

St. Mary's Church, Portsea

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols 22nd December 2002

All stand at the entrance of the choir

Carol 34 **Once in Royal David's City. Verses 1 and 2 Choir Only**

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

First Lesson - *God announces in the Garden Of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.* *Genesis iii 8-15*

Choir

Second Lesson - *God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.* *Genesis xxii 15-18*

Carol 10 **Long Ago, prophets knew**

Third Lesson - *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah* *Isaiah ix 2,6,7*

Choir

Fourth Lesson - *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem* *Micah 2-4*

Carol 32 **O Little Town of Bethlehem (omit v.4)**

Fifth Lesson - *The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St. Luke i 26-38

Choir

Sixth Lesson - *St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus*

St. Matthew i 18-23

Carol 25 God rest you merry gentlemen

Seventh Lesson - *The shepherds go to the manger*

St. Luke ii 8-16

Choir

Eighth Lesson - *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus*

St. Matthew ii 1-11

Carol 35 Silent Night

Please Stand for Ninth Lesson - *St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation*

St. John i 1-14

Choir

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: and also with you - The Collect for Christmas Eve

Carol 26 Hark the Herald Angels sing (omit v.4)

The Blessing

Organ Voluntary: In Dulci Jubilo - Bach

