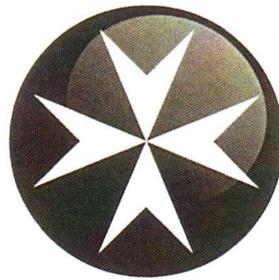


**St John
Ambulance**



Carols and Readings

**Wellington College Chapel
Saturday 11th December 2021**



**Presented by
The Royal County of Berkshire
Priory Group**

Congregational carol: Once in Royal David's City

Solo: 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.

Choir: 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 mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All: For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

All: 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:
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Welcome: **Graham Barker, MStJ, DL**
Deputy Chairman, Royal County of Berkshire St John Priory Group

Tamesis: Deck the Hall - trad. Welsh arr. Willcocks

Reading: "*Winter Poem*" by Laurie Lee
Sean Taylor DL

Tamesis: The Nativity Carol - John Rutter

Congregational carol: In the Bleak Midwinter

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.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged 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 give a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart.

Reading from "*A Child's Christmas in Wales*" by Dylan Thomas
Sarah Greene

Tamesis: The holly and the ivy - trad. English arr. Walford Davies

Congregational carol: It came upon the midnight clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo!, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Reading from Wordsworth's "*The River Duddon*"
Lord Brownlow of Shurlock Row CVO DL

Tamesis: The Angels' Carol - John Rutter

Solo: "*Sweet was the Song*" by Bob Chilcott
Julie Kench

Tamesis: My Lord has come - Will Todd

Reading from St John's Gospel

Lady Stevenson, DL, former High Sheriff of Berkshire:

Tamesis: Tomorrow Shall be my dancing Day - John Gardner

Closing address: **Clive Lawson Smith**

Chairman, Royal County of Berkshire St John Priory Group

Congregational carol: 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

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace
Hail! the Son 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

Organ voluntary: Finale from Symphonie no.1 by Vierne.

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Thank you for joining us this evening in the Chapel of Wellington College. We are most grateful to Wellington College for allowing us to hold our Carols and Readings in this glorious setting. Thank you for following Covid protocols.

We are delighted that the excellent Berkshire chamber choir, Tamesis, is singing for us this evening. We are incredibly grateful to our very special readers this evening:

Sarah Greene, Lady Catherine Stevenson DL, Lord Brownlow of Shurlock Row CVO DL, and Sean Taylor DL.

During the pandemic St John Ambulance has been fully committed to helping the Government and the NHS by supporting ambulance services, providing support staff into NHS hospitals and most significantly, training 30,000 volunteers to help vaccinate the nation. So far, St John has donated in excess of one million hours of support in the fight against Covid-19. There will be a retiring collection for further support for the work of St John Ambulance.

Thank you for wearing your mask at this event.

Mike Cox MstJ Joined St John Ambulance in 1982 rising to Unit Manager, Theale Cadets

The Royal County of Berkshire Priory Group would like to acknowledge the great contribution that Mike Cox made over many years to St John Ambulance in Theale and we extend our sympathy to Mike's Family on their sad loss.

TAMESIS CHAMBER CHOIR

Louise Rapple Moore founded the Tamesis Chamber Choir in Reading in 2003. The choir consists of around 25 singers and they are known as "one of Berkshire's best ensembles". Their repertoire ranges from classic sacred music to popular modern pieces of today. For their forthcoming appearances access their website, www.tamesischamberchoir.co.uk or see them on Facebook or twitter. The organist tonight is the very talented **Simon Dinsdale**.