

The Benefice of Tetbury, Beverston,
Long Newnton and Shipton Moyne



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**St Mary the Virgin and
St Mary Magdalen, Tetbury**

The Revd Dr Steve Bullock (Curate)

This evening, we are delighted to welcome members of the Tetbury Community Choir, with Director David Kyle, alongside St Marys' own Congregational Choir.

Organist: Jonathan Adkins

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023, 6pm

The service is being live-streamed and recorded to be shared online.

Everyone is invited to stand as the organ introduces our first carol: "Once in royal David's city"

CAROL

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Choir 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.

**ALL 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.**

**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.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), 1848, ; Music: Irby (Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876)

WELCOME**Revd Dr Steve Bullock**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.*Welcome and Bidding Prayer*

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed by 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please sit down***FIRST LESSON****Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7***The Prophecy of the Messiah's birth.*

Read by Will Ruscoe, Headteacher Sir William Romney's School

*Please stand***CAROL (ALL) OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

**I. Of the Father's love begotten,
 ere the worlds began to be,
 he is Alpha and Omega,
 he the source, the ending he,
 of the things that are, that have been,
 and that future years shall see,
 evermore and evermore.**

2. **At his word they were created;
he commanded; it was done:
heav'n and earth and depths of ocean
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining
of the light of moon and sun,
evermore and evermore.**
3. **This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord;
whom the writings of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let our songs declare his worth,
evermore and evermore.**
4. **Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.**

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348413) trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

Please sit down

SECOND LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.

Read by Liz Farnham, Tetbury Town Council

Please stand

CAROL (ALL)

JOY TO THE WORLD

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!**

2. **Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our 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, and wonders of his love.**

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.

Please sit down

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

The Annunciation to Mary.

Read by Di Bryan Bell Ringer and Deputy Tower Captain

Please stand

CAROL (ALL) O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. **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.**

2. **O morning stars, together
proclaim the 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.**

3. **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.**

4. **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 Emanuel.**

Words: Bishop Phillips Brooks. Music: English Traditional Melody / (Harmony: Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Please sit down

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

The birth of Jesus.

Read by Andrea Payne, Health & Wellbeing Co-ordinator for Tetbury Town Council

CHOIR

TORCHES

POEM

“Mary’s Song” by Charles Causley

Read by Jo Woolley, Headteacher St Mary’s Primary School

Please stand

CAROL (ALL)

AWAY IN A MANGER

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 near me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care
And fit us or Heaven,
to live with thee there.**

Little Children's Book Philadelphia Anonymous

Please sit down

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds are the first to hear the good news of the Jesus's birth.

Read by a member of the St Marys '2023 Being With' Course

Please stand

CAROL (ALL) ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

1. **Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

**Come and worship Christ
the new-born King:
come and worship,
worship Christ,
the new-born King.**

2. **Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:**

3. **Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of Nations;
ye have seen his natal star:**

4. **Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:**

5. **Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
ev'ry knee shall then bow down:**

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Please sit down

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

The magi are led by the star to Jesus.

Read by Jane Haines who runs The Poppy Appeal for Tetbury

Please stand

CAROL (ALL)

SILENT NIGHT

1. **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.**

2. **Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!**

3. **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.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

Please sit down

CHOIR

In the Bleak Mid Winter

POEM

“O Emmanuel” by Malcolm Guite

Read by Nikki Ind, Member of the Thirteen and representing the Feoffees

Please stand

CAROL (ALL)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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;
Very God begotten not created:
(Chorus)**

3. **See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
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 remain standing

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

The Incarnation of the Word of God

Read by The Revd. Dr Steve Bullock

CHOIR

The Shepherds Farewell

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Priest Almighty God,
 you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
 of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
 grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
 so we may with sure confidence behold him
 when he shall come to be our judge;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

CAROL (ALL) HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. **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.'**
*Refrain Hark, the herald-angels sing
 glory to the new-born King.*

2. **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. (Refrain)**

3. **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.*

Words: C. Wesley and others. Music: F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

BLESSING

The Revd Dr Steve Bullock

*Please stay for mulled wine and
mince pies, served at the front of the
church immediately after the service.
All are welcome.*

To give towards the running and work of the church please either use the collection plate, card reader or this QR code.

Thank you.





COME AND JOIN US
THIS CHRISTMAS

St Mary The Virgin & St Mary Magdalen, Tetbury

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Children's Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.00am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 31st December 10.00am Benefice Eucharist

St John the Baptist, Shipton Moyne

Christmas Eve 4pm Children's Crib service

Christmas Day 11.15am Holy Communion

St Mary, Beverston

Christmas Day 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Long Newton

Christmas Eve 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 11.15am Holy Communion

WE WISH YOU
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

