

Thank you for joining us this evening at St Peter's.

On Christmas Eve we have a Nativity service at 4pm

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

And a Family Communion service at 10 am on Christmas Day.

ST PETER'S CHURCH
HASCOMBE
CAROL SERVICE 2022

The first verse will be sung by the choir only

Once in Royal David's city,
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed,
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall,
with the poor and mean and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood,
he would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay
Christian children all must be, mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew.
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew,
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when like stars his children crowned,
all in white shall wait around.

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 the 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 a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased as man with man 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth,
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground,
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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, and wonders of his love.

Joy to the world! the Saviour comes.

Choir Carol; A maiden most gentle

READING St John 1.4-14

PRAYERS and BLESSING.

During this final carol, a collection will be taken.

This year the proceeds will go to

Mary's Meals

Christopher's Chase Children's Hospice

The Brigitte Trust

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYERS

READING 1 The Fall of Man. Genesis 3.8-19

Choir Carol; Adam lay a bounden. Boris Ord

READING 2 Christ's birth is foretold. Isaiah 9.2-6, 1.1-3,6-9

CAROL;

Unto us is born a son,
King of choirs supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal, of Lords the Lord eternal.

Christ from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger
ox and ass their owner know
be-cradled in a manger, be-cradled in a manger.

Men only

This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer, and slew the little childer.

Ladies only

Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story
and O that Mary's gentle child
might lead us up to glory, might lead us up to glory

O and A and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino, benedicamus Domino.

READING 3 The angel visits Mary. St Luke 2.1-7

Choir Carol; Hail blessed Virgin Mary.

READING 4 Tells of the birth of Jesus. St Luke 2.1-7

CAROL;

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
the silent stars go by,
yet in thy dark streets shineth,
the everlasting light,
the hopes and fears of all the years,
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim thy holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Choir Carol; In the bleak mid -winter.

READING 5 Tells of angels visiting the shepherds. St Luke 2.8-20

Choir Carol; Star in the south.

READING 6 Tells of the visit of the Magi. St Matthew 2.1-12

CAROL;

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.