

Thames hospice

Thursday
15 December
2022
7.30pm

Eton College Christmas Service

Hosted by Philip Courtenay-Luck

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Good evening,

I am delighted to welcome you to the stunning Eton College Chapel; it feels so special to have you all here after not being able to host our Christmas events during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you so much for joining us and I look forward to meeting many of you this evening and in the coming months.

I am incredibly proud to have been appointed Chief Executive of Thames Hospice in September this year. I have previously led organisations across a variety of healthcare settings, including acute hospitals, community providers and commissioning groups.

Having lived experience of hospice care and, as a former Trustee of the Thames Hospice Board, I am deeply passionate about the continuing success of this amazing organisation to support our community.

We have much to celebrate and reflect upon this year. We were thrilled to welcome Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal to officially open Thames Hospice in July. We are very proud of The Royal Family's long-held association with our charity and were of course deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty, who served our nation with so much dignity and dedication during her long reign.

This year we also commemorated our 35th anniversary and wouldn't be here today without the unwavering generosity of our community, whom we rely upon to help us continue our vital work. During these challenging times, we need your support now more than ever so we can be there for all those that need us today and for the next 35 years.

Although a lot has changed since we first opened our doors in 1987, one thing remains very much the same; our patients and their families are at the heart of everything we do. I believe that no one should have to wait to access hospice services. We are committed to delivering care that is agile and responsive, giving patients and their families a choice about how and where they are cared for at end of life, whether that's at our Hospice or in the comfort of their own home.

We are so grateful for your continued support during what has been, and continues to be, a challenging time for us all. On behalf of everyone at Thames Hospice, may I once again thank you for being here tonight and wish you all a very happy Christmas.

With my very best wishes

Catherine McLaughlin
Chief Executive Officer, Thames Hospice

Special guests



Hosted by...

Philip Courtenay-Luck

Philip is a successful entrepreneur with a speciality in buying and selling companies in the confectionery industry. He has been a supporter of Thames Hospice for more than 35 years. Initially raising small amounts of funding to assist with the build of Pine Lodge and subsequently Chairing the Denham Support Group, now numbering over 140 members, which over the years has raised in excess of three quarters of a million pounds for the Hospice.

Philip is delighted and honoured to be hosting this evening's Thames Hospice Eton College Christmas Carol Service and thanks those attending for their support to an incredibly important community cause.

Music by...

Tamesis Chamber Choir

Louise Rapple Moore founded Tamesis Chamber Choir in Reading in 2003, named after the Latin name for the River Thames. The Choir of around 28 singers has carved a niche in the Berkshire area and has been styled 'one of Berkshire's best ensembles' locally. The Choir regularly perform to raise funds for local and national charities, and has featured several times on local radio and on BBC Radio 3.



The Choir's repertoire ranges from sacred to popular music, spanning the centuries from the renaissance period to the present day.

For details of upcoming concerts and more information about the Choir, find them at www.tamesischamberchoir.co.uk and on Facebook and Twitter.

Louise Rapple Moore – Conductor

Louise Rapple Moore studied conducting at the Conservatoire de Pau in southern France whilst at university and began her conducting career by directing the Reading University Singers for two years. She spent several years in Church music and then founded Tamesis in 2003. She is also founder and director of Tamesis Cathedral Singers, Shiplake Community Choir and Hagbourne Community Choir.



In October 2013 she was delighted to be recognised for both her work as a Choral Director and her charitable fundraising efforts by being named Creative Woman of the Year in Sue Ryder's annual 'Women of Achievement' awards at the Madejski Stadium in Reading. In the spring of 2017 she gained her LRSM in Choral Conducting via the Advanced Conducting Course with the Association of British Choral Directors.

Simon Dinsdale – Organist

A former Organ Scholar of Chichester Cathedral, Simon moved on to become Director of Music at St. Mary's Choir School, Reigate, and organist for its professional choir of boys and men. Simon travels extensively throughout the UK as accompanist, continuo player and organist to a number of choirs, and regularly plays at cathedrals up and down the country. Simon has been sub-organist at The Royal Memorial Chapel, The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, since 2005, where he has the pleasure of playing week by week the largest Allen digital organ in the UK.



Anita D'Attellis – Pianist

Anita has performed extensively as a solo pianist, chamber musician and accompanist, with recitals at the Brighton and Cheltenham International Festivals, Snape Maltings, the Royal Festival Hall and the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Her repertoire spans across classical, romantic and twentieth-century periods, and she is particularly keen on contemporary music. She graduated with first class honours in music at the University of Birmingham, followed by postgraduate study at the Royal Academy of Music.



Anita is an experienced teacher; she was previously Head of Music at Trevor-Roberts School in Hampstead, and later became Head of Keyboard at Sherborne Girls, Dorset. Now based in Henley-on-Thames, she coaches the music scholars at Queen Anne's School, and teaches piano at Eton College.



With readings from...

Chris Aitken, Thames Hospice Chair of Trustees

Chris joined the Thames Hospice Board in 2012 and became Chair in September 2022, following a successful career in agribusiness and the food industry, specialising in supply chain and change management. He leads a 10-strong Board of Trustees who are all volunteers and carefully selected for their breadth of experience in the medical, commercial and charity sectors.

As well as his role as Chair of Trustees at Thames Hospice, Chris is Trustee and Secretary of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. He is Chair of the Windsor & Eton Choral Society, Chair of The Windsor Festival, Vice-Chair of the Windsor and Eton Society, a Lay Steward at St George's Chapel, Windsor, a Director of St George's House and a Trustee of The Foundation of The College of St George, Windsor Castle.



Dr Helen Cousins, Specialty Doctor at Thames Hospice

Helen is a Specialty Doctor at Thames Hospice. She has worked at the Hospice for over three years, previously working at Pilgrim's Hospice in Kent near her family home. Helen works at the Hospice part-time, spending the rest of her week pursuing her other passion as a botanical artist and teacher.



Abby West, Thames Hospice Ambassador

Thames Hospice cared for Abby's boyfriend, Jamie, aged just 28 when he passed away in January 2019. He was diagnosed with an aggressive and rare form of Sarcoma cancer and given just weeks to live.

Jamie's pain became so severe that he was admitted to Thames Hospice on Christmas Eve. Abby said they had found peace and comfort the moment they walked into the Hospice.

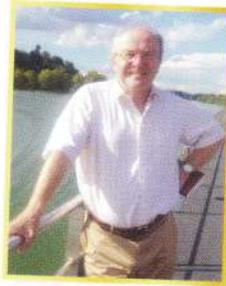
Abby is a passionate supporter and Ambassador of the Hospice now. She runs her own recruitment company and donates 5% of its profit to the Hospice every year.

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**Richard Simmonds, Lay Minister,
Benefice of the Cookhams**

Richard Simmonds is Lay Minister in Cookham, Berkshire. Besides farming for many years, he has worked for three Prime Ministers, was Chief Whip in the European Parliament, and latterly chaired the Countryside Commission. He and his wife Mary have three children and seven grandchildren in Henley, Sydney and Boulder in Colorado.

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Lady Catherine Stevenson

After studying physics at St Hilda's College, Oxford, Catherine Stevenson moved to Berkshire in 1965 to join the Met Office in Bracknell as a Cloud Physicist. Since then, she and her husband, Hugh, have made the county their home.

In 2010 she had the honour of becoming High Sheriff of Berkshire, and attended Her Majesty The Queen and other members of the Royal Family during their visits to Thames Hospice. As a long term supporter of local hospice care, Catherine has been delighted to watch the progress made in improving services for the people of Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire, particularly in the building of the new 28 bed state-of-the-art Hospice by Bray Lake.

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Congregational Carol and Tamesis Chamber Choir

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:

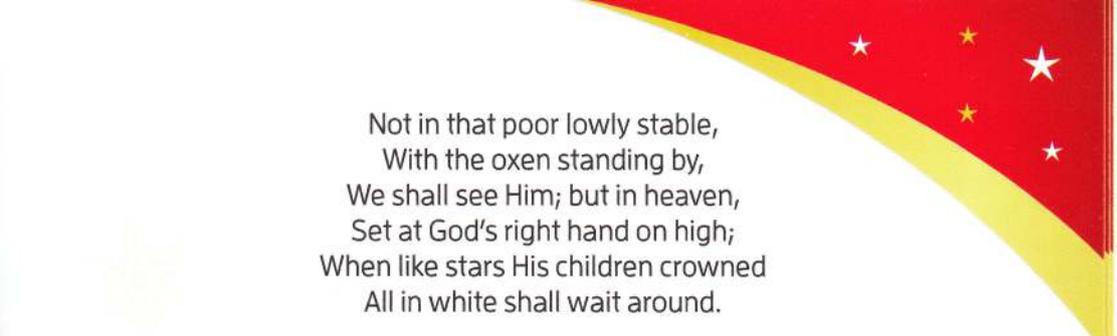
He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All:

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

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.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.



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

Catherine McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Thames Hospice

Your Host

Philip Courtenay-Luck

Tamesis Chamber Choir

Deck the Hall – Welsh trad. arr. David Willcocks

Dr Helen Cousins, Specialty Doctor, Thames Hospice

Reads 'Christmas Giving' by Iris W Bray

Tamesis Chamber Choir

Nativity Carol – John Rutter

Congregational Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 the 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 wondering 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 to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

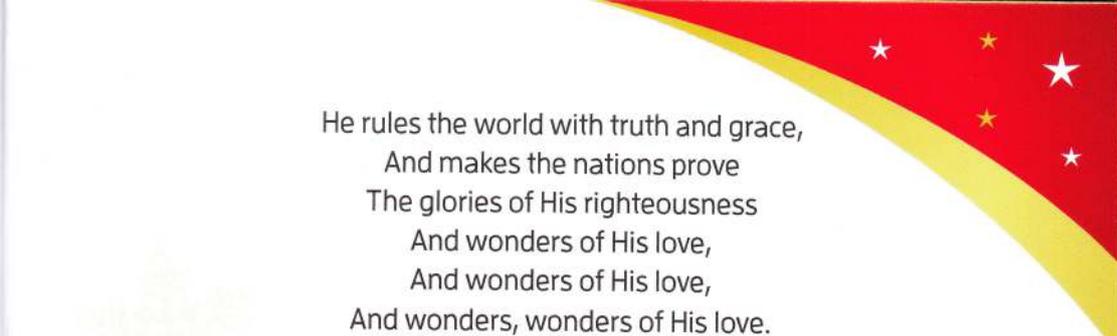
Richard Simmonds, Lay Minister, Benefice of the Cookhams
Reads 'Christmas Bells' by Henry Wadsworth,
written during the American Civil War

Tamesis Chamber Choir
Angels' Carol – John Rutter

Congregational Carol
Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King,
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.



He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Tamesis Chamber Choir
My Lord has Come – Will Todd

Chris Aitken, Chair of Trustees, Thames Hospice
Reads 'A Christmas Lesson' by Tom Krause

Tamesis Chamber Choir
The Holly and the Ivy – English trad. 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, goodwill to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessèd 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:
Oh 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.

Lady Catherine Stevenson
Reads 'Christmas is a Time for Sharing'
by Barbara Laughlin

Tamesis Chamber Choir
Tomorrow shall be my Dancing Day – John Gardner



Abby West, Thames Hospice Ambassador
Reads 'My Christmas List' by Stephanie Rowe

Tamesis Chamber Choir
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- Martin/Blane arr. Gritton



Congregational Carol
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:

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

Refrain

See how the shepherds
Summoned to His cradle
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps

Refrain

Lo, star-led chieftains
Magi, Christ-adoring
Offer Him incense, gold and myrrh
We to the Christ-child
Bring our hearts' oblations

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels!
Sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest!

Refrain



With thanks to...

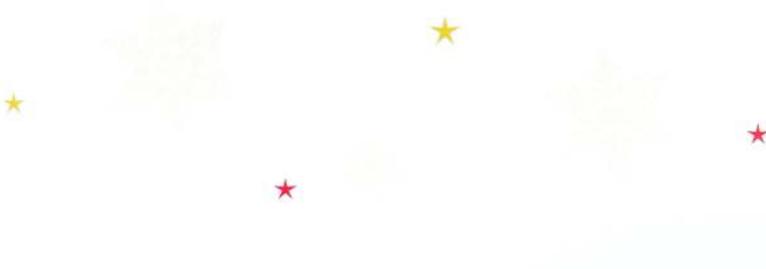
Provost and Fellows of Eton College

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Simon Dinsdale

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