

Oldham Council Music Centre presents

A Christmas Festival

Wednesday 4th December 2024 - 7.30pm
Queen Elizabeth Hall, West Street, Oldham OL1 1QJ



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,
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 heav'n 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!



The Oldham Adult Community Choir

Conductor—Clare Morel

Christmas Always Finds Me

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Accompanist—Olly Hamilton

D. Adam Southerland/ I. Andress/
S. Mackenzie Ellis

F. Bernard/ R. Bernhard Smith

Oldham Youth Wind Band

Conductor—Duncan Byers

The First Noel

A Home Alone Christmas

Traditional Arr. J. Higgins

John Williams Arr. P. Lavender

The 12 Days of Christmas

The Oldham Youth Orchestra

Conductor—Richard Lord

Gaudete

Believe

Soloist—Emmie Brereton

Around the World at Christmas Time

Leader—Maia Biddle-Mogg

Traditional Arr. P. Martin

Ballard & Silvestri Arr. P. Martin

Various Arr. B. Chase

Massed Chorus and Orchestra

Jesus Child

John Rutter

The Intermediate Choir

Conductor—Angela Preen

The Colours of Christmas

Soloists— Penelope Knight & Fleur Marsden

Calypso Carol

Accompanist—Louise Brennan

John Rutter

Gordon M. Fleming

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night

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 spoke 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 to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from highest heaven
begin and never cease!'

Massed Instrumental Item

Radetsky March

J. Strauss

The Oldham Youth Brass Band

Conductor—Jonathan Leedale

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart Arr. P. Rivers

Carol of the Bells

Trad. Ukrainian Arr. P. Lovatt-Cooper

Savoy Christmas Medley

D. Somers

The Oldham Youth Choir

Conductor—Helen Nixon

Accompanist—Louise Brennan

Avanza Navidad

R. Morris Gray

Medley from ELF

M. Sklar Arr. A. Beck

Soloist—Christian Parker

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn 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 the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"