

St Mary's Church Burton Bradstock Carol Service
Sunday 20th December 2020 @ 6.30pm
led by The Reverend Liz Howlett

Welcome to our 2020 Carol Service – a special celebration of the birth of Jesus held under Covid-secure guidelines for your safety and well-being.

Please help us to ensure the safety of all those attending by wearing masks and observing social distancing at all times especially when arriving or leaving.

- Please bring warm (waterproof) clothing and a torch.
- **Stewards** are available inside and outside the church to point you in the right direction for seating and to help you when required.
- **Masks** are required to be worn by all those attending – both inside and out.
- If you are in church, please *listen* to the carols. If you are outside, *please join in the singing* (not too loud, whilst wearing a mask).
- It is preferred that everyone should be **seated** throughout the service to maintain social distancing. *Please bring your own (garden) chair if possible.*
- Words for the carols and the order of service are downloadable from the Village website: <http://www.burtonbradstockvillage.org> so that you can view them on your mobile phone or tablet. (Some printed copies will be available.)
- You may want to talk to others attending – please ensure you observe social distancing *at all times*.
- Please wait until the stewards direct you to leave after the service

A collection will be taken in aid of Church Funds and the Children's Society (in lieu of the usual carol singing round the Village)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude (by Stephen Beardshall)

Welcome and Notices

Introduction and opening prayer

Carol Come, thou long expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

By thine own eternal spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Reading: Micah 5: 2–4 **Bethlehem, from you shall come forth a ruler**

Carol O little town of Bethlehem

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.

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 morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

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.

Reading: Isaiah 11: 1–9 **Prophecy of the Messiah's kingdom of peace**

Carol Once in royal David's city

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 his 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 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,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Reading Philippians 2: 5–11 **He took the form of a servant**

Carol **Hark! the herald angels sing**

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,
Joint 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.*

Reading Luke 1: 26–38 **The Annunciation**

Organ: *Music as the indoor congregation moves outdoors*

Carols (outside)

Silent night, holy night

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!
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth
Jesus Lord, at thy birth

Carol: O come, all ye faithful

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!

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, Begotten, not created
O come, let us adore Him ...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest
O come, let us adore Him...

Blessing

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas.

We want to thank all those who have helped to make this service possible including the stewards, the Litton Cheney choir (for the recorded carols) and those who have helped set up the sound systems and lighting so that we can all enjoy the special celebration in a new way this year.

To help maintain social distancing: please wait until the stewards direct you to leave.



There will be collecting buckets at the gates as you leave for our retiring collection. Alternatively, you may wish to give through:
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/65ef9e1e-4d8d-4c8c-8a96-219a8ebe1068>