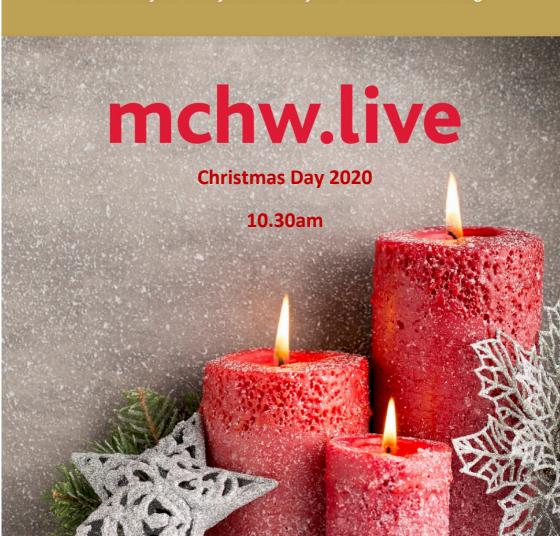


# Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming



## ONLINE SERVICE - CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

Preacher: Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity

Luke 2:1-14

'REJOICE! CHRIST IS HERE'

#### CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN & REJOICE BUMPER

# CHRISTMAS LIVE ONLINE WELCOME, CANDLE LIGHTING & CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Revd. Tony Miles - (Chapel)

### VIDEO CHRISTMAS DAY CANDLE REFLECTION Read by Tara Thomas

#### VIDEO CAROL - Joy To The World

#### **STF 330**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness

And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

#### PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Led by Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister

TONY AND DARREN Presents!

VIDEO CHOIR CAROL - Dance and Sing

VIDEO GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-14 TNIV Read by Mrs. Ollie McEwen, PA to Revd. Tony Miles/Church Administrator & Local Preacher

#### The Birth of Jesus

- 2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.
- <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'
- <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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

### VIDEO - Jesus Placed In The Nativity Scene (from Christmas Eve)

#### VIDEO CAROL - O Come All Ye Faithful (African Style)

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!

True God of true God, Light of Light eternal, lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; son of the Father, begotten, not created:

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: 'Glory to God in the highest:'

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#### VIDEO SONG - Love Shone Down

#### STF 210

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside, and all the lights of town were shining far below when up in the air beautiful voices, sang a new song, let everyone know.

Oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys, oh and love shone down over the world.

Somebody spoke to me, I knew it was an angel. He said 'There's something that I think you ought to know.'

Then he just smiled, said 'Don't be afraid now.' Sing a new song, let everyone know.

#### Refrain

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus, how to find him, where exactly I should go. Then he was joined by millions of others. Sing a new song, let everyone know.

Refrain

Andy Piercy (born 1951) and CS de Whalley

#### PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Modern Version)

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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, EXPLAIN OFFERING, AND PRAYER TAKEN FOR THE WORK OF CHRISTIAN AID

#### VIDEO CAROL - God Rest Ye Merry Men

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Was born upon this day To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

In Bethlehem in Jewry
This blessèd Babe was born,
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessèd morn;
The which his mother Mary
Nothing did take in scorn.

#### Chorus

From God our heavenly Father A blessèd angel came, And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.

Chorus

The shepherds at these tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd Babe to find.

#### Chorus

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace. The holy tide of Christmas All others doth efface.

#### Chorus

#### Anonymous

#### VIDEO GLOBAL GREETINGS

Deacon Angleena Keizer from Jerusalem at Bethlehem

## VIDEO HYMN - Hark The Herald Angels Sing STF 202

Hark! The herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim: 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Hark! The herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel:

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth:

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

### FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity

VIDEO FINAL HAPPY CHRISTMAS MONTAGE
JC Live Happy Christmas Greetings

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Voluntary – 'God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen' (Lloyd Webber) - Gerard Brooks

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