



Parish of
St Peter Woking
St Peter's · St Mark's · All Souls'



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**ST PETER'S CHURCH,
OLD WOKING**

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2023 6.00pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP (*Carols – Anglican Hymn Book*)

WELCOME by Rev Jonathan Thomas, Vicar

CAROL

O come, O come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou harbinger
of peace
To Israel's plains and Gaza's
streets
Melt swords there into
ploughshares again
Then reconcile these residents in
pain

Rejoice! Rejoice...

O come, O come, thou shepherd of
lament
Into our winter's discontent
Shine warmth to all who shiver in
fear
And comfort 'til the spring of
Christ is near

Rejoice! Rejoice...

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with
heaven's peace

Rejoice! Rejoice...

OPENING PRAYER

- First lesson** “All nations on earth will be blessed”
Genesis 22: 15-18
- CAROL 121 Unto us a boy is born
- Second lesson** “Unto us a child is born”
Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7
- INSPIRATION When he comes – *by Sue Read*
- Third lesson** “He shall stand and shepherd his flock”
Micah 5: 2-4
- CAROL 122 O little town of Bethlehem



- Fourth lesson** “Nothing is impossible with God”
Luke 1:26-38
- CAROL 113 Silent night, holy night (*candles are lit*)
- Fifth lesson** “She laid him in a manger.”
Luke 2: 1-7
- INSPIRATION Let Praises Ring – *by Mike and Claire McIntosh*
Look to the skies – *by Graham Kendrick*
- Sixth lesson** “Good news of a great joy”
Luke 2: 8-16
- CAROL 123 While shepherds watched their flock by night
- Poem** *Modus operandi by Godfrey Rust*

Shepherds, they say, were the fools of their day,
the ones who were butts of the jokes—
Fred Flintstone with sheep, Homer Simpson asleep,
imperfectly ordin'ry blokes.

They're nobody famous, just some ignoramuses
anyone might string along—
neither pious or holy, they take things in slowly
and often get much of it wrong.

So they're out on the down, looking over the town,
feeling vaguely that life's passed them by,
just minding their own, prob'ly having a moan,
when an angel gatecrashes their sky—

for that's how it is, this behaviour of his,
it's his *modus operandi*:
he will choose the obscure or the dull or the poor—
frankly, anyone who's handy.

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Seventh lesson “We have seen his glory”
John 1: 1-14

The Address *Revd. Lucy Bush*

CAROL 119 See amid the winter's snow
(during which the offering will be received)

The offering will be split between the following.
YourSanctuary *provides emotional and practical
support to individuals who are
experiencing or have experienced
domestic abuse, including a refuge -
www.yoursanctuary.org.uk*
St Peter's church *the mission, ministry and
maintenance of our church.*



Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses**



as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen

CAROL 112 Hark the Herald Angels sing (*verses 1-3*)

Blessing

*You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments
in the Church afterwards*

All at St Peter's wish you a very *Happy Christmas*

Other Christmas services

Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10.00am	All-age Communion

Regular services *All welcome*

Every Sunday	10.00am
2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	5.00pm

'BEING WITH' COURSE

10 weeks starting Monday 15 January, 7.30pm

'Being With' is for people wanting to explore the meaning of life and the Christian faith together in a positive and inclusive group.

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