



Programme

Conductor - Michael Cayton. Pianist – Simon Howat

All sing: Once in Royal David's City.

Choir 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 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 meek, 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.

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 sings:

Ding Dong Merrily on High - *Charles Wood*

Angelus ad Virginum - *David Willcocks*





Chiltern Singers sing: I wonder as I wander - L.K. Dawson

Story A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens – Read by Isabel Walker

All sing: Dona Nobis Pacem

All sing: 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
Christ the Lord!**

**God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created
*O come, etc***

**Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ child
bring our hearts oblations:
*O come, etc***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest
*O come, etc***

Choir sings: Deck the Hall
Wexford Carol



All sing:

Unto us is born a Son



Unto us is born a son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their Owner know,
Becradled in a manger,
Becradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer,
And slew the little childer.

Of His love and mercy mild,
This the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory!

O and A and A and O,
Cum cantemus in choro,
Let the merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

Choir sings:

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Still, Still, Still

Story:

Christmas Shopping by Brian Patten read by Isabel Walker



Chiltern Singers sing: White Christmas
All sing: Noel
Choir: Jingle Bells
All sing: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Refrain:

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"**

**Christ, by highest heaven 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. *[Refrain]***

**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. *[Refrain]***

