

Dear all,

I hope you are keeping well despite the continued changing and uncertain times. As I write this we are thinking through new restrictions and implications and we send best wishes to those who may have been affected.

This week I have included some suggestions for tomorrow, 20th December, and also Christmas Day. Please see below

Sunday 20th December

182 - For Mary, mother of our/the Lord - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWS-Jtaly7w>

480 - O come, O come, Emmanuel - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xtpJ4Q_Q-4

605 - Sing we of the blessed mother - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXmrNZKJ3-A>

634 - The angel Gabriel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pliqObTHxUQ>

some more :-)

King's College Cambridge 2010 #2 A Tender Shoot - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jx-MEzstcA>

There is no rose of such virtue Hewitt Jones - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFbhhLthRcQ>
hymn to the virgin britten - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z008X26UIU>

O Emmanuel Esenvalds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcwPSKMnxPA>

ave maria arcadelt - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjAiGMAUQto>

magnificat - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y67GDT2kwU>

Christmas Day

There are obviously so many to choose from here and I'm sure you will all have versions of your favourites so I've just put a couple of well known Carols and then a selection below of maybe some that are less frequently played elsewhere.

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0b4llw3GKE>

Born in the night - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKgzfASYb58>

o come all ye faithful - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1wHyMR_SCA

The First Nowell - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mltWsc8RtM>

in the bleak midwinter darke - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-9yB6t8VI4>

Once in royal David's city - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT3cfXd3Shk>

hark the herald angels sing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe6X7PyCKDY>

Sussex Carol - Sans Day Carol Holly Bears a Berry

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU8EbAsl->

[TA&list=PL0piLtsamMXXAJxJrF9uzGHR8X6BYU9Xx&index=12](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU8EbAsl-)

Anúna : Noel Nouvelet

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoIN0xgPNKM&list=PLO_1AmtK1TMSULX40TxT0GjvW45HINpoe&index=4

I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day - Slavic Chorale

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCos4OeiJrU>

Cwmbach Male Choir - O Holy Night - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0jGLXSt2nw>

joy to the world - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLT9dSt8cwg>

There was much excitement in the Carter house this week as the girls and I broke up for the Christmas holidays and Tom only has a couple of days left next week. We are fortunate and very thankful that we are able to take a few days off this year with the girls and have a break before starting back to work in January. The girls have been busy baking Christmas treats and making decorations for the house (our origami practice from the summer has come in handy)

We have also very much enjoyed walking around our local neighbourhood looking at the Christmas lights which this year are amazing. We have explored corners of our town which we have never ventured to before in the quest to find the most colourfully decorated house in Hinckley!

Extra time in the evenings has also meant we are enjoying revisiting our selection of Christmas books, favourites so far are The Box of Delights (John Mansfield) and The Polar Express.....we always save The Night before Christmas poem for Christmas Eve.

Finally I wanted to say thank you to everyone for your help and support this year, although not able to meet and sing all together for so long it has been great to see you when we could and also receive all of your emails, texts and even zoom calls - its helped to keep us going through 2020 :-)

I may take a break next week from the email so will sign of for a while now.....

Wishing you all a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021

Love from Sarah, Tom , Emily, Phoebe and Thomas the Cat xxxx