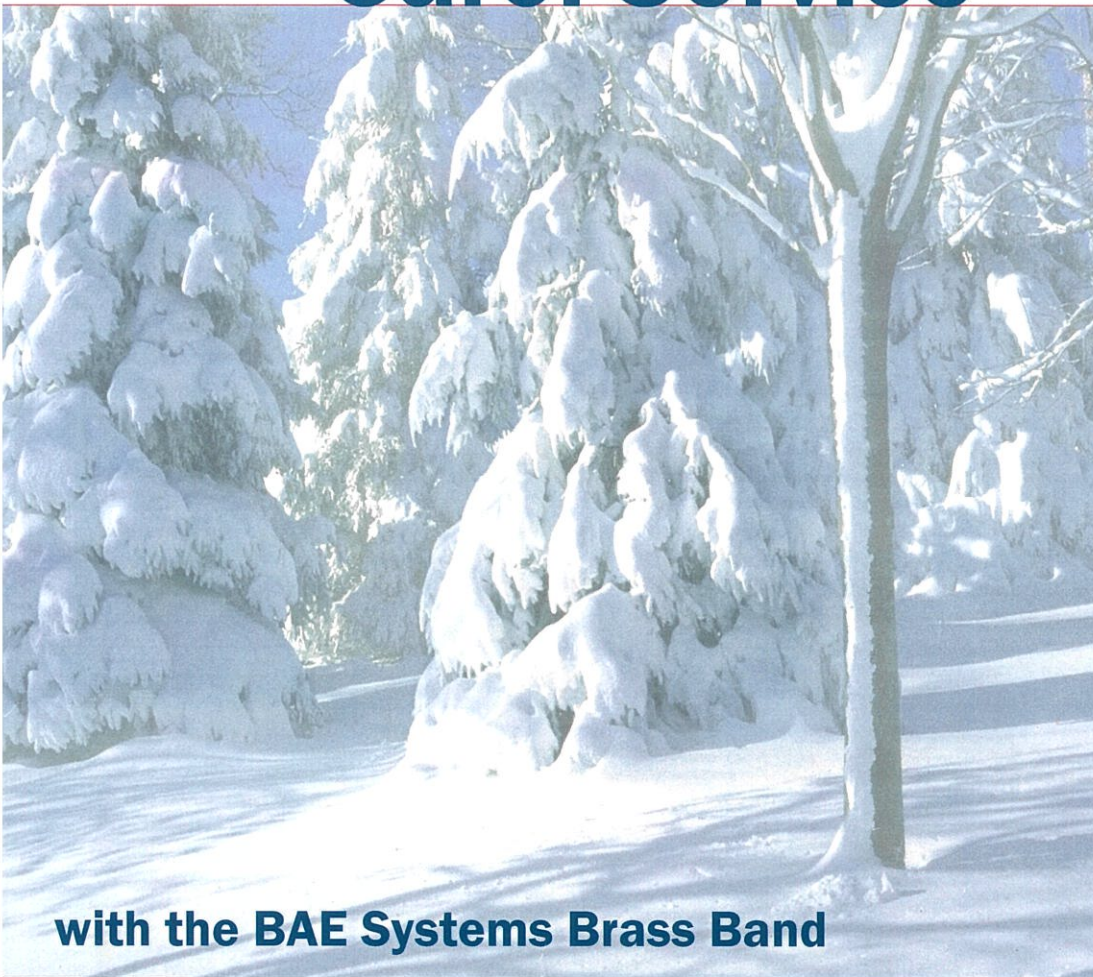


# Company **Carol Service**



**with the BAE Systems Brass Band**

on Monday 13th December at 7.30pm  
Nine Lessons & Carols

## Order of Service



### *Opening Music by the BAE Systems brass band*

*Welcome by the Reverend Ruth Oates of St Mary's Gravesend*

#### *Opening Prayer*

*by Alec Hollingdale - Industrial Chaplain to BAE Systems*

*Apart from the welcome, the Service will proceed unannounced*

1. Hark! the herald-angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
2. Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild, he lays His glory by,

Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

3. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail the Incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Chorus: Hark the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new born King*

**Lesson 1** *Mankind Disobeys God Through Sin* Genesis Chap. 3 verses 1-7

*Reader: Rajeev Gupte - Communications Manager*



1. In the bleak mid winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron  
Water like a stone  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid winter long ago.
2. Our God, heav'n cannot hold him,  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign.  
In the bleak mid winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But his mother only,  
In her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss
4. What can I give him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him - Give my heart.

**Lesson 2** *God Promises that a Saviour Will Come* Isaiah Ch. 9 vs 2, 6 & 7

Reader: **Trevor Hatt** - Johnson Controls Ltd



1. Once, in Royal David's city,  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall:  
With the poor and mean, and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all His wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay.  
Christian children all should be  
Mild, obedient, good as He.
4. For He is our childhood's pattern:  
Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew.  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that child, so dear and gentle,  
Is our lord in heaven above;  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him but in heaven,  
Set at god's right hand on high;  
When like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.



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## *Music by the BAE Systems brass band*

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**Lesson 3** *God Comforts His People* Isaiah Chap. 40 verses 1-5

Reader: **Chris Bartlett** - Chief Technologist



1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold;  
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing
2. Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lonely plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife,  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angels' strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring:  
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing

**Lesson 4** *God Keeps His Promise to Save His People* Matthew Chap. 1 vs

18-23



Reader: *Member of the Band*

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king,  
And peace to men on earth!  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.
3. How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him  
Still, the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in ;  
Be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

**Lesson 5** *The Saviour is Born* Luke Chap. 2 verses 1-7

Reader: *Mike Austill - Managing Director*



## *Music by the BAE Systems brass band*

1. Silent night, holy night:  
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,  
Mary and Joseph in stable bare  
Watch o'er the child beloved and fair  
Sleeping in heavenly rest..
2. Silent night, holy night:  
Shepherds first saw the light,  
Heard resounding clear and long,  
Far and near, the angel-song:  
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'
3. Silent night, holy night:  
Son of God, O how bright  
Love is smiling from thy face!,  
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,  
Saviour, since thou art born!

**Lesson 6** *The Angels Announce the Saviour's Birth* Luke Chap. 2 vs 8 - 14

Reader: *Martin Reeve - Illustrator*



1. While shepherds watched their  
flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The Angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.
2. "Fear not" said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind),  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind."
3. "To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour Who is Christ the Lord -  
And this shall be the sign:"
4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapt in swaddling bands,  
And in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of Angels, praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:
6. "All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace:  
Good will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease."

**Lesson 7** *The Shepherds go to Worship Jesus* Luke Chap. 2 verses 15 - 20

Reader : Elaine Beard - Long service Association Rep.



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**Lesson 8** *The Wise Men Rejoice & Worship* Matthew Chap. 2 v 1-13 & 9-12

Reader : Keith Washington - Test Systems Definitions Engineer



1. We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star
  2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign
  3. Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r and praising, all men raising  
Worship Him, God most high
  4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb
  5. Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies
- Chorus: O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

**Lesson 9** *Jesus the Light of the World* John Chap. 1 verses 1 - 5 & 9 - 13

Reader : Ray Newman - Environmental Advisor





*The Christmas Message  
by the Reverend Ruth Oates*



1. O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels:
2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created;
3. Sing, choirs of Angels  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above:  
'Glory to God  
In the highest':

*Chorus:*

*O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him;  
Christ the Lord!*



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*Closing Music by the BAE Systems brass band*

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*Refreshments  
will be served on conclusion of the service*



