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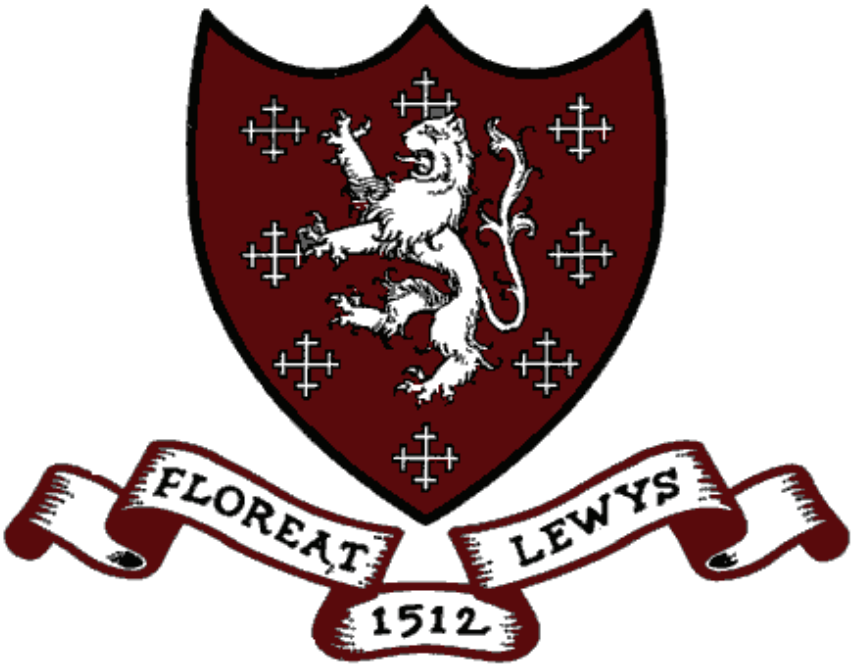

ADVENT CAROL CONCERT
2008

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER

ST. JOHN-SUB-CASTRO

7.00 PM

When the music starts playing, the congregation,

ALL STAND

Processional Hymn –
Verse 1 performed by Grace Allen Year 5
Verse 2 performed by VOX
The congregation will join in from verse 3

1 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 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 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 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.

5 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.

ALL SIT

First Reading: In a far land Upon a Day ***Eleanor Farjeon***
Kathryn Bates & Dilhan Salgado D'Arcy Year 7

VOX performing *"Christmas Is All Around Us"*

Hymn - All Stand

1 Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born to-day:
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born to-day!

2 Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath oped the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save!

ALL SIT

Second Reading: Shepherd's Carol ***Norman Nicholson***
Danielle Harmer-Strange Year 12

Hymn - All Stand

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 wondering love.

3 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.

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 Emmanuel!

ALL SIT

Third Reading**: One of Herod's Henchmen* ***Clare Bevan
Gemma Steer & Freya Merritt Year 7

Solo performed by: ***Katherine Pollard Year 13 "Have Yourself a Very Merry Little Christmas"***

Hymn - All Stand

1 Ding Dong merrily on high!
In Heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding Dong, verily the sky
Is riv'n with angels singing
Chorus
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis
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2 E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io,
By priest and people sungen.
Chorus

3 Pray you, dutifully prime
Yours matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rhyme
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Chorus

ALL SIT

Fourth Reading**: Village Carol Singing* ***Laurie Lee
Kirsten Robinson & George Parnell Year 9

VOX performing ***The Christmas Song "Chestnuts Roasting On A Open Fire"***

Hymn—All Stand

Whole Congregation

1 Good King Wenceslas look'd out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep, and crisp, and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel.

Male Congregation

2 "Hither , page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

Female Congregation

"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

Male Congregation

3 "bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."

Whole Congregation

Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

Female Congregation

4 "Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."

Male Congregation

"Mark my footsteps, good my page!
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

Whole Congregation

5 In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

ALL SIT

Fifth Reading: Christmas 1903 ***John Masefield***
Florence Oates & Gabriella Gallagher Year 8

School Guitar Band -'In Dulci Jubilo'

Hymn - All Stand

First verse sung by Frances Wood Year 9, congregation join in from second verse

1 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.

2 Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from the heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ the saviour is born.

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

ALL SIT

Sixth Reading: Christmas Memories ***Leonard Clark***
Zac Al-Moajil-Cole Year 12

VOX performing *"Boars Head Carol"*

Seventh Reading: The Twelve Gifts of Christmas
Romy St Clair & Alex Pawsey Year 13

VOX performing *"Sometimes Inside So Strong"*

Hymn - All Stand

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 host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

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 man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son 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.

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Remain standing for a blessing

The congregation should remain standing whilst the procession leaves the church, to the accompaniment of 'So here it is Merry Christmas' by the Christmas Band

ALL SIT

Lewes Old Grammar School Orchestra
Gemma Steer, Liberty Mills, Georgina Williams, Katherine Miles, Saskia Li, Jack Button, Oliver Southern, Luke Denis Le Seve, Mrs Pyper, Miss Townend, Mr McIver.

Lewes Old Grammar School Carol Band
George Oates, Harrison Bourne, Caroline Pollard, Katherine Miles, David Kay, Aaron Borkum, Harry Giles, Luc St Clair.

A special thank you to Mark Orchin, Rachel Munroe and all the members of VOX

A Retiring Collection will be taken in aid of Fishaid (A. Pilcher Trust)

Following the concert the congregation is invited to join us for House Suppers at the Town Hall