

ST PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WOKING



NATIVITY SERVICE SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024 10.00am

Welcome

Lighting of Advent Candle

Leader The prophets foretold the birth of Jesus;

All Jesus is our King.

Leader Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

All Jesus is our Way.

Leader With Jesus even dark places are light;

All Jesus is the Truth.

Leader In Jesus we shall live for ever;

All Jesus is our Life.

Carol Long ago prophets knew

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, When he comes,

Who will make him welcome?

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...

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!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Confession

Leader Christ came in humility to share our lives:

forgive our pride. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader Christ came with good news for all people:

forgive our silence. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Leader Christ came in love to a world of suffering:

forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Leader May the God of all healing and forgiveness

draw you to himself

and cleanse you from all your sins,

that you may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Readings - Micah 5:2-4 and John 1:14-18

<u>Video</u> – Nativity brick by brick

Carol 503 O little town of Bethlehem

<u>Nativity Play</u> – Every brick

<u>Carol</u> **597 Silent night** (children only verse 1)

Response

All Let us bless the living God:

He was born of the Virgin Mary,

revealed in his glory,

worshipped by the angels,

proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world,

exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,

now and for ever.

Amen.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen.

Notices

Carol 589 See Him lying on a bed of straw

The offering will be taken during the singing of this carol

Blessing

Leader May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

And the blessing ...

Join us for refreshments in the Church Centre afterwards.

