



# Christmas Service

St. Mary's Church

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015



Welcome - Mr Horner

Maple enters - All singing - Away In A Manger

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.

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.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay,  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven to live with thee there..

Reading - The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read by Georgia Usher

Song - All - Light an Advent Candle

Light an Advent candle  
See it from afar,  
How it shines so brightly  
Like the guiding star.

*God bless our little light,  
It shines in the darkest night  
For hope to come, hope to come*

*Light an Advent candle  
So we'll make a space,  
Clear away the rubbish  
From love's dwelling place.*

*God bless our little light,  
It shines in the darkest night  
For peace to come, peace to come*

*Light an Advent candle  
As the time draws near,  
Thinking of the birthday  
That will soon be here.*

*God bless our little light,  
It shines in the darkest night  
For joy to come, joy to come.*

*Reading - St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus  
Read by Poppy Grenfell*

*Song - Quartet - Once in Royal David's City  
Henry Williams, Matthew Flanagan-Booth,  
Lottie McKinlay and Jessica Rotherham*

*Reading - The shepherds go to the manger  
Read by Daisy Trotter*

Song - Lower School - Don't Worry Mary

Reading - The wise men are led by the star to Jesus  
Read by Zach Cooke and Kate Stephenson

Song - All - We Three Kings

We three kings of orient are,  
Bearing gifts we travel afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

CHORUS

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light!  
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign

CHORUS

Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense tells of Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all are raising,  
Worship Him God most high!

CHORUS

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

CHORUS

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice!  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Heaven to earth replies

CHORUS

Reading - St. John unfolds the great mystery of the  
incarnation.

Read by Lucy Hayes

Message from Reverend Jane Hemmings

All - Because it's Christmas

CHORUS: Sing your praises, leave your cares behind

Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.  
Everybody lift your voices high  
Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.

Angels told us of the Christmas story  
Leading us to the stable.  
Heaven's voices singing "Praise and Glory!"  
Helping us to find the Saviour

CHORUS

In the sky a special star was shining,  
Leading us to the stable.

Heaven's blessing on a town so tiny,  
Helping us to find the Saviour

CHORUS

Ancient prophets had already spoken,  
Leading us to the stable.

Heaven's message to a world so broken,  
Helping us to find the Saviour

CHORUS

Hear the message through the generations,  
Leading us to the stable.

Heaven's hope for every tribe and nation,  
Helping us to find the Saviour

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Thank you for joining our  
Christmas Service.

All the staff and pupils at  
Chesterton would like to wish you  
and your families a very merry  
Christmas and a healthy and  
happy start to 2016.



Donations from our retiring collection will go to  
support Qugqwala Primary School, our partner

school in South Africa, recently visited by Miss Gascogine and Miss Norman.