

THE
BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA
SOCIETY



Christmas Carol Service

Monday 10th December 2018
at 1.00pm

The Choir of St Mary-le-Bow
directed by Thomas Allery

The St Paul's Cathedral School Bread Street Choir,
by kind permission of the Headmaster,
directed by Miss C.J. Arbuthnott MA MPhil PGCE

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All Stand
HYMN

*solo: 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: 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.*

*Tune 'Trby' by H.J. Gauntlett (1805–76), revised A.H. Mann (1850–1929)
and New English Hymnal editors, words by Mrs C.F. Alexander (1818–95)*

Remain standing
THE BIDDING

The Revd George Bush, Rector, Chaplain of the Society

All join in saying
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
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.**

All sit
THE BREAD STREET CHOIR
'Adam lay y-bounden'

English 15th-century words sung to a traditional French melody

Remain seated
READING

Philippians 2: 5–11

read by Mr Richard Link CA, Britain-Australia Society Member

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Remain seated
THE BREAD STREET CHOIR
'Rejoice and be merry'

words 'The Gallery Carol' music by J. Alban Hinton

All stand

HYMN

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 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

READING

'Incarnation' chorus from 'The Rock' by T.S. Eliot (1888–1965)

read by Mr Nathaniel Hayward, Assistant Director, The Britain-Australia Society

Then came, at a predetermined moment, a moment in time and of time,
A moment not out of time, but in time, in what we call history:
transecting, bisecting the world of time,
a moment in time but not like a moment of time,
A moment in time but time was made through that moment:
for without the meaning there is no time,
and that moment of time gave the meaning.
Then it seemed as if men must proceed from light to light,
in the light of the Word,
Through the Passion and Sacrifice saved in spite of their negative being;
Bestial as always before, carnal, self-seeking as always before,
selfish and purblind as ever before,
Yet always struggling, always reaffirming,
always resuming their march on the way that was lit by the light;
Often halting, loitering, straying, delaying, returning,
yet following no other way.

Remain seated

CHOIR CAROL

'Our Lady of December'

An Australian carol, words by J.H. Wheeler (1901–84)

music by W. G. James (1895–1977)

READING

Matthew 1: 18–25

read by Commander Mike Deeks, Agent General of Western Australia

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Remain seated

CHOIR CAROL

'The Sans Day Carol'

a traditional English carol arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

READING

'Boomerang of Flowers'

a song by Leigh Newton, words by Mary Philip

read by Ms Elizabeth Ames,

Executive Director, Australia-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce

A child is lying cradled here,
Beneath the slender gum.
The God of might has left his home
And to Australia come.
The kookaburra laughs with glee,
The shy koala peeps,
The magpie carols blissfully
As little Jesus sleeps.

What shall we give our infant king?
A boomerang of flowers
To say come back and stay with us
And be forever ours.

One day a cross will hold him fast,
And lest we should forget,
Above him in the sapphire sky
A cross of stars is set.
But there'll be no pain for today,
But peace and joy and love,
Beneath the slender gum he sleeps
And magpies sing above.

What shall we give our infant king?
A boomerang of flowers
To say come back and stay with us
And be forever ours.

Remain seated
CHOIR CAROL
'A Tender Shoot'
music by Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

READING

'This stable is a Prince's court'
by St Robert Southwell (c.1561–95)
read by Mr Keith Newton,
Chairman of the West Country Branch of the Britain-Australia Society

Behold a silly tender Babe,
In freezing winter night;
In homely manger trembling lies –
Alas a piteous sight!

The inns are full; no man will yield
This little Pilgrim bed,
But forced He is with silly beasts
In crib to shroud His head.

This stable is a Prince's court,
This crib His chair of state;
The beasts are parcel of His pomp,
The wooden dish His plate.

The persons in that poor attire
His royal liveries wear;
The Prince Himself is come from heaven;
This pomp is prizèd there.

With joy approach, O Christian wight,
Do homage to thy King,
And highly prize this humble pomp,
Which He from heaven doth bring.

Remain seated
CHOIR CAROL

'Sing Gloria'

an Australian carol by Wheeler and James

All stand to sing

HYMN

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;
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

Words by Nahum Tate (1652–1715)

Tune 'Winchester Old' first published in Thomas Este's Whole Book of Psalmes (1592),

arr. William Henry Monk (1823–89)

Remain standing

READING

The Christmas Gospel: John 1: 1–14

read by The Hon. George Brandis QC,

High Commissioner for Australia to the United Kingdom

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

All sit

THE HOMILY

The Revd George Bush, Rector

All stand to sing the hymn.

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HYMN

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: <i>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i>	Child, for us sinners Poor and in the manger, Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love; Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly? <i>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i>
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God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten not created: <i>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i>	Sing, choirs of Angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God in the Highest: <i>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!</i>
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*Tune 'Adeste Fidelis', melody probably by W.F. Wade (1711–86)
Words 18th-century Latin translated by Frederick Oakeley (1802–80) and others*

Remain standing
THE BLESSING

Please remain standing as the Priest departs

ORGAN POSTLUDE
'Final' from Organ Symphony no.1
by Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*Please join the Britain-Australia Society for refreshments at the back of the church.
The Rector and people of St Mary-le-Bow wish
all Australians in London a very Happy Christmas.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

– all welcome –

THE ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP COMMEMORATION

Monday 21st January 2019 at 11.30am

Phillip was born in the City of London and a bust in St Mary-le-Bow commemorates his achievements as first Governor of New South Wales and the founder of the new Nation of Australia.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service; a limited number of tickets to the luncheon that follows may be ordered from britain-australia.org.uk/events

THE BOYLE LECTURE

Monday 18th February 2019 at 6.00pm

The Revd Professor Michael Reiss (University College London)

– all welcome, seating limited and unreserved –

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