



Welcome

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11:15pm Christmas Eve 2025

ONLINE SERVICE

Preacher: Revd Tony Miles and Revd Stephen

Luke 2:1-20

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – On that Silent Night
Centreline New Media

VIDEO 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 mother
in whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness
and he shareth in our gladness.

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.

Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-1895)

OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Myrtle Poxon

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer.

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

ONE MINUTE TESTIMONY

Liv Kaszewska

VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

VIDEO CAROL – See Amid the Winter Snow

See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,

see, the Lamb of God appears,
promised from eternal years!

*Hail, the ever-blessèd morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim!

Chorus

Say, you holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today;
why then have you left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?

Chorus

'As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light:
angels, singing 'Peace on earth,'
told us of the Saviour's birth.'

Chorus

Sacred infant, holy child,
tender love so pure and mild,
comes from heaven's highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Chorus

Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

ADDRESS 'Dreaming of a White Christmas?'
Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO CAROL – While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he, (for mortal fear
had seized their troubled mind)
'for joyful news I bring to you
and all of humankind.

To you in David's town is born,
of David's royal line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

The heavenly child you there shall find
to human view displayed,
with only swathing bands to wear,
and in a manger laid.

Thus spoke the angel, and at once
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,
and on the earth be peace,
goodwill from heaven to all the world
begin and never cease.’

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS
Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO CAROL – Silent Night

Silent night, holy night:
sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the child belovèd and fair
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Silent night, holy night:
shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
far and near, the angel-song:
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'

Silent night, holy night:
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from your face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Jesus, Lord at your birth.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), translated Stopford A Brooke (1832-1916)

LOVE FEAST

Revd Stephen Poxon

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO – Jesus in Nativity

VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN

Night of the Star by Robert Elmore played at MCHW - Gerard Brooks

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