

# Everlasting Light

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## Schools & Churches Christmas Charity Music Project 2016

'Everlasting Light' is the title of an exciting new schools Christmas music project planned for Christmas 2016. It will be the eighth of a series of school Christmas music projects that started back in Felixstowe, Suffolk in 1993. To date, the projects have raised over £150,000 for Tearfund. The aim for 'Everlasting Light' is to have over 3000 children directly involved from over 100 schools across the UK. This project's target is to raise over £50,000 for Tearfund.

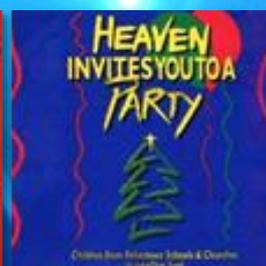
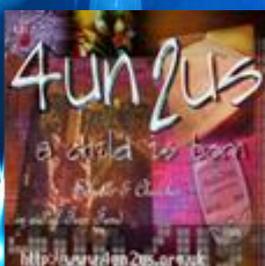
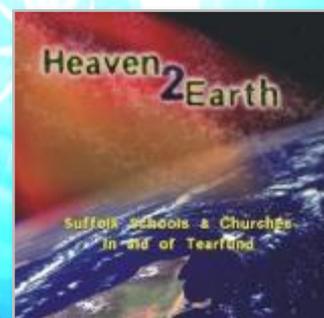
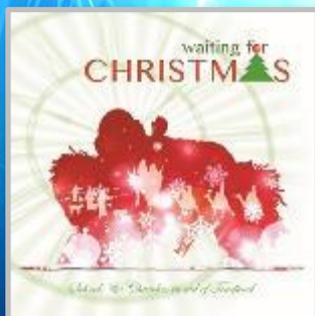
The key aims of the project:

- To provide creative resources for schools leading up to Christmas (both songs and lesson plans)
- To raise awareness of issues of poverty and injustice
- To give the children a 'big music/video project' experience and help them 'make a difference'
- To raise money for charity, specifically for third world children through Tearfund
- To provide a unifying project for children at primary/junior schools in local area
- To help strengthen links between local churches and schools
- To help convey the message of Christmas in a fun and relevant way

The project will consist of a Christmas CD and a locally hosted concert, all featuring the children taking part. The recording will take place towards the end of the first half of the autumn term 2016 and the CD will be released at the end of November. The concerts will take place in the first half of December, hosted in the large Spa Pavilion theatre in Felixstowe, Suffolk. These concerts will be syndicated using high quality Internet streaming allowing these live shows to be joined by other school/church venues across the country. This will enable Churches & Schools in any area of the country to be part of the event.

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Previous projects from the last 22 years

### **Getting involved in 'Everlasting Light':**

The aim is to make the project as easy as possible for the schools to engage with, being mindful of the extreme workload that teachers already carry.

The 'project packs' will contain everything the schools need to teach the songs.

The project will also make lesson resources available to the schools that participate to help them integrate 'Everlasting Light' into the curriculum with the songs ahead of the main project in 2016.

### **Key project dates:**

- Schools sign up for involvement in project in spring term of 2016
- Schools packs for project distributed in June/July 2016
- Main project starts with schools learning songs in September 2016
- Children's recording sessions on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- CD release will be on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- Concerts dates will be between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016 at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe

### **The previous project:**

The most recent previous project in this series was called 'Waiting for Christmas'.

You can see videos from this and other previous projects on the [Everlasting Light web site](#)

Copies of the DVD and CD of the previous project are available free of charge to use in the promotion of the new project – please contact us at: [info@everlastinglight.org.uk](mailto:info@everlastinglight.org.uk) to get hold of them!

### **About the team:**

'Everlasting Light' and the previous projects are run by a group of people from churches across Suffolk. The team is headed by Andrew & Wendy Rayner. Andrew is music director of Christ Church Felixstowe and heads up many regional music events. Wendy is a Key Stage 2 teacher at Kingsfleet primary school in Felixstowe. There is an experienced, talented and enthusiastic team of around 200 volunteers from across Suffolk and beyond that get involved in helping to make the project happen. Helen Matter from the Diocesan schools team is also very involved in coordinating the project.

### **Please get involved:**

We would love as many schools as possible to be involved in 'Everlasting Light' in 2016. Please do get in touch with any questions as well as to register interest. If you would like to be involved in helping to run the project, please also let us know!

The 'Everlasting Light' team January 2016

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