

Christmas Carols

with

*St Christopher
Hospice*

And

*Dulwich Choral
Society*

Joshua Ryan, organ

*William Vann,
conductor*



**Dulwich
Choral
Society**



Welcome by William Vann Musical Director of Dulwich Choral Society

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We've been awhile a-wandering - Yorkshire trad.,
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Grasmere Carol - Arthur Somervell (1863-1937)
Mater Ora Filium - Charles Wood (1866-1926)
Sans Day Carol - English trad., arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Audience carol

O come, all ye faithful - 18th century anon.,
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,

God of God,
Light of light,

O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:

Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's
womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
O come let us adore him...

*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...

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Quelle est cette odeur agréable - French trad., arr. David Willcocks
Shepherd's Farewell from L'enfance du Christ - Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
Marche des Rois - Provençale trad., arr. Angela Morley (1924-2009)

Audience carol

O little town of Bethlehem - English trad.,
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams and Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Es ist ein Ros entsprungen - Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
and Melchior Vulpus (1570-1615)
Bethlehem Down - Peter Warlock (1894-1930)
Masters in this Hall - French trad., arr. David Willcocks

Audience carol

It came upon the midnight clear - English trad.,
arr. Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900) and David Willcocks

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the
earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to
men
From heaven's all-gracious King" –
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have
rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears
not
The love song which they bring; –
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When Peace shall over all the
earth,
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world gives back
the song,
Which now the angels sing.

**Helena Talbot-Rice, Rehabilitation and Wellbeing Consultant Lead
speaks on behalf of St Christopher's Hospice**

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The Twelve Days of Christmas - English trad., arr. John Rutter

**Thank you and closing remarks from Barbara Richardson,
Chair of Dulwich Friends of St Christopher's. Please join us for
complimentary mince pies which have
kindly been donated by Cook West Dulwich and Tesco East Dulwich.**

Biographies

William Vann

William became Musical Director of Dulwich Choral Society in March 2020. An award-winning conductor and accompanist, he is celebrated for reviving lesser-known British vocal and choral works and has collaborated with leading artists and orchestras worldwide.

A former Chorister at King's College, Cambridge, William studied Law at Gonville and Caius College before training in piano accompaniment at the Royal Academy of Music. His discography spans 25+ recordings with renowned singers and ensembles, including Britten Sinfonia and London Mozart Players. His world premiere of Parry's *Prometheus Unbound* was Gramophone's Recording of the Month (October 2023) and shortlisted for a 2024 Gramophone Award.

He also directs music at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, leads The London Chorus, and founded the London English Song Festival. In 2024, he became Chorus Master at The Grange Festival and will return for *La bohème* and *Eugene Onegin* in 2025. More at www.williamvann.com

Joshua Ryan

Australian conductor, pianist, and organist Joshua Ryan is a prizewinning graduate of the Royal Academy of Music. He is Director of Music at St Alfege Greenwich, Organist at St Sepulchre-without-Newgate, and accompanist for Dulwich Choral Society. Joshua has performed across Europe and Australia with leading ensembles including the BBC Singers, Academy of Ancient Music, and London Mozart Players. His recordings have been praised by BBC Radio 3 and Music Web International for their clarity and colour. He has featured on acclaimed discs of Vaughan Williams, Elgar, and Holst, and recently recorded works by Michael Berkeley with the BBC Singers. More at joshua-ryan.co.uk

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Dulwich Choral Society Chorus

Monday 15 December 2025

1st Sopranos - Margaret Bailey, Ann Blackburn, Amanda Brookfield, Melissa De Haldevang, MariePierre Denaro, Cora Goldie, Charlotte Harris, Kassy Luto, Susie Nicklin, Felicity Peddle, Gracita Wood

2nd Sopranos - Nicky Adamson, Caroline Craig, Edith Fehrenbach, Pippa Grayson, Amber Hawksely, Cecilia Hill, Kate Lennard, Carmo Ponte, Stephanie Prior, Sophie Robson, Janine Streete, Jane Tippet, Lauren Whitfield

1st Altos - Liz Davies, Joanna French, Ellen Hanceri, Gill Hancock, Julie John, Julie Jones, Elsa Kenningham, Karen Mills, Bryony Mycroft, Jane Palmer, Frances Steele

2nd Altos - Sonia Butler, Miranda Collinge, Liz Day, Grainne Gleeson, Helen Graham, Jo Haynes, Kahryn Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Helen Lall, Rosemary Leonard, Vicky Peel, Susan Robinson, Sladjana Vuckovic-Grant

1st Tenors - Giles Craven, Richard Fergusson, Peter Frost, Steve Harrison, Emmet Kiberd, Charlie Stevenson

2nd Tenors - Christopher Barrat, Nick Bolt, George Cherry, Tim Finch, Michael Palmer

1st Basses - Alec Barton, Wulstan Berkeley, Christopher Braun, Joe Garratt, Alan Grant, Yan Hawkins, Iain Johncock, Tim Pearce, Charles Pigott, Duncan Pratt, Barney Rayfield, Peter Smith

2nd Basses - Bruce Gregory, Alex Hamilton, Greville Healey, Adrian Lambourne, Tom O'Grady, Chris Putt, Mike Shepherd

Forthcoming Dulwich Choral Society Events

Saturday 21 March 2026, 7:00pm

Haydn - The Seasons at All Saints Church, West Dulwich with Meridian Sinfonia, Sophie Bevan – soprano, Xavier Hetherington – tenor, Thomas Faulkner - bass-baritone, William Vann - director

Saturday 13 June 2026, 7:00pm

Deo Gratia - *Choral music by Bach, Brahms, Bruckner, Gorecki, Ockeghem and Purcell* at St Stephen's Church, College Road with Joshua Ryan – organ, William Vann - director

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