MIDWEEK MUSIC

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

with the Choir of Royal Holloway

Wednesday, 14th January 2026, 1:15pm

This year marks 50 years since the death of Benjamin Britten and so, in the season between Epiphany and Candlemas we perform his ever-popular Ceremony of Carols.

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Benjamin Britten
1913 - 1976

I. Processional

Hodie Christus natus est:	*Today Christ is born:*
Hodie Salvator apparuit:	*Today the Saviour has appeared:*
Hodie in terra canunt angeli:	*Today angels sing on earth:*
Laetantur archangeli:	*Archangels rejoice:*
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes:	*Today the righteous exult, saying:*
Gloria in excelsis Deo.	*Glory to God in the highest.*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	*Alleluia!*

II. Wolcum Yole!

III. There is no Rose

IVa. That Yongë Childe

IVb. Bulalow

V. As Dew in Aprille

VI. This Little Babe

VII. Interlude
Performed by Cecily Beer

VIII. In Freezing Winter Night

IX. Spring Carol

X. Deo Gracias

XI. Recessional

New Year Carol

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Cecily Beer has been Resident Harpist at The Waldorf Hotel, Covent Garden since 2014, and enjoys a varied freelance music career. Alongside playing for high profile events at venues such as Blenheim Palace, Goodwood Estate and National Trust properties, she has performed on separate occasions for the late Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Princess Anne, and a 60th birthday concert for King Charles III at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. She has performed all over the world, including as guest recitalist in Kuwait City and has taken part in broadcasts on BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio London, Classic FM, and several television musical appearances. On the concert platform she has performed Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp in The Shipley Festival, Debussy's Danses Sacrée et Profane for harp solo and strings at St Martin in the Fields, and Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker at Cadogan Hall.

Cecily is very passionate about choral music and is a professional alto singer in the Choir of St. Bartholomew the Great in West Smithfield. As a harpist she specialises in music for harp and choir and has featured on a number of CD recordings including The Pearl of Freedom by Joanna Marsh, recorded with The London Mozart Players; new works Odyssey and I Remember by Lydia Kakabadse featured on 'Ithaka' released on the Divine Art label and Nowel el el by Piers Connor Kennedy for Ensemble Pro Victoria recently released by Delphian Records.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Find more concert information at:
https://www.chapelchoir.co.uk

Join us next week for Into the Light:

As the evenings lengthen, we present a program of darkness to light featuring music by Dering, Bull, Mendelssohn, Ben Ponniah and Charles Wood.

Thu 22nd January, 7.30pm – Reading Town Hall

The Choir of Royal Holloway perform a programme From darkness to light in Reading Town Hall. The programme features a wide variety of music taking the audience on a journey from darkness to light.

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