This is our Christmas Day
All-Age Service with Holy Communion
25th December 2015, 10.00am
Welcome! We’re really pleased to see you, and so glad you are with us in church today!

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER led by Andy Martin

CAROL O come, all ye faithful

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG Come and join the celebration

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Let us declare our faith in the Son of God:
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 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 all people. The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 9:2-7 (page 693), Matthew 1:18-25 (page 965)
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
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The course starts on Thursday 21st January 2015, 8.00-9.30pm at 132 Linden Road, Bournville, B30 1LB.

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TALK  Christmas Presence

PRAYERS

SONG  From the squalor of a borrowed stable

THANKSGIVING PRAYER
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great love you gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, through his one offering of himself.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving this bread and this wine may share in his most precious body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

ADMINISTRATION of the bread and wine

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

CAROL  Hark! The herald angels sing

CLOSING PRAYER

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