



MIDWEEK MUSIC

A CHRISTMAS CRACKER

with the Choir of Royal Holloway

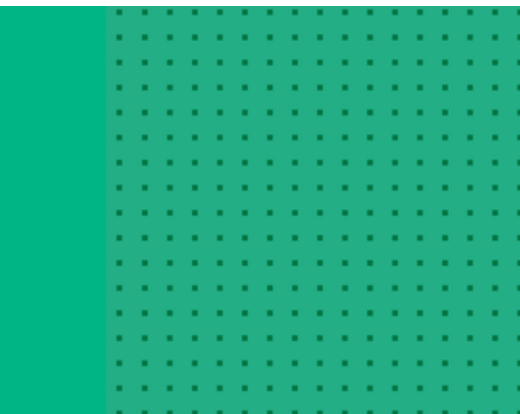
Wednesday, 10th December 2025, 1:15pm

A festive concert of carols and reading with audience participation.

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Torches

John Joubert
1927 - 2019

Reading: **Christmas**

John Betjeman
1906 - 1984

Deck the hall

trad Welsh, arr. David Wilcocks
1919 - 2015

AUDIENCE CAROL: Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every 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.
2. Joy to the earth, 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.
3. 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.

Reading: **I heard the bells on Christmas Day**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
1807 - 1882

Ding! Dong! Merrily on high

Trad. Arr. Charles Wood
1866 - 1926

AUDIENCE CAROL: God rest you merry gentlemen

1. 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
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
2. 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.
O tidings of comfort and joy...
3. And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy...
4. 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 other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy...

Reading: **The Twelve Days of Christmas (Correspondence)**

John Julius Norwich
1929 - 2018

White Christmas

arr. Peter Evans
b. 2004



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