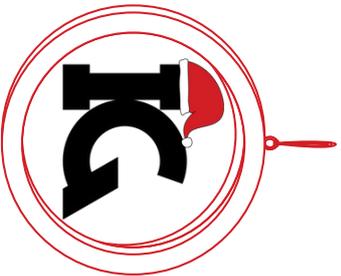




inclusive community carols

Sunday, 5th December at 3pm

The Old Library in Digbeth
& Livestreamed to FB Live & YouTube



**advent,
christmas,
& new year**

5 Dec (Sunday) - Inclusive Community Carols with Eeek at 3pm
at The Old Library Digbeth)

12 Dec (Sunday)- Cosy Christmas: A quieter, relaxed gathering with
crafts & cake at 3pm at Edgbaston Quaker Meeting House (Five Ways)

19 Dec - (Sunday) Open Table Birmingham presents Rainbow Carols
featuring Rainbow Voices LGBTQ+ Choir - 3pm at Wyde Green URK

24 Dec (Friday) - Jazz Christingle at 4pm at
Cambridge Road Methodist Church, Kings Heath

25 Dec (Saturday) - Online Christmas Morning All-Ages Gathering
at 11am on FB Live & YouTube

26 Dec (Sunday)- Boxing Day Unorthodox Walk from wherever you are
(at 3pm - prompts & sharing pics via IGB Unorthodox Walks FB group)

2 Jan 2022 (Sunday)- New Year Unorthodox Walk from wherever you are
(at 3pm - prompts & sharing pics via IGB Unorthodox Walks FB group)

9 Jan 2022 (Sunday)- IGB Vision Gathering at 3pm at
Edgbaston Quaker Meeting House (Five Ways) & on FB Live & YouTube

WELCOME to Inclusive Community Carols!

At any time in the gathering, feel free to get up and grab food or a drink, or make use of the crafty space in the adjoining room. If you are finding the band a bit too loud, there are ear plugs on the welcome table (and a quieter section in the middle of the programme). We are livestreaming today's event, but only those speaking at the front or in labelled seats will be visible on camera. Enjoy!

Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Welcome

Sing-Along with Eeek

Oh Come All Ye Faithful
Deck the halls
Hark the herald
Come O Come Emmanuel

Introducing Journey Asylum Seekers Group

Silent Night

Advent: Lighting the Peace Candle

Holy Night

A Christmas Reflection

Sing-Along with Eeek

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Joy to the World
Merry Christmas
Fairy Tale of New York
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Thank you for joining us!

Today, any donations given will go to support Journey LGBTQ+ Asylum Seeker's Group. It's entirely optional. Donations can be made on the way out.

If you'd like to be added to the mailing list for Inclusive Gathering Birmingham, fill in the connect card in this programme and pop it in the bucket on your way out.

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

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It's the most wonderful time
of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you be of
good cheer
It's the most wonderful time
of the year

It's the hap-happiest season of all
With those holiday greetings and
gay happy meetings
When friends come to call
It's the hap-happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting
Marshmallows for toasting
And carolling out in the snow
There'll be scary ghost stories
And tales of the glories of
Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time
of the year
There'll be much mistle-toeing
And hearts will be glowing
When loved ones are near
It's the most wonderful time
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And hearts will be glowing
When love ones are near

It's the most wonderful time
Yes the most wonderful time
Oh the most wonderful time
Of the year

*Written by Edward Pola and George Wyle
& originally performed by Andy Williams (1963)*

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Oh come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, oh come ye to Be--
thlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels

Oh come let us adore Him
Oh come let us adore Him
Oh come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing, Choirs of angles
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven
above!
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

Yea, Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

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DECK THE HALLS

2

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la!
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us
Fa la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa la la la la la la!
Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes
Fa la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses
Fa la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together!
Fa la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa la la la la la la!

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HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

3

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 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 the Virgin's womb
Veiled in Flesh, the God Head see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of
Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His Glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise us from the earth
Born to give us second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

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O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

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

O come, Desire of nations bind
 All peoples in one heart and mind.
 From dust thou brought us
 forth to life,
 Deliver us from earthly strife.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.

He has come, He has come
 He has come, He has come
 He has come, He has come
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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
 above,
 Heavenly Hosts sing Alleluia,
 Christ the Saviour is born,
 Christ the Saviour is born!

Advent:

Lighting of the Peace Candle

*In the settle and stir of a burnt-orange sunrise, in the lilting
 laughter or memory of a table full of friends, in the flash of
 clarity that turns on the light of insight and leads us towards
 wisdom, we find the peace that passes all understanding.*

But there are things we need to understand.

Help us hear you in the stories of those who struggle.

*Peace is what the prophets foretold. Peace is what is
 sacrificed when profit takes precedence.*

*We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to
 stand up for it.*

*In this second week of Advent, as the waiting and
 expectation heighten, deepen our desire for peace.*

*Like the wise called to journey in those early dawning days,
 may we seek, strive, search for peace. Like the prophets old
 and new, may we cry out for its coming.*

*We light a candle for peace.
 May it light the way.*

Christian Aid Advent Liturgy

O HOLY NIGHT

O Holy night, the stars
are brightly shining!
It is the night of our
dear saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin
and error pining,
Til he appeared and
the soul felt its worth!
The Thrill of Hope--the weary
world rejoy--ces,
For yonder breaks a new and
glor'ous morn!
Fall on your knees!
O, hear the angels' voices!
O, ni--ght divi--ne!
O, night, when Christ was born!
O, night divi--ne!
O, night - O, night divine!

Led by the light
of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts
by His cradle we stand.
Over the world a star
is sweetly gleaming!
Now come the wisemen from
Orient land.

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The King of kings lay thus
in lowly man--ger -
In all our trials,
born to be our friend.
He knows our need;
Our weakness is no stranger.
Beho--ld your Ki--ng!
Before him lowly bend!
Be--hold your Ki--ng!
Before him lowly bend!

Truly, He taught us
to love one another;
His law is love and
His gospel is peace.
Chains he shall break,
for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all
oppression shall cease!
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful
chorus raise we;
With all our hearts
we praise His holy name!
Christ is the Lord!
Then ever, ever praise we!
His po--wer and gl--ory -
E--ver more proclaim!
His power and gl--ory -
E--ver more proclaim!

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GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN JOY TO THE WORLD

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
While shepherds kept their
watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and
trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed the Saviour's birth

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven,
and nature sing

Joy to the Earth,
the Saviour reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Joy, unspeakable joy!
Overflowing well no tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy!
Rises in my soul, never lets me go

He rules the world
with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders,
of His love.

7

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Are you hanging up a stocking on
the wall?

It's the time that every Santa has
a ball

Does he ride a red nose reindeer?

Is there a ton upon his sleigh?

Do the fairies keep him sober for
the day?

CHORUS

So here it is merry Christmas
everybody's having fun

Look to the future now it's only just
begun!

Are you waiting for the family to
arrive?

Are you sure you've got the room
to spare inside

Does your granny always tell you
that the old ones are the best?

Then she's up and rock and rolling
with the rest

What would your daddy do
if he caught your mummy kissing
Santa Clause? Ah ha

*Merry Xmas Everybody (Slade)
Noddy Holder & Jim Lea (1973)*

Are you hanging up your stocking
on your wall

Are you hoping that the snow will
start to fall?

Do you ride on down the hillside?

In a buggy you have made?

When you land upon your head
then you've been slayed

FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK

It was Christmas Eve babe in the
drunk-tank

An old man said to me, won't see
another one

And then he sang a song
The Rare Old Mountain Dew
And I turned my face away
And dreamed about you

Got on a lucky one
Came in eighteen to one
I've got a feeling this year's for me
and you

So happy Christmas,
I love you baby
I can see a better time
When all our dreams come true

They've got cars big as bars
They've got rivers of gold
But the wind goes right through
you

It's no place for the old
When you first took my hand
On a cold Christmas Eve
You promised me Broadway was
waiting for me

You were handsome
You were pretty
Queen of New York City
When the band finished playing
They howled out for more
Sinatra was swinging
All the drunks they were singing
We kissed on the corner
Then danced through the night

CHORUS
The boys of the NYPD choir
Were singing 'Galway Bay'
And the bells were ringing
Out for Christmas day

You're a bum
You're a punk
You're an old mut on junk
Living there almost dead
on a drip in that bed
You scumbag
You maggot
You're cheap and you're haggard
Happy Christmas you arse
I pray God it's our last

CHORUS

I could have been someone
Well, so could anyone
You took my dreams from me
When I first found you
I kept them with me babe
I put them with my own
Can't make it all alone
I've built my dreams around you

CHORUS

*Fairytale of New York (The Pogues)
Jem Finer and Shane MacGowan (1987)*

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Have yourself a merry
little Christmas
Let your heart be light
From now on our troubles
will be out of sight
Have yourself a merry
little Christmas
Make the Yule-tide gay
From now on our troubles will be
miles away
Here we are as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us

Gather near to us once more
Through the years we all
will be together
If the fates allow
Hang a shining star upon
the highest bough
And have yourself a merry
little Christmas now

Here we are as in olden days **10**
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us once more
Through the years we all
will be together
If the fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the
highest bough

And have yourself a merry
little Christmas now
Here we are as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are
dear to us
Gather near to us once more

Through the years
We all will be together
If the fates allow
So hang a shining star upon the
highest bough
And have yourself a merry little
Christmas now

*(from Meet Me in St Louis)
Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane (1943) MGM*

About Inclusive Gathering Birmingham ...

Inclusive Gathering Birmingham is a diverse church gathered together by a common dream: to become a truly inclusive faith community, where doubt and difference are a welcome part of our journey together toward Jesus. We believe that the way of Jesus leads us to the wild, radical idea that true spiritual community can be formed based on who is INCLUDED, not by who is EXCLUDED. We are a learning community, constantly growing and changing to live out this vision in new and expanding ways.

When we say "inclusion", we mean much more than mere tolerance or welcome. We believe God wants us all to know that we actually belong. That means people of every race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, age and background, HIV status, ability and disability, theological and political conviction are loved, invited, and fully included.

We meet every week at 3pm on Facebook Live and YouTube and in-person on the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month at the Edgbaston Quaker Meeting House (near Five Ways). Find out more at www.inclusivegathering.org.uk or follow us @newchurchbrum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

About Journey LGBTQ+ Asylum Seekers Group...

Journey Asylum Seekers Group offers social space, emotional and practical support to LGBTQ+ asylum seekers and refugees. The Journey group meets together monthly on a Tuesday afternoon in Birmingham City Centre, and offers connection via Zoom and WhatsApp as well. *To find out more about how to connect or to offer practical or financial support to the group, email philhoarebtinternet.com.*

About Eeek ...

Hailing from the Midlands (and New Jersey), the ladies of Eeek met each other one by one, playing together in a variety of different bands over the course of a decade before finally forming Eeek in 2008. Their shared musical history and strong friendships are part of their unique sound. Eeek has performed at Pride events in Brighton, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Nottingham and Manchester, been a popular feature at L-fest. Their album Love, Loss & Bowling is available on iTunes. This is Eeek's FIFTH Christmas leading Inclusive Carols for IGB and something of a tradition! *Follow Eeek on Facebook and YouTube @EeekMusic or Twitter @EeekFreek.*