

A warm welcome to our Christmas Concert - and thanks for coming along tonight at this busy time of year. We're very much looking forward to an enjoyable evening of wonderful festive music to get us and you in the Christmas spirit. Last year's Christmas Concert at St Botolph's wrapped up our 40th anniversary celebrations, but this year's concert marks a very different type of anniversary. The band's founder Sid Cooper passed away suddenly in January 1990, with the band's 1989 Christmas Concert at Heathlands School being the last time he conducted the band. I cannot believe how quickly those 30 years have passed, but considering how devastated the band was at losing Sid and how seriously we considered stopping the band in January 1990, I cannot express how grateful, proud (& emotional) I am to think that this band is still as vibrant and successful as it was back then. Sid will be in our thoughts tonight, especially when we play the pieces that he would have conducted 30 years ago...Troika, Christmas Festival and Christmas Favourites.



Another constant from those early days right through to now is how our Christmas Concert has always had a magical feel which has always made it one of my and the band's favourite events of the

year. Our earliest Christmas Concerts at Heathlands school (before the hall was enlarged) were quite a squeeze, as were our concerts in West Bergholt Church with 50+ players just fitting into the area between the organ, the altar and the pews...the latter holding as many people as we could squeeze in. Eventually the concert became so popular that we had to find a bigger venue...which led us to discover this gem of a church for our first concert here in Christmas 2012. Since then we've played most of our Christmas Concerts here, and we're delighted to be back again this year. As always, our Christmas Concert is a fun & relaxed evening where we celebrate another busy & successful year for the band by wearing daft hats and festive jumpers. You are of course welcome to join in with that, as well as with any of the pieces we play tonight...and remember, a set of keys can manage a pretty good sleigh bells impression if shaken firmly enough.



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# Christmas Concert



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall





# West Bergholt Concert Band

(Founded in 1978 by Mr Sid Cooper)

Graham Wilson – Musical Director (1994-2019)



## Concert Band

1. [The Bells of Christmas](#) Stephen Bulla
2. Christmas on Broadway arr John Higgins
3. [Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem](#) arr Colin Evans
4. [Nativity Carol](#) John Rutter arr Monty Musgrave
5. Do They Know It's Christmas Midge Ure & Bob Geldof arr F. Bernaerts

## Training Band

1. Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson arr John Ford
2. I'll Be Home For Christmas Kim Gannon & Walter Kent arr J. Vinson
3. [Noel Fantasy](#) arr James Curnow
4. [In the Bleak Midwinter](#) Gustav Holst arr Philip Sparke
5. Santa Claus Comes To Dixieland arr James D. Ployhar  
*Dixie Group : Henry, Olly, Thomas, Penny*
6. All I Want for Christmas Is You M. Carey & W. Afanasieff arr M. Brown

## Interval

**We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful 2020.**

**Band starts again on Friday 10th January at Heathlands School.**

## Concert Band

1. Troika Serge Prokofieff arr Harold L. Walters
2. Irving Berlin's Christmas arr Michael Brown
3. Oogie Boogie's Song Danny Elfman arr Michael Brown
4. [Once In Royal David's City](#) arr Colin Evans
5. A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson
6. Merry Christmas Darling Carpenter & Pooler arr McDonald
7. Christmas Favorites arr James Swearingen
8. Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

(\*) Premiere performance

## **West Bergholt Concert Band – 2020 Concerts**

- Sunday 29th March 3:00pm - West Cliff Theatre Clacton
- Sunday 7th / 14th June 2:30pm - Flatford
- Saturday 11th July 7:30pm - St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall
- Saturday 14th November 7:30pm - venue tbc
- Saturday 12th December 7:30pm - St Botolph's Church, Colchester

We also have small-band concerts in West Bergholt on April 4th and June 28th.