



*Carols by  
Candlelight*

*SERVICE at*

*St Nicholas Church, Sighthill*

*on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

*at 7:00pm*



*With*

*Bristo Community Concert Band*

## *Welcome and introduction*

### *1st Reading: 'Pilgrimage Through Advent'*

#### *Advent Carol: 'O Come, O come, Immanuel'*

1. O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

#### **Chorus**

**Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel**

2. O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight
3. O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
And order all things far and nigh  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And cause us in her ways to go
4. O come Desire of nations bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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### *2nd Reading: 'Magnificat Moments'*

#### *Carol 2: The First Nowell*

1. The first nowell the angel did say  
Was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep

On a cold winter's night that was so deep

### **Refrain**

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. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

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### *Dialogue: 'On the Road' (Mary and Elizabeth)*

### *Carol 2: In the Bleak Midwinter*

1. In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron  
Water like a stone  
Snow had fallen snow on snow  
Snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long ago
2. Our God heav'n cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain

Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
Jesus Christ

3. Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But His mother only  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss

4. What can I give Him  
Poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part  
Yet what can I give Him  
Give my heart

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### *3rd Reading: 'Joseph' (based on Mt 1:18-25)*

#### *Narrative 1 - with congregation*

Leader: Praise for the humble ones, who look  
for heaven's signs

**All: Praise for the faithful ones,  
who trust and serve**

Leader: Praise for the mystery;  
God at work in human birth

**All: Praise for the promise:  
God's home is amongst us.**

Leader: Look to the turning world

**All: Look to the darkening skies**

Leader: Look to the distant stars

**All: Look to the closest heart**

Leader: Here we look for heaven's signs

**All: Here we look for the One born to be King**

Leader: Here we look to the promise and the mystery

**All: Here we echo; 'Let it be to me as you have said,'**

### *Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-7*

### *Carol 3: 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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born Kin
2. Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King

3. Come Desire of nations come  
Fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed  
Bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface  
Stamp Thine image in its place  
Second Adam from above  
Reinstate us in Thy love  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King

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### *4th Reading: 'Sounds so Romantic'*

### *Narrative 2 - with congregation*

- Leader: When all was quiet, the world heard the Word  
**All: On people in darkness the true Light has shone**  
Leader: When all was empty, the world's heart was filled  
**All: The darkness has ended; the shadows have gone**  
Leader: Praise for the seekers who peer through the darkness  
**All: Praise for the searchers who open their minds**  
Leader: Praise for the sign that God's love is not far,  
**All: Praise for the wise ones who followed the star**

### *Carol 6: Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
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The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
And they said that His name was Jesus

#### **Chorus**

He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious kingdom  
He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious kingdom

Oh yes believer oh yes believer  
He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious kingdom

2. The angels sang when the baby was born  
The angels sang when the baby was born  
The angels sang when the baby was born  
And proclaimed Him the Saviour Jesus
3. The wise men saw where the baby was born  
The wise men saw where the baby was born  
The wise men saw where the baby was born  
And they saw that His name was Jesus

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*Brief reflection Prayers for others*

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*Carol 7: 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. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.  
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

3. All Hail! Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born on Christmas morning,  
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.



*Benediction*

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

**Please join us in large hall  
for mulled wine,**