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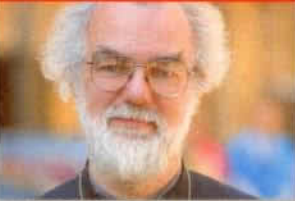
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**STABLE STAR**




**TEAM LEADER**  
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DR ROWAN WILLIAMS

**CHRISTMAS CRACKER**



**TEAM LEADER**  
BILLIE PIPER

**LORD OF THE DANCE**



**TEAM LEADER**  
MATTHEW BOURNE



**Go**

The Princess Royal can snap up some last-minute presents such as hand-cut crystalware at Selfridges' new luxury gift department **Traditional Arts**. All profits go to her brother Charles's arts and crafts foundation (0800 123 400).

The archbishop can take a brisk walk up-river from his Lambeth Palace home and treat his clergyman friends to a ginger hotpot at **Concrete**, the new café bar at The Hayward Gallery (020 7921 3113).

As her celebrity star rises, Billie should head to new Carnaby Street boutique **LA Sugar**, where she can snap up Hollywood's hottest labels, favoured by Eva Longoria and Cameron Diaz (020 7434 4136).



The weird and wonderful headgear at **A Glorious Masked Ball** on 31 December, at The Arts Theatre in WC2, will give the choreographer costume ideas as he bids to better his iconic swans. Tickets from £12 ([www.the-lasttuesdaysociety.org](http://www.the-lasttuesdaysociety.org)).



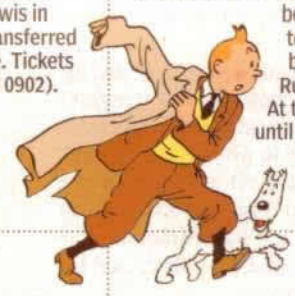
**See**

Princess Anne and her daughter Zara can get a spiritual high on 22 December with afternoon carols at St Martin-in-the-Fields, courtesy of the **English Chamber Choir**. Tickets £12 (020 7839 8362).

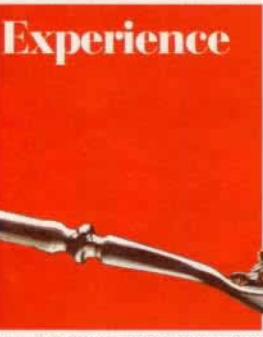


He was a keen actor at Oxford and should check out Charles Dance (above) playing CS Lewis in **Shadowlands**, just transferred to the Novello Theatre. Tickets from £11.50 (0870 950 0902).

Having starred in *Doctor Who*, Billie should see how another cult classic, **Hergé's Adventures of Tintin** (left), has been brought to the stage by director Rufus Norris. At the Young Vic until 12 January. Tickets from £15 (020 7922 2922).



Bourne can kick back on Christmas Day and watch his namesake Jason, played by Matt Damon, karate-chop his way out of trouble in **The Ultimate Bourne Collection**, £29.99.



**Spend**

No royal Christmas is complete without a shoot. An **Aspinal flask and cup set** (left), clad in crocodile, is the smartest way to share a dram. From £40 ([www.aspinaloflondon.com](http://www.aspinaloflondon.com)).



The head of the Anglican Church can bag himself a whole new wardrobe of smart black slacks at the **Harrods Winter Sale**, starting on 28 December ([www.harrods.com](http://www.harrods.com)).

Billie returns as Sally Lockhart in Philip Pullman's **The Shadow of the North** on 30 December on BBC One. A special Alethiometer edition of **Northern Lights** (Scholastic, £9.99) will help pass the time on set.



He can look to [www.urbanamplified.co.uk](http://www.urbanamplified.co.uk) for inspiration, where the tastemakers at **Urban Outfitters** select the hottest bands around.



The Princess should treat her naval officer husband to a **Sevruga Star cocktail** at L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon. Champagne, caviar and shots of vodka for £100 (020 7010 8600).

Rowan should head to the Barbican for **A Gospel Christmas**, where he can clap along to the vocal gymnastics of West End star Brenda Edwards on 22 December. Tickets from £15.50 (020 7638 8891).

A trip to the **Cowshed** spa on Foubert's Place, the new branch from the Soho House team, should sort Billie out in time for her big day (020 7534 0870).

With a penchant for cracking nuts, Matthew will enjoy the hazelnut ice cream and chocolate fondant at **The Wallace Collection's** restaurant (020 7563 9505).



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