



Welcome to **Doorstep Carols 2021** - we hope you will be keen to join in with our events this Christmas, and maybe organise your own. For more information and access to our free resources, go to www.doorstepcarols.co.uk.

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Doorstep Carols began in Shrewsbury, England in 2020 when local communities, weary of lockdown, sang and played Christmas Carols in their streets and from the doorsteps of their homes, using musical backing from their local BBC radio station.

In 2021 we are promoting that same community 'buzz' around the country with broadcasts on many local radio stations up and down the UK on **Wednesday evening, 15th December**. Download the carols from our website and sing along with thousands of other people, or use our free music sheets to join in on one of a whole variety of instruments. These same resources can be used to create your own concert at other times as well!

Fifteen well known traditional carols have been freshly arranged and share simple keys so that even relative beginners can join in with experienced players. There are practice piano backing tracks for all of the carols to stream or download from the website, so schools, care homes and other community groups will be able to devise their own concerts wherever they are, and whenever is convenient.

The same carols (in the same keys, with the same harmonies and the same arrangements) are also now available recorded with the original brass band and a group of singers young and old, for those who prefer the more traditional atmosphere of 'carols in the street'. The same band, same carols and same arrangements will also be used for the mammoth nationwide radio event on December 15th. **Join in and be part of a record-breaking event!!!**

The following pdfs are available on the website: Melody for instruments in C, high instruments in C, low instruments in C (bass clef); instruments in Bb, Eb and F. Chords for ukulele and guitar (ukulele chord chart included) and SATB parts with words for choirs. There are also (of course) word sheets for 'ordinary' singers!

There are piano backing tracks for the carols on the website to stream or to download. A brass band together with our 'Doorstep Choir' have also recorded the carols - their recordings are now available, thanks to some great help from BBC Radio Shropshire.

Music teachers in schools will hopefully wish to make use of this free resource for their young players and singers through the Christmas season. Other organisations can devise their own (shorter?) concerts - all you need is the worksheets, a sound system and a computer, tablet or smartphone. However you use Doorstep Carols, we only ask that you try to join us for our record-breaking event this December, and that you let us know about your community event via our Facebook page @DoorstepCarols2021. **Happy Doorstep Christmas!!!**

