered Jersey Charity : no.23

