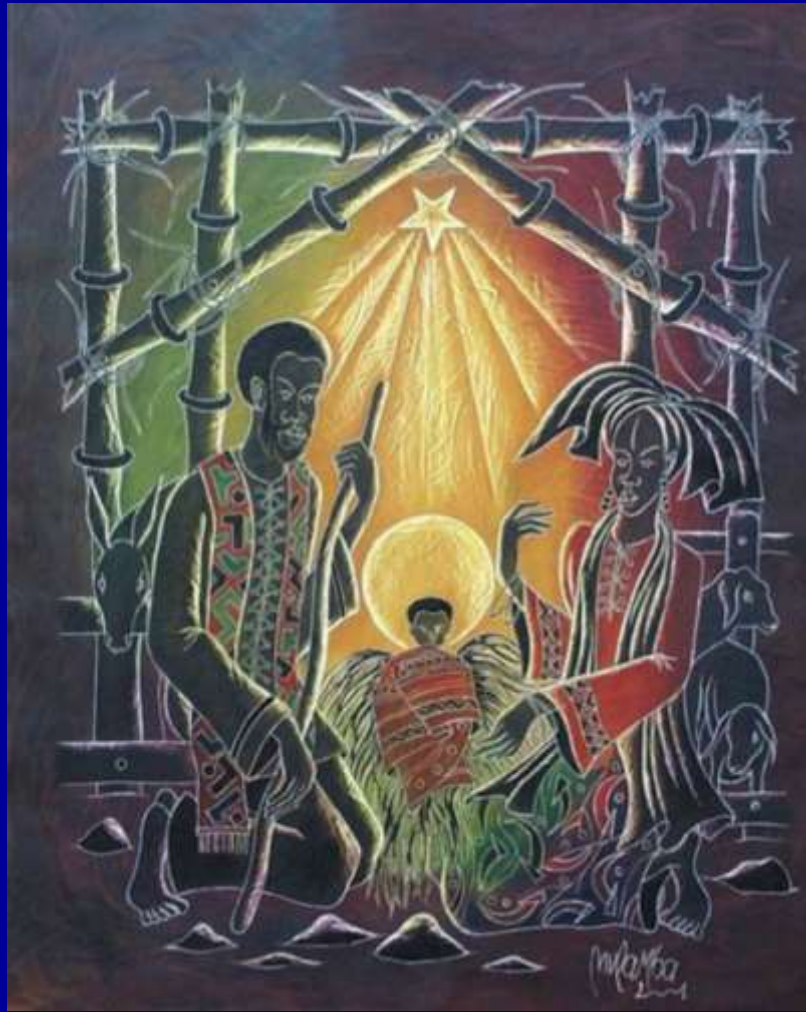


A Service of Nine Lessons and Carol



The Parish Church of
St. Wilfrid, Mobbørlø
December 19th 2021

The St. Wilfrid's Christmas Carol Service

WHEN EVERYBODY IS SEATED THE LIGHTS WILL BE EXTINGUISHED.

Carol 31: Once in Royal David's City

(1st verse sung by soloist)

WELCOME

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas time our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe lying in the manger. Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and neighbourliness within the Church he came to build, and especially in the dominions of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth; in this village of Mobberley; and Diocese of Chester. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor, the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

**Our Father, which 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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

May the Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life, and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all in. **Amen.**

- Reading 1 - Genesis 3:8-15
The Fall

Choir: Ding dong! merrily on high arr. Mack Wilberg

- Reading 2 - Genesis 22:15-18
The Promise to Abraham

Carol 43: The holly and the ivy

- Reading 3 - Isaiah 9:2,6-7
The Prophecy of the Messiah's Birth

Carol 24: Joy to the World

- Reading 4 - Micah 5:2-4
The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem

Carol 29: O little town of Bethlehem

- Reading 5 - Luke 1:26-38
The Annunciation to Mary

Choir: 'Gloria' by Vivaldi

- Reading 6 - Luke 2:1-7
The Birth of Jesus

Carol 7: Away in a manger

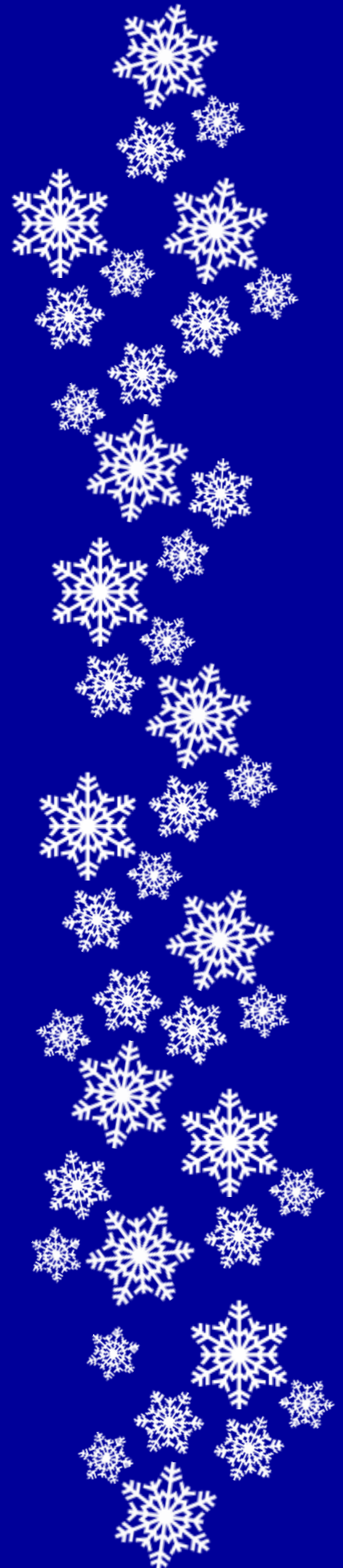
- Reading 7 - Luke 2:8-16
The Shepherds go to the manger

Carol 21: In the bleak mid-winter

- Reading 8 - Matt. 2:1-11
The Magi are led to Jesus

Carol 47: We Three Kings

- Reading 9 - John 1:1-14
The Incarnation of the Word
(please remain standing)



Carol 28 (Verses 1, 2 & 6): O Come, all ye faithful

Please remain standing

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so may we with sure confidence see him when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, bestow upon you the fulness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Carol 15: Hark the herald-angels sing

We hope you have enjoyed this service.

Do join us at our other Christmas services listed below.

We shall be holding two Family Crib Services on Christmas Eve at 2 & 4 p.m. .*

*There shall be three services of Holy Communion for Christmas -
Sung Midnight Mass (BCP) at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve
Said Holy Communion (BCP) at 8.30 a.m. on Christmas Day
Sung Holy Communion* (CW) at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day*

*(Services marked * are particularly suitable for children and young families)*

For details of these and all services you can find us at

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