

**God Rest ye Merry, Gentlemen**

Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray

**Chorus**

O tidings of comfort and joy  
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From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name

**Chorus**

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind:  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessed babe to find

**Chorus**

But when to Bethlehem they came  
Whereat this infant lay  
They found Him in a manger  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down  
Unto the Lord did pray

**Chorus**

Now to the Lord sing praises  
All you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface

**Chorus**

**All**

**Good King Wenceslas last looked out**

On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about

Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel

**Men**

"Hither, page, and stand by me  
If thou know'st it, telling  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"

**Ladies**

"Sire, he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

**Men**

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear him thither."

**All**

Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather

**Ladies**

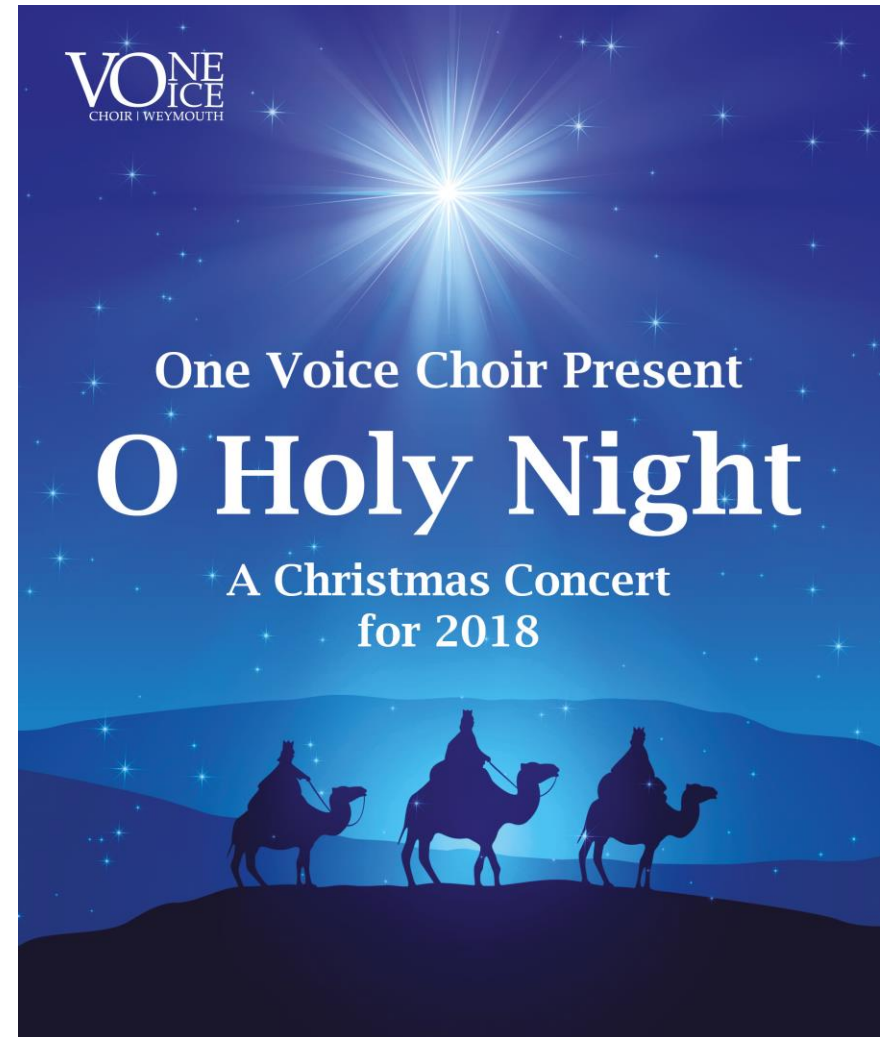
"Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer."

**Men**

"Mark my footsteps, my good page  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

**All**

In his master's steps he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing



**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WEYMOUTH**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM**

*Master of Ceremonies:*

**REV. TOM COOPEY**

*Musical Director: Grazina Ellis*

*Accompanist: Phil Williams Violinist: Alison Whiting*

## PART I

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**1. Gaudete ~ Piae Cantiones 1582**

Soloists: Marion Levick, Gill McIntosh,  
Alan McIntosh, Barry Dennis & Phil Hawker

**2. Throw Open Your Shutters**

by Amy Feldman Bernan

**3. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

by Nahum Tate

**4. Nativity Carol** by John Rutter

**5. Scots Nativity** by Alan Bullard

**6. Sans Day Carol**

traditional Cornish Carol arranged by Peter Hunt

**7. Merry Christmas Mozart**

by WA Mozart & arranged by Jay Althouse

**8. Ding Dong! Merrily on High**

by George Woodward & arranged by Peter Hunt

**9. O Holy Night**

by John S Dwight & Adolphe Adam,  
arranged by Joel Raney

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## PART II

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**1. God rest ye merry, Gentlemen**

arranged by David Willcocks  
*please sing with us!*

**2. Christmas Sanctus**

by Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler

**3. The First Christmas - Women's Ensemble**

by Elizabeth Fleming & David Hamilton

**4. Good King Wenceslas**

by JM Neale, arranged by David Willcocks  
*please sing with us!*

**5. Away in a Manger ~ Gospel Style**

arranged by Peter Hunt

**6. Kings Came Riding**

by Charles Williams & Kevin Stannard

**7. Tell Us 'Bout a Baby!**

by John Parker & Joel Raney

**8. We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas**

arranged by Carl Strommen