

CAROL SERVICE

'Virtually' from

St Martin's Chapel

Tuesday, 15th December 2020

at 4.30 pm

Clergy: The Rev'd Paul Mundy, Vicar of St Mary's Church, Newick

Organist: Andrew Rees St Peter's Church Choir, Chailey

Jo Turner and Andrew Hornett, St Paul's, Haywards Heath



Registered Charity Number: 1075837

WELCOME

from Helen Hewitt, Chief Executive, Chailey Heritage Foundation

PLEASE SING

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.

3

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. 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.

4

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 crown'd All in white shall wait around.

BIDDING PRAYER

Almighty God, who gave us Jesus that he may teach us how to live, and through his spirit provide the power for us to act on his behalf in the world of today. Give us grace to celebrate this season of his birth with the same awe and joy the angels, shepherds and wise men of old experienced.

Help us hear the angels sing in our hearts and with our spiritual eyes see the glory of his presence among us. Grant us a special grace that we may enter into his presence with praise and thanksgiving. May the spirit of Jesus be born anew in each of our hearts as we celebrate this time together. Make us aware of the needs of the world, and of each other that you may minister through us.

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, 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. And 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. 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 the'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n 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.

First Lesson (Luke 2, v1-7) read by Christian with support from Joey

CAROL SUNG BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE - PLEASE JOIN IN

1

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load. Been a long time little donkey Through the winter's night. Don't give up now little donkey Bethlehem's in sight. *Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem. Follow the star tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem.* 2

Little donkey, little donkey had a heavy day Little donkey carry Mary safely on her way. Little donkey, little donkey carry Mary safely on her way.

Second Lesson (Luke 2, V8-16) read by Eva with support from Al

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!

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God of God, Light of Light Lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb; Very God, begotten not created O come, let us adore him O come, let us adore him O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

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3

Sing, choirs of angels Sing in exultation Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God, In the Highest O come, let us adore him O come, let us adore him O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Third Lesson (Matthew 2, v 1-11)

read by Mark Creamer, Chair of Trustees

Special Makaton songs created by school pupils and Chailey Clinical Services

PLEASE SING

1 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.

3

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.

2

Joy to the World, the Saviour reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hill and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

THE BLESSING

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.