

3. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the Belovèd
with a kiss.

The word becomes flesh - *John 1:1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Carol (During which a collection will be taken)

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye 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. God of God, Light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb

Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always, Amen.

4. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb.,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.



The Parish of Wellow

A service of lessons and carols by candlelight

Sunday 17th December 2017 - 6.30pm

Processional Cards

*1 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.*

2 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.

Bidding Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Card

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

3 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.

Isaiah Announces the Coming King - *Isaiah 9:2&6*

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Please join us for mulled wine and mince pies

Carol

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy
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 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

The Angel comes to Mary - 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."

Choir

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Carlingcott)

Coventry Carol

God's purpose is explained to Joseph - Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Carol

Ding dong merrily on high,
 In heav'n the bells are ringing:
 Ding dong! verily the sky
 Is riv'n with angel singing.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
 E'en so here below, below,
 Let steeple bells be swungen,
 And "Io, io, io!"

By priest and people sungen.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
 Pray you, dutifully prime
 Your matin chime, ye ringers;
 May you beautifully rime
 Your evetime song, ye singers.
 Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

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 and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

Carol

Silent night, holy night
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
 Holy Infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace
 Sleep in heavenly peace
 Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight
 Glories stream from heaven afar

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ, the Saviour is born

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Silent night, holy night

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

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A Shepherd's Story - It was just an ordinary day

Carol

1 Unto Us A Boy Is Born ,
 King of all creation:
 Cradled in a stall was He,
 The Lord of every nation,
 2 Cradled in a stall was he
 With sleepy cows and asses;
 But the very beasts could see
 That He all men surpasses.

3 Herod then with fear was filled:
 'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'
 All little boys be killed
 At Bethl'em in his fury.

4 Omega and Alpha He!
 Let the organ thunder,
 While the choir with peals of glee
 Doth rend the air asunder

The WiseMen and the Star - Matthew 2.1-27 & 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.

Carol

1. In the bleak mid-winter
 frosty wind made moan,
 earth stood hard as iron,
 water like a stone;
 snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid-winter
 long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him
 nor earth sustain;
 heaven and earth shall flee away
 when he comes to reign:
 in the bleak mid-winter
 a stable-place sufficed
 the Lord God Almighty,
 Jesus Christ.