

Our regular Sunday services are:

10am service, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

4pm service, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)

6.30pm service, relaxed and informal

Still to come this Christmas...

Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion, 11.30pm

Christmas Day

All Age Celebration

with Holy Communion, 10.00am



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Starts **Thurs 10th Jan** 8.00-9.30pm.

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Starlight Carols

Christmas Eve 2018
4.00pm



WELCOME *Chris Hobbs*

Mary and Joseph go up to the stable as we sing ...

CAROL **Once in royal David's city**

READING Luke chapter 1 verses 26-33

God sends an angel to tell Mary that she is going to have a very special baby.

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² 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, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'

The shepherds go up to the stable, as we sing ...

CAROL **While shepherds watched their flocks by night**

READING Luke chapter 2, verses 8-14

Some shepherds are the first to hear that Jesus has been born, and that he is the King and Saviour whom God has promised.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

The Magi go up to the stable, as we sing ...

CAROL **See him lying on a bed of straw**

READING Matthew chapter 2, verse 1-11

Magi come a long way from the east to worship Jesus as their King.

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and 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." ³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶" 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

CAROL **Joy to the world**

TALK What will He be when He grows up? *Andy Martin*

Children come up to the stable while the music group play, before we all stand to sing...

CAROL **Away in a manger**

Children return to their seats

CAROL **Hark! The herald angels sing**

CLOSING PRAYER

Please stay on for a Starlight biscuit