



BRADFIELD COLLEGE

CAROLS BY  
CANDLELIGHT

A very warm welcome to Bradfield College's Carol service for 2020. We are delighted that in the midst of what has truly been a most challenging year we are able to hold this Carol Service which we broadcast to the whole Bradfield community.

During this season we are hoping to raise funds to support the charity *Children with Cancer*. We are grateful to our Fifth Form Charity group for producing a video in support of this charity which our community selected to support during our Christmas Service for this year. *Children with Cancer* helps to fund research into the causes and treatment of childhood cancers, to help families deal with burden of a cancer diagnosis, and to raise awareness of childhood cancer. Please do give as generously as you are able to support this fantastic charity which brings hope to so many families.

Christmas is a time when we give thanks for the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The celebration of Christ's incarnation at Christmas brings good news to the whole world, and provides a solid ground for faith and hope, especially relevant in times of domestic and global uncertainty. The wonderful mystery of Jesus's Incarnation is God's Love supremely dwelling among us in our human fullness and frailty. Jesus as Emmanuel is foretold by the prophets and brings the renewal of our broken world, filled with God's joy, justice, peace and love.

A prayer for Christmas: Holy Jesus, by being born one of us, and lying humbly in a manger, you show how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, until we reach our home in heaven, and see you on your throne of glory. Amen.

May I extend to you and your families a peaceful and joyful Christmas and wish you all a very blessed and transformative new year.

*The Revd Dr Peter Hansell, Chaplain*

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carolsbycandlelight2020?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=carolsbycandlelight2020&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=59a10ba7e4fc411bb21748f8edbf5009](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carolsbycandlelight2020?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=carolsbycandlelight2020&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=59a10ba7e4fc411bb21748f8edbf5009).

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:**      *The Chaplain*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:**      *Once in Royal David's City*

*Soloist: Charlotte (Faulkner's)*

*Sung by Upper Sixth Choir featuring Brass Ensemble*

**1. (SOLO)**

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)**

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.**

For he is our childhood patter,  
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.**

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.**

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

H.J, Gauntlett music by A.H. Mann/ D. Wilcocks

## **THE BIDDING PRAYER:**

*Read by Miss Jacinta Holmes (Assistant Chaplain)*

Beloved in Christ, be it our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us pray to Him for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all people; for unity within the Church He came to build.

And particularly at this time let us remember before Him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before Him those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ Himself hath taught us:

*Said by ALL*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Words of the Bidding Prayer by Rev Eric Milner-White, 1918*

**CHOIR CAROL:**        *This is the Truth*  
Trad. arranged R. Vaughan Williams

*Sung by Upper Sixth Choir*

*Led by: Tom (G House, Upper Sixth)*

**FIRST READING:**        *The Prophet foretells the Coming of the Saviour*  
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

*Read by Jackson (Faulkner's)*

**CHOIR CAROLS:**        *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*  
E. Poston

*Sung by Shell Choir*

*Tenor: George (Faulkner's)*

**SECOND READING:** *Christmas Eve* by Christina Rossetti  
*Read by Milla (Palmer, Shell)*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:**        *The First Nowell*

*Sung by Faulkner's Choir and Shell Choir*

**1.**

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.

**2.**

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, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**3.**

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:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**4.**

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, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**5.**

Then enter'd in those wise men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offer'd there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**6.**

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of  
nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

Trad. Arranged by D. Willcocks

**THIRD READING:** Isaiah 11: 1-2, 4, 6-9

*Read by James (D House, Upper Sixth)*

**CHOIR CAROL:** *This Little Babe*

**Ceremony of Carols by B.Britten**

*Sung by Faulkner's Choir, Shell Choir and Fifth Form Choir*

*Harpist: Holly (Stevens House, Upper Sixth)*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

*Sung by Fifth Form Choir featuring Brass Ensemble*

**1.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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 Immanuel.

*Trad. Arranged by R. Vaughan Williams and T. Armstrong*

**FOURTH READING:** *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity* by John Milton  
*Read by Annabelle (Palmer House, Upper Sixth)*

**CHOIR CAROL:** *Stille Nacht*  
F. Gruber arranged by D. Wilcocks  
*Sung by Lower Sixth Choir*

**FIFTH READING:** *The birth of Jesus Foretold*  
Luke 1: 26-35, 38  
*Read by Mr Anand Singh*

**CHOIR CAROL:** *A maiden most gentle*  
French Trad. arranged by A Carter  
*Sung by Fifth Form Choir*

**SIXTH READING:** *The birth of Jesus*  
Luke 2: 1-15  
*Read by Mrs Fiona Wilson*

**CHOIR CAROL:** *O Holy Night*  
Adolphe Adam  
*Sung by Upper Sixth Choir*  
*Soloists: Holly (Stevens House, Upper Sixth), Tom (G House, Upper Sixth)*

**SEVENTH READING:** *Christmas* by John Betjeman  
*Read by Mr Mickey Denehy OB (E 73-78)*

**CHOIR CAROL:** *Sans Day Carol*  
Cornish Trad. arranged by J. Rutter  
*Sung by Shell Choir*

**EIGHTH READING:** *The Magi visit the Messiah*  
Matthew 2:1-12  
*Read by Mrs Emma Barker*

**CHOIR CAROL:** *Lully, Lulla, Lullay*  
P. Stopford  
*Sung by Upper Sixth Choir*

## THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL:

*St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*

St John 1: 1-14

*Read by Dr Chris Stevens (Headmaster)*

## CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Sung by Lower Sixth Choir and Upper Sixth Choir featuring Brass Ensemble*

**1.**

Hark! The herald-angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn 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,  
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 newborn king"***

C. Wesley music by Mendelssohn/ W.H. Cummings

## **THE BLESSING:**

*Led by The Chaplain*

May the Christ who by his Incarnation  
gathered into One things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in peace and joy.

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## ***ORGAN VOLUNTARY***

*In Dulci Jubilo,*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750), BWV 729

*The Chaplain is The Revd Dr Peter Hansell*

*The Director of Music is Matt Lowe*

*The Assistant Chaplain is Miss Jacinta Holmes*

*The organist is David Quinn*

*The choir is conducted by Elisabeth Croft and Matt Lowe*

*The Bradfield Brass is directed by Tom Griffiths*

***BRADFIELD BRASS***

Leo	Kiran	Mark Etherington
Katherine	Henry	Tom Griffiths
	Selina	

***UPPER SIXTH CHOIR***

Max	Sam	Amelia
Katie	Holly	Izzie
Zachary	Tom	Anthony Hardwicke

***LOWER SIXTH CHOIR***

Ben	Ellen	Paul Armstrong
Elora	Max	Craig Donoghue
Savannah	Issy	Elliot Sewell

***FIFTH FORM CHOIR***

Fraser	Arabella	Lottie
Sophie	Jake	Bella
Ben	Tallulah	Jago
Imogen	Martha	Craig Donoghue

***SHELL CHOIR***

Adam	Purdey	Madeleine
Nathan	Freddie	Antonia
Evie	Luke	Anthony Hardwicke
Edward	Raphael	Maisie Ireland
	Georg	

***FAULKNER'S CHOIR***

Jemima	Poppy	Luka
Max	Lila	Charlotte
George	Sebastian	Lukas
Jazzy		Annabel

# FOR YOUR REFLECTION

## *Christmas* by John Betjeman

The bells of waiting Advent ring,  
The Tortoise stove is lit again  
And lamp-oil light across the night  
Has caught the streaks of winter rain  
In many a stained-glass window sheen  
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge  
And round the Manor House the yew  
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,  
The altar, font and arch and pew,  
So that the villagers can say  
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,  
Corporation tramcars clang,  
On lighted tenements I gaze,  
Where paper decorations hang,  
And bunting in the red Town Hall  
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve  
Are strung with silver bells and flowers  
As hurrying clerks the City leave  
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,  
And marbled clouds go scudding by  
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,  
And oafish louts remember Mum,  
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.  
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'  
Even to shining ones who dwell  
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A Baby in an ox's stall ?  
The Maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me ?

And is it true ? For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissue'd fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare -  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.



St Andrew's College, Bradfield was founded by the Reverend Thomas Stevens, MA, Rector of Bradfield, and was first opened as a school in 1850. This seal contains the St Andrew's cross and bears the College Motto: 'Benedictus es O Domine doce me statute tua', which translates 'Blessed are you O Lord, Teach me your ways', and is taken from Psalm 119:33.