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Christmas Carols by Candlelight at St John's Waterloo: A Festive Evening for a Good Cause

Coin Street and St John's Waterloo invite you to a heart-warming Christmas Carols by Candlelight on **Sunday 17 December**. Everyone is welcome to join us at the beautifully renovated **St John's Church, SE1 8TY**, for an evening of traditional carols and special choral performances. The doors will open at **4:30pm**, with the service commencing at **5:00pm**.

This year's event aims to raise £1,500 for two exceptional community projects: Room For You and Coin Street's community singing group. These initiatives play a vital role in combatting loneliness and isolation, by bringing local people together, all year round.

At the service, St John's Church Choir, Coin Street Community Singers, and Take Note Singers will unite to present a delightful repertoire of Christmas favourites. Feel free to join in on the carolling and immerse yourself in the festive spirit. After the service, linger to enjoy stalls and holiday treats such as mince pies and mulled wine.

Funds raised will support Room For You, offering English language classes, art and creativity, counselling and sharing food together. Proceeds will also go towards Coin Street community singing group, inviting people of all abilities to have fun performing together, lifting spirits, and improving mental health and wellbeing.

While admission is free, we encourage attendees to contribute **a suggested donation of £10 per adult**. Book now on [TicketSource](#) and please give generously.

Reverend Giles Goddard, Vicar at St. John's Waterloo, says, "Christmas is a time of hope, joy and to think of others. I am delighted to welcome the community to St John's, to sing together and rejoice, and show my support for two worthy causes."

Natalie Bell, Head of Youth and Community Programmes at Coin Street, says, "It's wonderful to have partnered with St John's this year, on what will be a remarkable evening of festivities for the whole family. I look forward to joining in on the carols, and raising funds for two outstanding projects, which I know make a difference to people's lives."

Make this Christmas season memorable by joining us for a magical evening of carols and community spirit at St John's Waterloo.

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Notes to editors

About St. John's Waterloo

St John the Evangelist, the church by the roundabout at Waterloo, is an inclusive church. Through our charity, The Bridge at Waterloo, we provide therapy, counselling, creative activities, employment and resilience training for homeless people, young people, and other local people for whom life's challenges are now even more acute. <https://stjohnswaterloo.org>

About Coin Street

Coin Street's mission is to create and support a resilient, adaptable neighbourhood, of people and places, where everyone's diverse needs are met. Our community programmes and activities bring people together, nurturing resilience, and improving quality of life. www.coinstreet.org

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