

Chief Constable Jim Colwell, Devon & Cornwall Police

A warm welcome to you all to our Christmas Service for 2023, although I am unable to be with you in person, I am delighted that representatives of the Force will be joining you



for the celebrations this evening. I know how much these events are treasured by all of us, often being seen as the start of the festive celebrations. They offer us the opportunity to come together and reflect on the year that has gone by and perhaps focus on our hopes for the future.

I must of course also acknowledge that Christmas is a busy time for policing, and many of us will be at work, helping to protect our communities and keeping people safe at various times across the holiday period. It is my genuine hope though that each and every one of you finds an opportunity to spend at least a little time away from work with those that are most important to you during this period.

Whatever your role, whether as an officer, member of police staff or police volunteer, please accept my thanks for all the work you have done during what has been another busy year. The fact that we continue to improve as an organisation is testament to your commitment, professionalism and dedication. The next twelve months promise to be very positive for the Force and it is only right that I take this opportunity to recognise your loyal service.

In closing, and perhaps in the true spirit of how we seek to deliver policing here in Devon and Cornwall, let us now reflect on the many blessings that we have and consider how we can support those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. My best wishes to all of you, and your families, this Christmas time.



Chief Fire Officer Kathryn Billing Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service

A very warm and festive welcome to one and all who have joined our Carol Service.



After a year when each of our services have been challenged and busier than ever, it is important that we are able to come together and reflect on the spirit of togetherness that Christmas brings. Collaboration is much more than working together for our services, the relationships we have built, the trust we have gained and the friendships we have, makes the term 999 family truly prevalent within Cornwall.

We are delighted you have chosen to support this year's Carol Service with our colleagues and friends from Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Police and Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service. This year is an extra celebration for fire as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service. Our 75th anniversary celebrations are a testament to the legacy of our fire service and the invaluable contributions made by our firefighters, professional staff and supporters of our Service.

Our Carol Service is a moment in time when we come together to reflect on the importance and joy of Christmas, and we wish everyone a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to all those involved in this evening's service for your wonderful creative and jubilant performances, yes, the Rock Choir are back! Remember joining is not yet compulsory but if you do, sing loud and proud, you know you sound fabulous!

I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the organisers for your hard work and commitment, without you we wouldn't have this wonderful event. On behalf of Devon & Cornwall Police and Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, safe and Happy New Year.

Reverend Canon Alan Bashforth, Chancellor to receive formally His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, together with the High Sheriff of Cornwall and the Lord Mayor of Truro and escort them to their seat, accompanied by the Chief Officers of the Fire and Police Services

Please all stand for the procession of His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, together with the High Sheriff of Cornwall and the Mayor of Truro to their seats in the cathedral.

7.00pm Service begins

Please continue to stand whilst the Service Standards are paraded in accompanied by the Kernow Pipes and Drums Band.

Service Standards paraded into the Cathedral and handed to Reverend Canon Alan Bashforth, Chancellor.

Please be seated

Welcome and opening prayer led by Reverend Canon Alan Bashforth

All stand

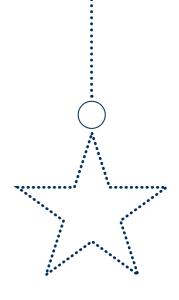
The Bidding Prayer



All

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.



Please be seated

Please all stand for the carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

- 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.
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
- God of God,
 Light of Light,
 Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created.
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord.



3. See how the Shepherds, Summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; We too will thither Blend our joyful footsteps. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.



- 4. Child, for us sinners
 Poor and in the manger,
 Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
 Who would not love thee,
 Loving us so dearly?
 O come let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord.
- 5. Sing, choirs of angels,Sing in exultation,Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.'Glory to God,In the Highest'.O come, let us adore him,Christ the Lord!

Please be seated

The First Reading

The Annunciation to Mary Luke Chapter 1, Verses 26 - 38 Read by Police Cadet Bethany Cookman





All stand

The First Noel

- The First Noel, the Angels did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
 In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
 Noel, Noel, Noel
 Born is the King of Israel!
- 2. They looked up and saw a star Shining in the East beyond them far And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!
- 3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise men came from country far To seek for a King was their intent And to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!
- 4. This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both Pause and stay Right o'er the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!
- 5. Then entered in those Wise men three Full reverently upon their knee And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!



6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Please be seated

The Second Reading

The Birth of Jesus Luke Chapter 2, Verses 1- 7 Read by Assistant Chief Fire Officer Victoria Wallens-Hancock

All stand

While Shepherds Watched Their Flock by Night (Cornish version)

- While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.
- "Fear not" said he for mighty dread Had seized their troubled minds,
 "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind.
- "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 wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid."







- 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 on the earth be peace, Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease."

Please be seated

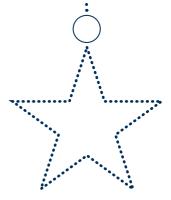
Third Reading

The Shepherds go to the Manger Luke Chapter 2, Verses, 8 - 16 Read by Head of Resilient Communities Simon Mould

All stand

Away in a Manger

- Away in a manger,
 No crib for his bed
 The little Lord Jesus
 Laid down His sweet head
 The stars in the bright sky
 Looked down where He lay
 The little Lord Jesus
 Asleep on the hay
- 2. The cattle are lowing
 The poor Baby wakes
 But little Lord Jesus
 No crying He makes
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus
 Look down from the sky
 And stay by my side,
 'Til morning is nigh.



3. Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there

Please be seated

Fourth Reading

The Wise Men Visit the Messiah Matthew Ch. 2, verses 1 - 5; 7 - 11 Read by Kreslu Trustee and Founder Chief Superintendent Ian Drummond-Smith

Christmas Thought

Reverend Sheila Bawden, Volunteer Police Chaplain

Fire Christmas Prayer

Read by Area Manager Steve Swan

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert, and hear the weakest shout, quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling,







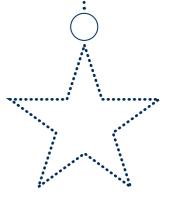
to give the best in me, to guard my friend and neighbour, and protect his property. And if according to Your will I must answer death's call, bless with Your protecting hand, my family one and all.

All stand

Silent Night

- Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
 Holy infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace
- Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from heaven afar
 Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
 Christ the Saviour is born!
 Christ the Saviour is born
- Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God love's pure light.
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
 Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

A Police Officer's Christmas Prayer
Read by Superintendent Ian Thompson



Please make this, Lord, a silent night, this one night of the year.

No sirens wailing through the dark, no shouts of hate or fear.

No crumpled cars and twisted steel, no blood and tears that spill.

No messages of grief to take to homes that suddenly grow still.

Please, King of Peace, no drunken fights that wreck the family tree and all the dreams of some small child who clings, in fear, to me.

Let travellers tread the tinselled streets safe from assault and harm.

On this night, this special night, no blue lights, no alarms.

I'd like to be at home, Oh Lord, where spice and cedar scent the air.

I hope the children don't wake up until I can be there.

Please make this, Lord, a silent night, no hate, or hurt, or crime.

But if this cannot be, Oh Lord, help me get there in time.

Performance

Rock Choir



All stand

Hark the Herald-angels sing

During this time the standards will be returned

- 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 host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the herald-angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.
- Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb!

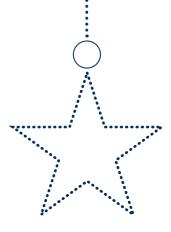






Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark, the Herald-Angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light of 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.
Hark! the herald-angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.



All Remain Standing

The Blessing and Dismissal by the Canon Chancellor

A collection will be taken for the charitable work of the fire and police services. Donations can be made at the back of the Cathedral on your departure.

8.10 pm Exit

His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, High Sheriff of Cornwall and the Mayor of Truro to be escorted from the Cathedral, followed by the Service Standards accompanied by the Kernow Pipes and Drums.

Following the service, we would like to invite all our guests to stay afterwards for tea, coffee and mince pies in the North Transept.





Our sincere thanks for tonight's event go to:

Kernow Pipes and Drums

Truro Cathedral

Fire Cadets

Police Cadets

Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service Standard Bearer Greg Rogers

Devon & Cornwall Police Standard Bearer Stu Flowerday

Reverend Canon Alan Bashforth, Chancellor

Performers - The Rock Choir







The Kernow Pipes and Drums



The Kernow Pipes and Drums formed in 2007 and have been meeting on a weekly basis ever since to play and practise as a marching band. Our normal routine of public engagements includes playing on Remembrance Sunday at both the Falmouth and City of Truro Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Parades. However, the mainstay of our calendar is the many town and village carnivals and events that include the band for the unique sound of the Great Highland Bagpipes and Drums.

The Band wears the Cornish Hunting Tartan which was designed and registered by Mrs Sandra Redwood in 1983. The colours are based on those incorporated in the Cornish National Tartan (designed by E.E. Morton-Nance) but with a more subdued emphasis in the style of a 'hunting' tartan. This produces a dark green and black overall hue highlighted with lines of red, white, gold and blue. The white cross of St Piran's Banner is represented and it is also thought that black and gold were the colours of the Ancient Cornish Kings. Royal blue and gold were the colours of the Cornish Wrestlers and red is for the beak and legs of the Cornish Chough. We hope you enjoy our performance today and if it inspires you to think about learning either the pipes or drums then please make contact with us now personally or by going to our website at www.kernowpipesanddrums.co.uk.



Kreslu

Kreslu, the Cornish word for Police, is the chosen name for our small, Cornish charity. We support police officers, staff and volunteers who are injured on duty, or have a life changing illness. We provide care packages, family respite breaks and entrance to Cornish tourist attractions. Since our formation in 2017, Kreslu has so



far supported 170 staff in Cornwall. You can find out more about our charity and donate via Paypal at www.kreslu.com

The Fire Fighters Charity

The Fire Fighters Charity supports the mental, physical and social needs of all serving and retired members of the UK's fire services community - offering specialist, lifelong support to thousands of beneficiaries every year.



And they're not all firefighters. The Charity exists to support all fire and rescue service personnel, whatever their role in the service – as well as spouses, partners and dependants.

Thanks to the success of this digital approach offered during COVID, the Charity will now continue to offer a blended approach.



As part of this shift, the Charity has introduced several new programmes to benefit beneficiaries. One of them is a COVID Recovery Programme, aimed specifically at supporting fire and rescue service personnel who are still struggling following a COVID diagnosis.

Initially rolled out at the Marine Court Centre, it includes a fiveday residential stay with a holistic programme created for each individual, along with a series of workshops on everything from nutrition to stress and sleep - as well as online sessions before and after the stay.

Beneficiaries are offered the opportunity to meet with a psychological therapist or welfare caseworker too, to discuss additional support that may be available to them, both within and outside the Charity.

It's never been more important to support the Charity's vital work, particularly as lockdowns over the last year meant a huge reduction in the usual fundraising events taking place across the UK, leading to a significant downturn in the income the Charity needs to operate its services.

Find out more about how the Charity could be there for you at www.firefighterscharity.org.uk or to donate visit www.firefighterscharity.org.uk/donate







Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas

- Check your Christmas tree lights carry the British Safety Standard sign.
- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or materials that can catch light easily.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly and only remove batteries when replacing them.
- Most fires start in the kitchen. Avoid leaving a cooker unattended.
- Avoid cooking when under the influence of alcohol.
- Make sure your family and visitors know how to escape in an emergency.
- Make sure cigarettes are put out properly.
- Decorations can burn easily so don't attach them to lights or heaters.
- Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire.

There are a number of different ways to get in touch with us

Every contact we receive about a policing issue is answered by a member of our team, whether it's through one of our online options or on the phone.

Contact details



Non Emergency dc.police.uk

If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime



WebChat



To get updates visit dc.police.uk and click on the WebChat widget



999 Emergency

When life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or immediate action is required



Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired





Emergency



999 BSL

(video relay for BSL users)



Text 999

(You must register for this service at www.emergencysms.org.uk)



18000 Minicom/ textphone

Non-Emergency



Text 67101



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