



UNION JACK CLUB

2025 Christmas Carol Service

Monday 8th December, 18:30hrs
St John's Church,
Waterloo Road,
London SE1 8TY

With special guests

militarywives
Choirs®



WELCOME TO THE UNION JACK CLUB CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at
Club Reception after the service.



A retiring collection for the Military Wives Choirs
and our hosts St John's Church will be taken.

Please give generously.



Minister - Canon Giles Goddard, Vicar, St John's Church
& Chaplain to The Union Jack Club

Conductor - Dr Edwards-Rhys Harry

Piano - Annabel Thwaite

Flute - Leah Wing

Cello - Rebecca Burden



Please stand

Candles are lit

Military Wives Choirs only

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

All sing

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 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

Please sit

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2. 6-7
The Prophecy of the Messiah's Birth

Please stand

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 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 to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Please sit

Candles are extinguished



Second Reading: Micah 5. 2-4
A promised ruler from Bethlehem

Please stand

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there

Please sit

Third Reading: Luke 2. 1-7
The Birth of Jesus

Christmas
John Betjeman (1906 - 1984)

Please stand

Ding dong merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing

Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
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E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swung

And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sung

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your Matin chime, ye ringers

May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve time song, ye singers

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Please sit

Musical Interlude:
Members of the Military Wives Choirs
***Deck the Halls High* Traditional, arr.**
Sean Hargreaves & John Haywood

Fourth Reading: Luke 2. 8-16
The Shepherds go to the Manger

Musical Interlude
Patris Caritas
- an impromptu serenade on the
the melody In Dulci Jubilo

Arrangement by
Dr Edward-Rhys Harry
Pianist: Annabel Thwaite
Flute: Leah Wing
Cello: Rebecca Burden

Fifth Reading: Matthew 2. 1-11
The Magi are led by the star to Jesus

Please stand
During this carol the candles are lit

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,
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



Please stand

Minister: Prayers, ending with
Rejoicing in the presence of God here
among us, let us pray as our Saviour has
taught us;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed 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.**

**And 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.

**Please remain seated
to sing, as a prayer**

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
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Please stand

**Sixth Reading John 1. 1-14
The Incarnation of the Word of God**

Please stand

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!”

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 a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th’ incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”


Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun 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 us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”

Final blessing

**Minister: Go in The Peace of Christ
All: Thanks be to God**





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