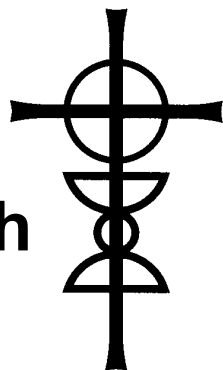


St. Barbara's Church Earlsdon



Carol Service

19th December 2021

A very warm welcome to St Barbara's. We hope you will enjoy the service. Please stand for the carols and sit for the readings and prayers.

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WELCOME AND NOTICES

A period for silent reflection.

Please stand to sing

Hymn: Once in Royal David's city.

Solo

1. 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.

- Choir** 2. 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.
- All** 3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Bidding Prayer (Please sit or kneel)

Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Read by: Toby Maries

God declares his judgment

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Choir: Adam lay ybounden

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Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6 - 7 **Read by:** Andrew Boardman

Isaiah announces the coming king

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing

Hymn: Long ago

1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make, all things new,
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing choirs, sing, sing, sing,
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?*

2. God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan,
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!

3. Mary hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected.

Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!

4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar,
Unborn son of Mary,
Saviour do not tarry.

Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!

Please sit

Reading: Luke 1:26 - 38 **Read by:** Andrea Driver

The Annunciation

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Choir: The Angel Gabriel Trad Basque

Reading: Luke 2:8 - 16 **Read by:** Ian Leitch

The birth of Jesus

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Please stand to sing

Hymn: While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not' said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign.
4. 'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

Please sit

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born that happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

Thanksgiving:

Blessed are you, God of all glory,
through your Son the Christ

His name is Jesus –
because he saves his people from their sin.

He will be called Emmanuel:
God is with us. Alleluia!

Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel:
he has come to his people and set them free.

He gave up the glory of heaven
and took the form of a servant.

The Word was made flesh
and we beheld his glory.

In humility he walked the path of obedience
to die upon the cross

God raised him to the highest place above
and gave him the name above every name:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

So all beings in heaven and earth will fall at his feet,
and proclaim to the glory of God
Jesus Christ is Lord!

That night Christ was born:
Alleluia!

That night the Saviour came:
Alleluia!

That night the angels sang on earth;
Alleluia! Glory to God in the highest!

***Blessing:* Choral Amen**

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Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.

1. 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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King.
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King.

3. Hail the heav'n 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,
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King.

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Organ Voluntary: Christians Awake Rawsthorne

Thank you for coming to our carol service this evening. Please do join us for refreshments in the church hall.

You are welcome to join us for our other services over Christmas:

Christmas Eve Crib Service: 5.30pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion: 11.30pm

Christmas Day Family Communion: 10am

