HITCHIN THESPIANS
PRESENT



Christmas at Woodside

Musical Director - ALAN CHILDS

Accompanist - ROBERT DAY

Thursday 12th, Friday 13th
& Saturday 14th December 2013

Woodside Hall, Walsworth Road, Hitchin

The Choir

Soprano

Gina Abbatt, Gwenda Beech, Anna Carter, Gill Cheaney,
Joanna Chugg, Margaret Coxall, Lesley Greasley, Wendy Hazelwood,
Lynne Leggat, Susan Osbourn, Ann Peacock, Barbara Robertson,
Jackie Sayer, Pat Staff, Kate Webb, Jenny Wilson, Mary Young

Alto

Mandy Cumberland, Brenda Cundell, Lorraine Davies, Lilian Dixon,
Viv Hamilton, Judith Harrison, Antonia Homer-Bennett, Sheila Mole,
Jan Nash, Keryle Rutherford, Elizabeth Sturges

Tenor

Alan Dickinson, Graham Garley, Peter Goff, Andy Johnson,
Howard Roberts, Iain Rutherford, David Young

Bass

John Beal, Phil Hall, Jack Lardent, Nick Morgan, Mike Steele,
Trevor Sturges, Bryan Summers



Hitchin Thespians would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Part One

Reading: **Christmas Comes**

Amy Darnbrook

Gill Cheaney, Joanna Chugg, Viv Hamilton,
Andy Johnson, Mike Steele

Carol for all: **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Arr: R. Vaughan Williams

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 thy 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 wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given,
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
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.

Choir: **The Three Ships**

Eric H. Thiman

Brenda Cundell, Iain Rutherford

Reading: **The Christmas Dream**

T. W. Ward

Joanna Chugg

Solo: **The Birthday of a King**

W. H. Neidlinger

Gina Abbatt

Carol for all: **Silent Night**

Arr: David Iliff

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round the virgin and her child:
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight,
Glory streams 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 your holy face
With the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Choir: **A Christmas Sequence**

Paul Harris

Sussex Carol
Christus natus est!

Reading: **Light of the World**

Author Unknown

Viv Hamilton

Choir: **A Christmas Sequence**

Paul Harris

Herod and Emmanuel
See amid the winter's snow
Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

Reading: **The Legend of Robin Redbreast**

Louise Betts Egan

Gill Cheaney

Solo: **The Shepherds**

Peter Cornelius

Mandy Cumberland

Carol for all: **O Come all ye Faithful**

Arr: Sir David Willcocks

O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and adore 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.

INTERVAL

during which mulled wine and mince pies will be served



Part Two

Choir: **Blue Christmas**

Billy Hayes & Jay Johnson
Arr: David Maddux

Carol for all: **I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas**

Irving Berlin

The sun is shining, the grass is green,
The orange and palm trees sway.
There's never been such a day in Beverly Hills L.A.
But it's December, the twenty fourth
And I'm longing to be up north.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know,
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With ev'ry Christmas card I write.
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white.

Choir: **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!**

George Wyle & Eddie Pola
Arr: Bob Krogstad

Reading: **A Christmas Tale**

Ian Birket

Mike Steele

Solo: **The Christmas Sleigh-Ride**

J. L. Hatton

Lynne Leggat

Choir: **Winter Wonderland**

Felix Bernard
Arr: Greg Jasperse

Carol for all: **Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!**

Jule Styne & Sammy Cahn

Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I bought some corn for popping;
The lights are turned down low.
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

When we finally kiss good night,
How I'll hate going out in the storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm.
The fire is slowly dying
And my dear, we're still good-byeing.
But as long as you love me so
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

Reading: **The Last Christmas Tree**

Author Unknown

Andy Johnson

Solo: **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**

Ralph Blane & Hugh Martin

Gina Abbatt

Choir: **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**

Johnny Marks
Arr: Michele Weir

Carol for all: **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Arr: Sir David Willcocks

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 the 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 the 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 Sun of Righteousness!
Light of light 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.

Choir: **We Need a Little Christmas**

Jerry Herman
Arr: Jerry Rubino

Choir: **We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

Arr: Paul Johnson

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