

*Extending God's Welcome to All*

# All Saints' Sanderstead

## **Lessons and Carols by Candlelight**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020



*Welcome to all, with an invitation to wonder  
and worship God. He loved the world so much that he gave  
his only Son to be born for us.*

HANDBELL arrangement *played by Martin & Sandra Winter*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL      *Once in royal David's city*

(Solo) 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.

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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*Welcome and Lord's Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON      Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

CHOIR:                      When Christ was born (John Gardner)

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL      *O little town of Bethlehem*

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.**

**How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in;  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!**

Phillips Brooks (December 13, 1835 – January 23, 1893)

SECOND LESSON    Luke 2:1-7

CHOIR CAROL        *Watt's Cradle Song (Bryan Kelly)*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL        *Mary's boy child*

**LONG TIME AGO IN BETHLEHEM,  
So the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ,  
Was born on Christmas Day.**

***Hark now hear the angels sing  
"A king was born today!"  
And we can live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day.  
Trumpets sound and angels sing,  
Listen to what they say,  
That we can live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day.***

**Joseph and his wife, Mary,  
Came to Bethlehem that night,  
Found no place to bear her child,  
Not a single room was in sight.**

*Hark now hear...*

**By and by they found a nook  
In a stable all forlorn,  
In a manger cold and dark,  
Mary's little boy was born.**

*Hark now hear...*

**Shepherds watched their flock by night,  
Saw a bright new shining star;  
Heard angelic voices sing  
Heav'nly music from afar.**

*Hark now hear...*

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THIRD LESSON      Luke 2:8-20

CHOIR                      Shepherd boy, tell me (trad. French arr. J. Jones)

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL      *God rest you merry, gentlemen*

**GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:**

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

**From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name:  
*O tidings ...***

**The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
This blessed Babe to find:  
*O tidings ...***

**Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface:  
*O tidings ...***

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**FOURTH LESSON            Matthew 2:1-12**

**CHOIR                        Eastern sages from afar (C.S. Lang)**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL        *As with gladness men of old***

**As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your splendour see.**

**As with joyful steps they sped  
Saviour, to your lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
you, whom heaven and earth adore:  
so with ever-quickenning pace  
may we seek your throne of grace.**

**As they offered gifts most rare  
at your cradle plain and bare,  
so may we with holy joy  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly king.**

**Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way,  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last:  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds your glory hide.**

**In the heavenly city bright  
none shall need created light  
you, its light, its joy, its crown,  
you its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our king.**

Jubilate Hymns version of As with gladness men of old William C Dix (1837 - 1898)  
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**HANDBELL SOLO** Infant Holy (trad. Polish arr. Linda R. Lamb)  
*Played by Angela Jones accompanied by John Jones.*

**FIFTH LESSON** John 1:1-14

**CHOIR** *The Holy Child (F. Roy Bennett)*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*O come, all ye faithful*

**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.***

**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...***

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
*O come let us adore him...***

**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...***

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*Blessing*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

*Hark, the herald angels sing*

**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.'**

***Hark! the herald angels sing:  
'Glory to the new-born King!'***



**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.  
*Hark! the herald ...***

**Hail the heaven-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 ...***

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Organ Voluntary: *Toccata – Andrea Willischer*

Our Christmas services:

*December:*

**24th**     *Christmas Eve*  
5pm **CRIB SERVICE**  
**Online (pre-recorded)**

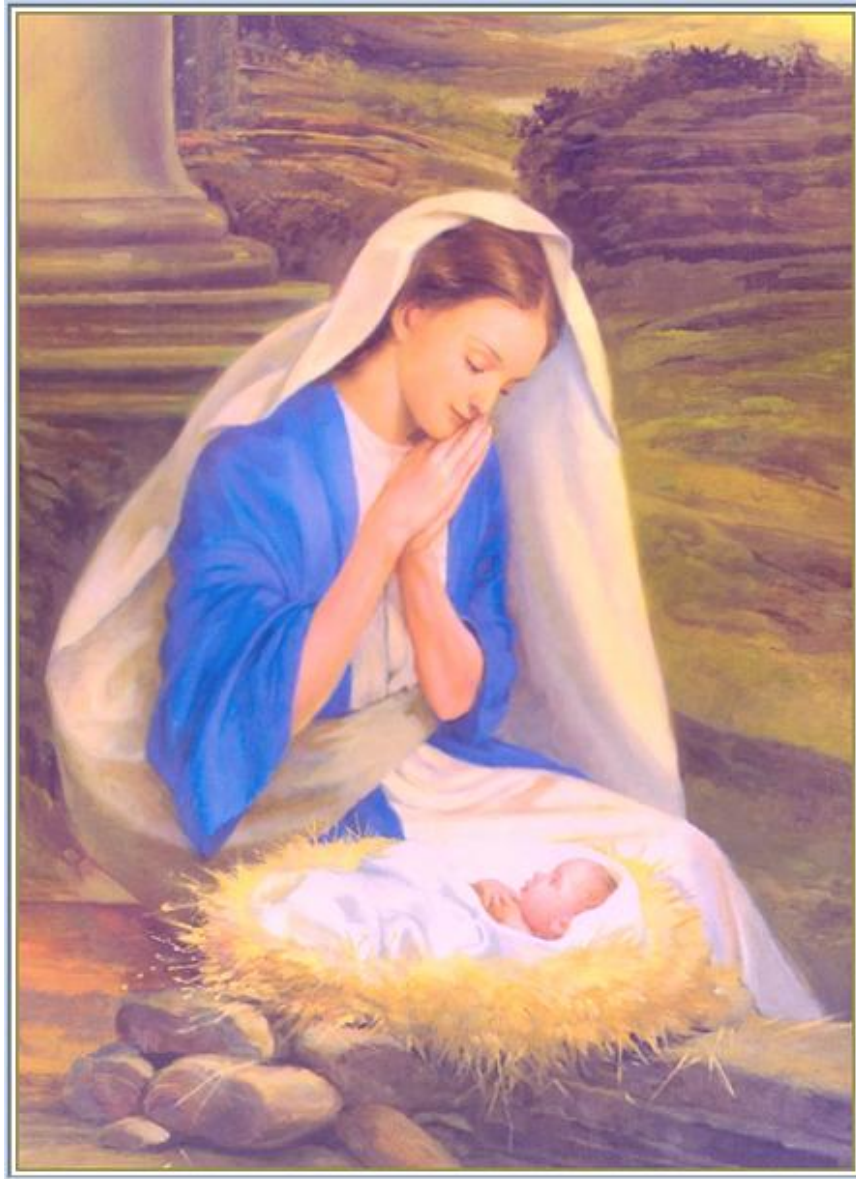
11.30pm **MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST at All Saints**  
**"In person"** (*Register in advance*) & **Livestreamed**

**25th**     *Christmas Day*  
9.30am **CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION**  
**at St. Antony's Church**  
**"In person"** (*Register in advance*)

27th     *Sunday after Christmas*  
9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Online (pre-recorded)**

*January:*

3<sup>rd</sup>     *Epiphany*  
9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Livestreamed**



*A Happy Christmas to All*