

7 December 2023 St Pancras Church





The money we raise tonight will go towards supporting our lifesaving work, so we can be there for everyone who needs a stem cell transplant.

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Thank you so much for your support.



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This evening's programme

6.50pm

Please be seated

7.00pm

Concert starts

Welcome

Henny Braund, Chief Executive, Anthony Nolan

Once in Royal David's City

Congregational carol with performance from Laura Wright

O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam and John Sullivan Dwight

Performed by Laura Wright, accompanied by Marina Lieberman

King John's Christmas by A. A. Milne

Tom Austen

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Congregational carol

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy Performed by B Positive

Finn's story

Jo Hill

Snowmen at Christmas by Caralyn Buehner

Finn Hill

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Congregational carol

Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson (arr. Thomas Trotter)

Performed by Will Briant

The Twelve Days of Christmas [Correspondence] by John Julius Norwich

Tamsin Greig

In The Bleak Midwinter

Congregational carol

Rise Up

Performed by B Positive

Nella Fantasia by Ennio Morricone and Chiara Ferraù

Performed by Laura Wright, accompanied by Marina Lieberman

Thank you

Henny Braund, Chief Executive, Anthony Nolan

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Congregational carol

Concert ends

Welcome and thank you



It's a real pleasure to welcome you to the Anthony Nolan Christmas Carol Concert this year, especially if you're joining us for the very first time. Whether you're singing along in person or at home, I do hope you enjoy yourselves – and that our carols event becomes one of your favourite festive traditions!

We have some wonderful guests sharing stories to move and inspire you this evening. And we hope tonight's celebrations offer a space for reflection and remembrance as well as joy and the celebration of all we've

achieved together over the past year. Because blood cancer and blood disorders touch so many people's lives, whether directly or indirectly – and because it takes many likeminded and determined individuals, from our dedicated staff and volunteers to our passionate supporters and donors, to bring us closer to new treatments and cures.

I'm delighted to report that, thanks to your kindness, commitment, and generosity, this year we've been able to give over 1,429 people a second chance of life, which is truly incredible. This is what we're here to do – and your support makes it all possible. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

Season's wishes.

Henny Braund MBE

Chief Executive Anthony Nolan



Finn fell ill in 2016, at just four years old. But a diagnosis proved elusive, and in the months that followed he was in and out of hospital, enduring countless MRIs, lumbar punctures, and steroid treatments.

In 2018, Finn was diagnosed with CLIPPERS disease. His parents threw themselves into learning about CLIPPERS, and they found a woman in Italy whose son had passed away with the same symptoms as Finn - but a condition called HLH. Finn's medical team explored further. and in 2019, Finn was diagnosed

with CNS isolated HLH syndrome. He needed chemotherapy, and then a stem cell transplant.

Sadly. Finn's first transplant wasn't successful, and in December 2022, he had a second. Throughout treatment. Finn maintained his sunny smile. auick humour, and resilience. earning the very apt nickname Finn the Fabulous. Now, nearly 12 months post-transplant, we're delighted to welcome Finn and his parents to share their journey with us. Finn will also give a reading.

Unwrap a chance to win £4,000 and help make a difference this Christmas

The festive season is fast approaching and we want to spread some joy and cheer with our Anthony Nolan Christmas raffle. By purchasing a ticket for just £1 you'll be helping us to provide vital patient support, continue our groundbreaking research, and recruit more potential lifesavers to the register.

Not only will you be helping to make a real difference to those who need it most, you could also be in with the chance of winning a little extra festive magic this year!

There are eight prizes to be won including our whopping £4K jackpot, with the draw taking place on 21 December 2023. Enter online before 14 December and play at anthonynolan.raffleentry.org.uk

Closing date: 14 December Draw date: 21 December



saving the lives of people with blood cancer





"When I was contacted to say I'd won a prize, I was very excited. It was good timing really - my boiler had just burst - so I thought, the prize could go towards a new one! But then I thought I'll treat myself after everything's fixed.

But to me, winning isn't the point. This is just my way of supporting Anthony Nolan. It's lovely to know my contributions over the years will have helped in some way."

Jane E, Spring Raffle 2023 winner

Indulge a little

with one of these fantastic prizes

£4,000 Jackpot

£500 2nd Prize

£100 3rd Prize

£50 x5 Prizes

Our musical performers

B Positive Choir and Colin Anderson, Music Director for the Carols Service

After blowing us away in 2018, 2019, and 2022, B Positive Choir are back. Directed by Colin Anderson, the Music Director of the Carols Service, the community choir have tracked a stellar trajectory since forming six years ago. They shot to fame in 2018, reaching the final of Britain's Got Talent with their powerful delivery.

B Positive Choir were brought together through NHS Blood & Transplant to promote the need for new blood donors, particularly from younger generations and the Black community. Each choir member's life has been touched by blood donation or organ transplantation in some way, including some who have the genetically inherited Sickle Cell disorder, or have loved ones with the condition.



The choir continue to inspire more people from all communities to save and improve lives through regular blood donation. They spread their inspirational, motivational message through TV, global and national corporate events, and charitable concert performances.

With 12,000* new blood donors from Black heritage still needed, it is vital that more people come forward to save and improve lives. Find out what you can do today to support their campaign at **bpositivechoir.org.uk.** Follow them **@bpositivechoir** on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

You can register and book to donate at **blood.co.uk**



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*Figure sourced from nhsbt.nhs.uk/news/blackheritage-donors-giving-blood-in-record-numbers/



Laura Wright

We're very excited to have mezzo-soprano star Laura Wright with us at carols this evening. Laura has performed all over the world, from the Dodger Stadium L.A. and the Great Wall of China to Number 10 Downing Street, and is currently writing her seventh album.

She's an ambassador for many fantastic organisations and charities, and a vocal coach to young singers and to veterans at the Soldiers' Arts Academy. Laura will be performing two songs for us tonight, accompanied by pianist Marina Lieberman.



Will Briant

Organist Will Briant, who performs across Scotland, has a deep connection to Anthony Nolan. While studying at university he volunteered with our student network Marrow spreading the word about stem cell donation, encouraging his peers to sign up to the register,

and signing up himself. He has also worked in our online recruitment division. And in late 2018, he was found to be a match for a stranger in desperate need of a stem cell transplant, and donated his stem cells in February 2019.





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Special guest readers

Tamsin Greig

We're delighted to welcome award-winning stage and screen actor Tamsin Greig as one of our special guest readers tonight. Tamsin has a plethora of accolades under her belt and has starred in countless plays, films, radio, and television shows, including much-loved comedies Black Books, Green Wing and Friday Night Dinner. She will be reading The Twelve Days of Christmas [Correspondence] by John Julius Norwich.



Tom Austen

Actor and Anthony Nolan supporter Tom Austen has supported Anthony Nolan ever since he signed up to the stem cell register in 2017, and we're a charity close to his heart – several years ago we helped find a match for a dear friend

of his who was diagnosed with leukaemia. Tom is well known for playing Guy Hopkins in *Grantchester* and Jasper in *The Royals*, and we're thrilled to welcome him to carols as one of our special guest readers.



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Order of service



Welcome

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Once in Royal David's City

Congregational carol with performance from Laura Wright

Once in Royal David's City

Henry Gauntlett

Verse 1 - solo

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.

Verse 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.

Verse 3

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 cares when we are sad And He shares when we are glad.

Verse 4

And our eves 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.













John Mason Neale

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2

O come Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh, To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 3

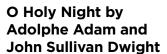
O come desire of nations, bind All people in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Repeat Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!



Performed by Laura Wright, accompanied by Marina Lieberman

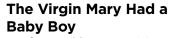
King John's Christmas by A. A. Milne

Tom Austen

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Congregational carol





Performed by B Positive

Finn's story Jo Hill

Snowmen at Christmas by Caralyn Buehner

Finn Hill

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Congregational carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Edmund H. Sears

Verse 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, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

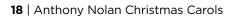
Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world;

Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

Verse 3

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow;

Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing.





Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson (arr. Thomas Trotter) Performed by Will Briant

The Twelve Days of Christmas [Correspondence] by John Julius Norwich Tamsin Greig

In The Bleak Midwinter

Congregational carol



In The Bleak Midwinter

Christina Rossetti and Gustav Holst

Verse 1

In the bleak midwinter 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 midwinter, Long, long ago.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would give a lamb;

If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give my heart.







Performed by B Positive

Nella Fantasia

Performed by Laura Wright, accompanied by Marina Lieberman

Thank you

Henny Braund, Chief Executive, Anthony Nolan

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Congregational carol

Concert ends



Ding Dong Merrily on High

George Ratcliffe Woodward

Verse 1

Ding dong merrily on high In heav'n the bells are ringing Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing.

Refrain:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Verse 2

E'en so here below, below Let steeple bells be swungen And "i-o, i-o, i-o!" By priest and people sungen.

Refrain:

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Verse 3

Pray ye, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers May ye beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers.

Refrain:

Gloria. Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!











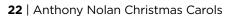














Light a star for someone special this Christmas

If you'd like to honour a loved one, you can light a special star on our dedication page by donating any amount you can.

Your loved one's star will glow throughout the holiday season and your donation could help fund the search that gives someone with blood cancer or a blood disorder a second chance of life.

anthonynolan.dedicationpage.org/lightastar







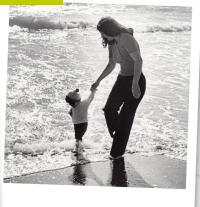


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Give the gift of more special moments in your Will





We were founded in 1974 by a mother, Shirley Nolan, whose son Anthony was born with a rare blood disorder. The only cure was a transplant, and through her efforts to find him a matching donor, the world's first stem cell register was established. Sadly, Anthony died before a match could be found - but his legacy has led to thousands of lives being saved.

With a gift in your Will, you'd be supporting us to continue growing the stem cell register, reaching even more potential lifesavers. You'd be supporting pioneering research into new ways to treat blood cancer and blood disorders. And in doing so, you'd be giving people something priceless - the gifts of time and hope.

Visit **anthonynolan.org/yourlegacy** or scan the code to download your Gifts in Wills Guide and find out how your legacy can make a lasting, lifesaving difference.







Take on a challenge and save lives!

Anthony Nolan's events team have a variety of upcoming challenge events for you to be a part of this spring:

London Landmarks Half Marathon - 7 April 2024

Run 13.1 miles through the City of London and the City of Westminster, soaking up the sights and discovering fun facts about the capital.

Jurassic Coast Challenge - 18/19 May 2024

Walk, jog, or run the scenic Jurassic Coast (25km/50km/100km).

RideLondon-Essex 100 - 26 May 2024

100-mile cycle on closed roads through Essex and London.

By raising vital funds, you will be helping us reach more families, add more donors to the stem cell register, and support more patients throughout their transplant journey.

Contact **events**@**anthonynolan.org** for more information – we'd love to have you on Team AN!







Where can I get more information and support?

If you or a loved one are affected by a stem cell transplant, there are many ways we can support you.

Need to talk?

The Patient Services team at Anthony Nolan are here for you.

Call us on **0303 303 0303** or email **patientinfo@ anthonynolan.org**

Get connected

Find support from other patients and their families by joining our Patients and Families Forum at anthonynolan.org/forum

Find information

Our website has lots of helpful information about what it's like to go through a transplant. Download or order our booklets for free, and find links to other places where you can get support at anthonynolan.org/patientinfo













Celebrating Christmas with your support

Thank you to the following people and organisations whose time, energy, and generosity have made tonight's celebration possible:

Special guests

Finn, Jo, and Paul Hill

Laura Wright

Will Briant

Tamsin Greig

Tom Austen

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We are proud supporters of Anthony Nolan





Anthony Nolan matches stem cell donors to people with blood cancer and blood disorders in desperate need of a lifesaving transplant.

Find out more at anthonynolan.org







