

Oldham Council Music Service presents

A Christmas Festival

Tuesday 2nd December - 7.30pm

Queen Elizabeth Hall, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1QJ



Oldham
Council

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 Youth Wind Band

Conductor – Duncan Byers

A Canadian Brass Christmas Suite
Fairytale of New York

Support Staff – Kath Thomas

arr. Calvin Custer
J. Finer/S. McGowen, arr. McKenzie

Intermediate Choir

Conductor – Angela Preen

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
Christmas Lullaby

Accompanist – Louise Brennan

H.Martin/R.Blane, arr. L'Estrange
John Rutter

12 Days of Christmas



The Oldham Youth Orchestra

Conductor – Richard Lord

Soloist: Tilly Wilkinson

The Polar Express
In the Bleak Midwinter
A Christmas Festival

Leader – Joe Considine

G. Ballard/A. Silvestri, arr. M. Story
G. Holst, arr. P. Martin
Leroy Anderson

Massed Chorus

When Christ Was Born

Peter Martin

Adult Choir

Conductor – Clare Morel

Papa Noel
We Need a Little Christmas

Accompanist – Paul Kilvington

Bellini, Holtzman, Botkin
Jerry Herman

While Shepherds Watched

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 to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men.
Begin and never cease.”



The Oldham Youth Brass Band

Conductor – Jonathan Leedale

Christmas Flourishes
Candlelight Carol
Ding Dong It's Christmas

Support Staff – Neale Hobson

Darrol Barry
John Rutter, arr. Chris Mallet
Bruce Fraser

The Oldham Youth Choir

Conductor – Helen Nixon

Glow
Jingle Bells

Accompanist – Louise Brennan

Eric Whitacre arr. L/Edwards
J.Pierpoint arr. Snyder

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 th'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 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 them second birth.

*Hark! the Herald angels sing.
Glory to the newborn King.*

