

CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE - 2020

Join us at about 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve to sing socially distanced carols round the nativity scene on the front lawn of the Gatehouse.

Revd Alex will also be with us to say a prayer and give the Christmas Blessing. Please wear masks and keep in household groups 2m apart.

Or do feel free to sing on your doorstep if you prefer. Notifications will be given on WhatsApp as we are about to sing each 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 that 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 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.

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 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.

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 for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children, in Thy tender care.
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

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,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

We wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas