

READING **The Wise Men & the Star - Matthew 2:1-2,10-11**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

PRAYERS led by the Reverend Tom Benyon

BLESSING

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

CAROL

1 O come, all you faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come you, O come you to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

2 True God of God,
Light from light eternal,
maiden for mother,
he was born for us all;

only begotten
Son of God the Father: *Chorus*
3 See how the shepherds
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw near to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps: *Chorus*

4 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God
in the highest: *Chorus*

Please join us for refreshments of mince pies, mulled wine, festive biscuits and drinks

The Friends of Foxcote Church wish to thank everyone for their support, including Shoscombe School, the lighting experts, the bakers, Mr and Mrs Holmes for the parking facilities and Ulrika Mellor for providing the crown of candles

Saint Lucia's Day is on 13 December, in Advent. Her feast once coincided with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year before calendar reforms, so her feast-day has become a festival of light. St. Lucia's Day is celebrated most commonly in Scandinavia, where it is a major feast day. Traditionally a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In both Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.



Friends of Foxcote Church

A Candlelit Carol Service & Festival of Light in honour of St Lucia

4.30pm - Sunday 10th December 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

PROCESSION Children from Shoscombe School enter as we all sing

Darkness shall fly away
Through earthly portals.
She brings such wonderful
words to us mortals!
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Daylight, again renewed,
will rise, all rosy-hued!
Santa Lucia! Santa Lucia!
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Santa Lucia! Santa Lucia!

WELCOME by the Reverend Tom Benyon

SCHOOL CHOIR

Follow the Star
Child of the new world

CAROL

1. 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.
2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains

repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 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, wonders of his love.

READING **The Promise of a Saviour - Isaiah 7:4**

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The maiden will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

CAROL

1 O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:
*Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:
Refrain
3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
Refrain

4 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:
Refrain

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:
Refrain

READING Mary & the Angel Gabriel - Luke 1:26-28, 31-33

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a maiden pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The maiden's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

CAROL

1 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

2 'For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honour thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God', she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':
most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria

READING Jesus is born

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12

CAROL

- 1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name was Jesus.
*He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom:
O yes, believer! O yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom!*
- 2 The angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
the angels sang when the baby born,
And proclaim him the Saviour Jesus. *Refrain*

- 3 The wise men went where the baby born,
the wise men went where the baby born,
the wise men went where the baby born,
And they say that his name was Jesus. *Refrain*

READING The Shepherds and the Angels - Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of Angels appeared praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest'

COMMUNITY CHOIR

What child is this?

CAROL

1 See him lying on a bed of straw,
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore—
the Prince of glory is his name.
*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of glory when he came!*

2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;

shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world! *Chorus*
3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be salvation to the soul. *Chorus*

4 Mine are riches, from your poverty;
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy. *Chorus*

DRAMA 'The Fairy and the Snowman' - played by the Curate - Tom Benyon and Catherine Aherne

CAROL

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.