



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# Christmas by Candlelight

A celebration of hope and joy at Christmas  
hosted by Adjoa Andoh  
with Thought for Christmas by Lucy Winkett

12th December  
2023  
at 6.30pm



*From 6.10pm, the brass ensemble will play music to welcome the audience in. Prosecco is available to purchase just inside the entrance to the church.*

*At 6.30pm the brass fanfare introduces the first carol and the audience stands.*

## **CAROL**

**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:**

*Refrain:*

*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:**

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
glory to God in the highest:**

**Welcome and Introduction**  
by Adjoa Andoh



**St James's Singers perform**  
*Sussex Carol* by Bob Chilcott

**READING**

Luke 2.1-20

**CAROL**

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away,  
when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter  
a stable-place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
throngèd the air.  
But only his mother  
in her maiden bliss  
worshipped the beloved  
with a kiss.



What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
**yet what I can I give him –  
give my heart.**

**St James's Singers perform**

*The Shepherd's Pipe* carol by John Rutter

**READING**

*A pint for the true shepherds* by Gervaise Phinn

**St James's Singers perform**

*How Far is it to Bethlehem?* Harrison Knights

**CAROL**

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 the dawn of saving grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth**

### **Thought for Christmas**

Lucy Winkett and Adjoa Andoh

*During the next piece and carol, a collection will be taken for St James's **Christmas for All** appeal. Opportunity for cash or tap donations will be passed around the audience. £5, £10, £15 or more will make a huge difference to the work St James's does with people who need a listening ear, hot food or clothing at this time of year and will support music and arts education programmes too. Please also use the QR code on page 8.*

### **St James's Brass perform**

*Sleigh Ride*

### **CAROL**

**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 heav'nly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling-clothes  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels, praising God, and thus  
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace,  
goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men  
begin and never cease."

**St James's Singers and Brass perform**

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day* by John Gardner

## **READING**

*Arrival* by Maya Angelou

**St James's Singers and Brass perform**

*O Holy Night*

## **CAROL**

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.'

*Refrain:*

*Hark, the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.

### **CLOSING WORDS**

Adjoa Andoh

### **CLOSING MUSIC**

**St James's Singers perform**

*All I want for Christmas is you ...*





Together, this Christmas, we can make a real difference in the lives of people who are struggling. St James's Piccadilly and The Passage, a leading homelessness charity in Westminster, have joined forces to bring warmth, hope, and comfort to those experiencing homelessness in our community. Your support will provide shelter, hot meals and vital services during this cold season.

Please, today as you read this, open your hearts and donate to our Christmas appeal. Every single gift, large or small, makes a real difference to the lives of those experiencing homelessness across the festive season.

Your gift of £5 could directly provide a hot meal to someone experiencing homelessness, served in the church itself to anyone who needs it. Your gift of £50 will help provide free counselling, warm clothes, advice and support.

### **Ways to donate:**

Text ALL followed by your donation amount to 70490 to give that amount (e.g. ALL 10 to donate £10). Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

Use one of the contactless giving devices located in the church. You may also see these in local shops and offices: please don't feel as if you can give only once....!

Visit the **Christmas for All** page on our website using this QR code:

