

**ROYAL  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS  
CHORAL SOCIETY**

**CAROL CONCERT**

**ASSEMBLY HALL  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1987**

**at 3 pm.**



**THE MAYFIELD BAND**

**Conductor: Ken Rich.**

**ALEXANDRA LEIGH.**

**AILEEN BREWER.**

**PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

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**Accompanist: WILLMARC ELLMAN.**

**CONDUCTOR: DEREK WATMOUGH.**

**Programme 30p.**

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Principal Conductor: Derek Watmough  
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We are most grateful for the support of Patrons and Vice Patrons and new ones are always welcome. Please ring or write to Mr. J. Smithers, 128 London Road, Tunbridge Wells (49766)

The Choir rehearses on Monday evenings from September to April. New members are always welcome. There is a simple and private audition. Please contact the General Secretary:

Mr. L.A. Lee,  
233 Greggs Wood Road,  
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OVERTURE: THE MAYFIELD BAND

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "Once in Royal David's City"

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

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

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

CHOIR: Birthday Carol  
Words and Music - David Willcocks  
Child in a Manger -  
Words and arrangement - John Rutter  
Star Carol  
Words and music - John Rutter  
Crown of Roses - translated Geoffrey  
Dearmer. Music Tchaikovsky

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ding dong merrily on high  
In heaven the bells are ringing  
Ding dong verily the sky  
Is riven with angel singing  
Glo...ria Hosanna in Excelsis  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in Excelsis  
E'en so here below below  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And e'o e'o e'o  
By priest and people sungen  
Gloria ...

Pray you dutifully prime  
Your matin chime ye ringers  
May you beautifully rime  
Your eve-time song ye singers  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in Excelsis  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in Excelsis

#### ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: Silent Night

Silent night holy night  
All is dark save the light  
Shining where the mother mild  
Watches over the holy child  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night  
Shepherds first saw the sight  
Heard the angel-song alleluia  
Loud proclaiming near and far  
Christ the Saviour is here  
Christ the Saviour is here.

Silent night holy night  
God's own son O how bright  
Shines the love in thy holy face  
Shines the light of redemption and grace  
Christ th' incarnate God  
Christ th'incarnate God

CHOIR: He smiles within his Cradle - Translated  
Robert Graves. Arranged David Willcocks  
In Dulci Jubilo - Old German carol  
Arranged by John Rutter

CHILDREN FROM PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INTERVAL

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The Mayfield Band will play for part of the  
interval

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 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 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 on the earth be peace  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease

CHOIR: Angel Tidings - Words and  
arrangement - John Rutter  
There is no Rose  
Benjamin Britten  
(acc. Aileen Brewer - Harp)

AILEEN BREWER

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: The First Nowell

The first Nowell the Angels 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

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

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  
Nowell, etc.

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, etc.

Then entered in these wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense  
Nowell, etc.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind hath bought  
Nowell, etc.

CHOIR:

(With children -  
verse 6)

I Saw Three Ships - Arr. John  
Rutter  
And all the bells on  
earth shall ring,  
On earth shall ring  
On earth shall ring  
And all the bells on  
earth shall ring  
On Christmas Day in  
the morning.

(and audience -  
verse 8)

Then let us all rejoice amain  
Rejoice amain, Rejoice amain  
Then let us all rejoice amain  
On Christmas day in the morning.

CHOIR:

Jesus Child - Words and Music -  
John Rutter

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth  
See the tender lamb appears (below  
Promised from eternal years.  
Hail thou ever blessed morn  
Hail redemption's happy dawn  
Sing through all Jerusalem  
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Lo within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies  
He who throned in height sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim  
Hail, etc.

Say ye holy shepherds say  
What your joyful news today  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep.  
Hail, etc.

As we watched at dead of night  
Lo we saw a wondrous light  
Angels singing Peace on Earth  
Told us of the Saviour's birth  
Hail, etc.

Sacred infant all divine  
What a tender love was thine  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.  
Hail, etc.

Teach O teach us Holy Child  
By thy face so meek and mild  
Teach us to resemble thee  
In thy sweet humility.  
Hail, etc.



CHOIR: O Little Town of Bethlehem Walford Davies

Verse 3 - Choir and Audience -

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

ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 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

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, etc.

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 let us adore him, etc.

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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND WISH  
YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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