

Carol Service – Tower of London - 1 December 2016



This year we were again very privileged to be able to hold our Company Carol Service in [The Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula](#) in [The Tower of London](#) and we are grateful to the Constable of the Tower, General Sir John Nicholas Houghton GCB CBE ADC Gen and our Honorary Chaplain, the Reverend Canon Roger Hall MBE QHC CF Chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen and the Tower of London for allowing this.

The congregation, which numbered over 160 and included the Master, the Senior Warden, Past Masters, Liverymen, Freemen, Members, Apprentices and their families, children, grandchildren and friends, gathered together in this historic Chapel Royal for a truly wonderful Carol Service.

Canon Hall officiated. It was his Birthday and the Choir and Congregation marked this by singing Happy Birthday before the Service began. In his welcome address, Canon Hall reminded us to think of those less fortunate than ourselves at Christmas and mentioned that this year he and the Chapel would be supporting two charities: [Centrepoin](#)t which aims to give homeless young people a future, and the [Teenage Cancer Trust](#), which raises funds to educate, and support teenagers fighting cancer.



The Choir conducted by Master of Music Colm Carey BMus, gave superb renditions of ‘Out of your sleep’ (*Nelson*), ‘[I saw a maiden](#)’ (*Pettman*), ‘Away in a manger’ (*Willcocks*) and ‘[The Shepherds’ Pipe](#)’ (*Rutter*). The congregation joined in singing traditional carols including, Once in Royal David’s City, O Come, O Come Emmanuel O little Town of Bethlehem and O Come All Ye Faithful.

Lessons were read by the Master, the Honorary Chaplain, the Clerk, Liveryman Yasmeen Stratton, Young Member and Freeman Martin Abbott and Apprentice Joshua Robertson. The Beadle read the Christmas Poem ‘[An Indignation Dinner](#)’ by David Carrothers.



The Carol Service in in The Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula in the Tower of London has become a Company tradition. It was a most uplifting and enjoyable family occasion. We thank all involved in making it happen and in particular our Honorary Chaplain, the Master of Music, the Choir, the Organist and our Clerk.