



Breaking the cycle of homelessness

Elmbridge Rentstart work with homeless and vulnerably housed people across the borough of Elmbridge. Our mission is to 'Break the cycle of homelessness' so we work not just to help people secure housing but also to rebuild their lives. Our small team provides support and advice on everything from shopping, bill paying or accessing medical services through to finding and sustaining paid work.

Over 2017-2018, we have given 440 people advice on housing; housed 150 people; supported 56 rough sleepers; and helped 62 people get back into work or training. In the last year, we've seen a significant rise in the number of rough sleepers we have been able to support (from 27 to 56), having employed an Outreach Worker with personal experience of homelessness, whose empathy and knowledge enables him to locate & engage with rough sleepers. As a small charity, 96p in every £1 donated is spent on charitable work, so your donations will really allow us to make a difference in our outreach work.



The **Promenade Youth Choir** caters for singers of secondary school age (and beyond if they wish to stay). Whilst no previous experience and no musical knowledge is assumed, repertoire is always in three or four parts and members are supported in working with music and following scores. The atmosphere is friendly and supportive, but aims at stretching the abilities of its members. The resulting standard is high.

Following a performing career focusing on opera and above all French song, **Christopher Goldsack (Musical Director)** now concentrates on education, with an extensive private practice, and a growing interest in choral direction. He was acting Head of Voice at the London College of Music and is widely recognised as one of the most respected French language coaches for singers in Britain.



This is **Harmonia Voices'** inaugural concert. The choir is an auditioned group of singers and aims to bring singers from different walks of life together and perform to a professional standard. The choir also aims to raise money for local and national charities and was delighted to be asked to perform for Elmbridge Rentstart. If you would like to discuss performing opportunities for the choir then don't hesitate to speak to **Jonathan Kilhams (Musical Director)**. Jonathan is an inspirational conductor and music teacher based in Surrey and responsible for five choirs, including Weybridge Male Voice Choir, Walton Voices and Harmonia Voices. His belief that choral singing is a universal language is infectious and has resulted in his choirs doubling in size.

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Welcome to our Christmas Concert



**RETIRING COLLECTON IN AID OF THOSE
FACING HOMELESSNESS AT CHRISTMAS**

THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER | 7.30PM

ST JAMES' CHURCH, WEYBRIDGE, KT138DF



MULLED WINE, TEA AND MINCE PIES IN THE PARISH CENTRE

AFTER THE CONCERT: PLEASE JOIN US!

Welcome: Rev Brian Prothero, Rector of St James' Church

ALL: Oh Come All Ye Faithful

1. 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!

2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, Begotten, not created.

Chorus

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
"Glory to God in the highest"

Chorus

Reading: One Solitary Life, extract from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis. Read by Blair Darby

Promenade Choir:

Calyпсо Carol – Michael Perry
Huron Carol – Trad. Canadian arr. Chris Mitchell
Stille Nacht – Trad. German arr. Chris Mitchell
Candlelight Carol – Simon Mold (Solo: Lucia Phillips)
Christmas Time is Here – Vince Guaraldi arr. Steve Zegree
Merry Christmas, everyone – James Lea arr. Gwyn Arch

Message: Helen Watson and Steve Winsor, Elmbridge Rentstart

ALL: Away in a Manger

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| 1. Away in a manger
No crib for his bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head | 3. The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes | 5. Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray |
| 2. The stars in the bright sky
Look down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay | 4. I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
'Til morning is nigh | 6. Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there |

Harmonia Voices:

Gaudete - arr. Alexander L'Estrange
Lully, lully, lullay - Phillip Stopford
The Lamb - John Tavener
Northern Lights - Ola Gjelio
O Magnum Mysterium - Morten Lauridsen
Love came down at Christmas - Alexander L'Estrange

Address: The Mayor of the Borough of Elmbridge, Councilor Shweta Kapadia

ALL: Hark the Herald Angels

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| 1. 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!" | Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!" |
| 2. 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 | 3. 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!" |

Reading: Now the Work of Christmas Begins, Howard Thurman. Read by Matilda Hardcastle

Joint choirs: We Wish You A Merry Christmas - Arthur Warrell

Dismissal: Rev Brian Prothero

Retiring collection in aid of Elmbridge Rentstart. Mulled wine, mince pies and tea in the Parish Centre.

Music on arrival and on exit: Fernando de Paula Munoz

Elmbridge Rentstart would like to thank the Harmonia and Promenade choirs for generously giving their time to support us tonight as well as St James' Church, Rev Brian Prothero, and John Yeomans for their support, and Waitrose & Morrisons for their contribution towards refreshments. We would also like to thank The Mayor of Elmbridge, Councilor Shweta Kapadia for joining us this evening, and for all her generous support of Elmbridge Rentstart in her mayoral year.