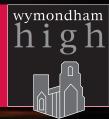


Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7pm in the Abbey Church of St Mary and St Thomas of Canterbury



#### Guitar Ensemble

Under the direction of Mr. Hill



## Once in Royal David's City

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.

### Congregation

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Bidding Prayer

The Reverend Andrew Slater, Honorary Curate of Wymondham Abbey & Assistant Principal, Wymondham High



### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallow'd 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.
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.



First Reading

Genesis Chapter 3 verses 8-15 (Sixth form Student - James Huxtable, Q1)

In The Bleak Mid Winter

School Choir - Gustav Holst

Second Reading

Genesis: Chapter 22 verses 15-18 (Year 7 Student - Ruby Broad, A2)

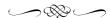


#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by. Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting light, The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

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. 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.

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 Emmanuel.



### Junior Brass Ensemble

Under the Direction of Mr Gibson God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen arr. A Gibson



School Choir

Torches - John Joubert

# Third Reading

Isaiah Chapter 9 verses 2-7 (Member of Staff - Mrs Victoria Dinwoodie)



### Good King Wenceslas

School Choir - Piae Cantiones arr. Jacques



#### Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem

.Refrain...

Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.

Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb, Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Refrain...

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hail the heaven-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.

Refrain...

Hark! the herald angels sing





# Fourth Reading

Micah Chapter 5 verses 2-4 (Year 8 Student - Joseph Mower, M8)



School Choir

Gaudete

trad. arr.

# Fifth Reading

Luke Chapter 1 verses 26-35 (Year 9 Student - Maddie Rhodes, C2)



# String Ensemble

Under the Direction of Mrs Peterson



# The Little Drummer Boy

trad. Czech Carol arr. by Ceri Peterson



# Sixth Reading

Luke Chapter 2 verses 1–7 (Year 10 Student - Tom Shotton, C3)



### Reed Ensemble

Under the Direction of Mrs Evans



Saviour's Day

arr. G Evans

# Ding Dong Merrily on High

School Choir



## Seventh Reading

Luke Chapter 2 verses 8–16 (Year 11 Student - Francesca Field, A7)



### While Shepherds Watched

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 minds) '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 heavenly 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, Good will henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease.'



### Senior Brass group

The Three Kings

Cornelius arr. M.A.H.

### Eighth Reading

Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12 (Academy Governor, Mr Stephen Blease)



Flute Ensemble

Under the Direction of Mrs Evans

Do You Hear What I Hear

Noel Regney arr. G Evans

A Seasonal Song

Jenny Andrews

### Ninth Reading

John Chapter 1 verses 1–14 (The Principal – Mr Russell Boulton)



### Infant Holy

School Choir, Polish Carol arr. Wilcocks



# The Blessing

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### 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 let us adore him Christ the Lord

O come let us adore him O come let us adore him 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?

O come let us adore him O come let us adore him O come let us adore him Christ the Lord

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

O come let us adore him O come let us adore him O come let us adore him Christ the Lord

# Organ Voluntary

Tocata - Charles-Marie Widor



After the service

Members of the lower and upper sixth music technology groups have copies of their Christmas E.P. for a minimum donation of f1.

All monies will be donated to "Star throwers".

Thank you for supporting this venture.



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As you leave you are invited to make a donation towards the up-keep of the Abbey.

Refreshments will be served in the Abbey after the service.