



# **Christmas Concert & Carols**

**St Botolph's Church, Colchester**

**Saturday 16th December 7:30pm**

**A Concert of Festive Favourites**

**White Christmas, Jingle Bells, Sleigh Ride,  
Carols (Classical, Swinging & Singing) & more !**

**WEST BERGHOLT CONCERT BAND**

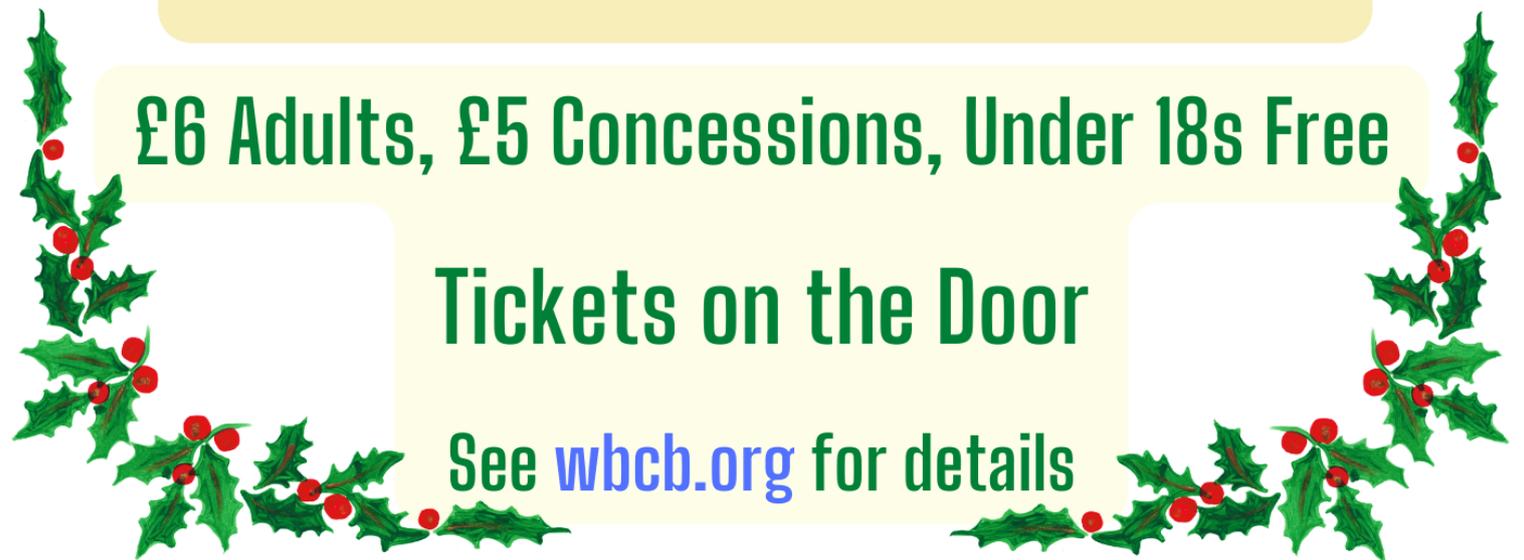
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**HEATHLANDS SCHOOL CHOIR**

**£6 Adults, £5 Concessions, Under 18s Free**

**Tickets on the Door**

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## Concert Band

1. A Christmas Flourish James Curnow
2. Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson
3. White Christmas Irving Berlin arr John Moss
4. Christmas On Broadway arr John Higgins

## Heathlands School Choir

1. Juba
2. Tongo
3. Like A Candle Flame
4. O Come And Join the Dance
5. Silent Night
6. Twelve Days Of Christmas

## Training Band

1. The Polar Express G. Ballard & A. Silvestri arr J. Vinson
2. The Kings of Swing John Henry Hopkins Jr arr Michael Story
3. Christmas Time Is Here L. Mendelson & V. Guaraldi arr Sweeney
4. Away In A Manger arr Colin Evans
5. Jingle Bell Rock with Rockin'  
Around The Christmas Tree (\*) arr Douglas E. Wagner
6. We Wish You A Merry Christmas (\*) arr Colin Evans

**A huge thanks to Sarah & Heathlands School Choir for joining us tonight and making the concert so much fun.**

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1. Sleigh Ride Leroy Anderson
2. Holiday Cheer (\*) arr Paul Lavender
3. Good Swing Wenceslas arr Sammy Nestico
4. Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem arr Colin Evans
5. A Holst Christmas arr Douglas E. Wagner
6. Fairytale Of New York J. Finer & S. MacGowan arr S. O'Loughlin
7. Christmas Recollections arr John Edmonson
8. Dixie Patrol Harold L. Walters

(\*) Premiere Performance

**We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**Band starts back on Friday 5th January at Heathlands School.**

## 2024 Concerts

Sunday 24th March	3:00pm	Last Night Of The Proms - West Cliff Theatre, Clacton
Sunday 9th June	2:30pm	Summer Outdoors Concert
Saturday 6th July	TBC	West Bergholt Fete
Saturday 13th July	7:30pm	Around The World In 80 Minutes - Venue TBC
Friday 15th November / Saturday 16th November	7:30pm	Schools Concert - Venue TBC
Saturday 14th December	7:30pm	Christmas Concert

A warm welcome to our Christmas Concert - thanks for coming along tonight at this busy time of year, and a special thanks to Sarah White & the Heathlands School Choir for joining us again. Last year's concert here was so much fun that Sarah & I booked this year's the morning after it, and we've been looking forward to it ever since.

In order for our younger musicians to get home in time for bed, the first half includes the choir's "solo" pieces and as many combined pieces with our Concert Band & Training Band that we could fit in. Not being as old as I am or as steeped in Christmas albums, the choir weren't familiar with a number of the songs, so they've done brilliantly to learn them. As some of you hopefully know these classic Christmas songs, and even more hopefully are wonderful singers, we invite you to join in on the pieces for which we have provided words. If you'd also like to join in with the pieces for which words haven't been provided, you are more than welcome.

This year is the band's 45th anniversary, so is probably the band's 46th Christmas Concert. In the band's early days our Christmas Concerts were held in Heathlands School Hall (before it was extended), with 60+ musicians and 100+ audience making it very loud & a very tight squeeze. Anyone arriving late had to sit at the front on the smallest primary school chairs and be subject to the full force of the band's volume. Shortly after I took over we moved the Christmas Concerts to West Bergholt Church with the band squeezing in



between the organ, altar and pews, the latter being crammed full of people until no-one could move. The popularity of the concert meant that we had to find a bigger venue, and since then we've performed our

Christmas Concerts either here, at St Peter ad Vincula in Coggeshall, or at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre. St Botolph's is without a doubt the finest music venue in Colchester, so it is always a real treat for us to play here.



As you'll see from our attire tonight, our Christmas Concert is always a fun & relaxed evening and we hope that you'll join in with us - sing along, clap along, jingle your keys (they make passable sleigh bells), and feel free to dance - there's plenty of room.

Finally - thanks again for coming - and we hope you enjoy the concert.

*Everything you need to know about the band - including how to join us - is on our website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)), or you can contact Graham on 07941 947541 or via [Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org).*