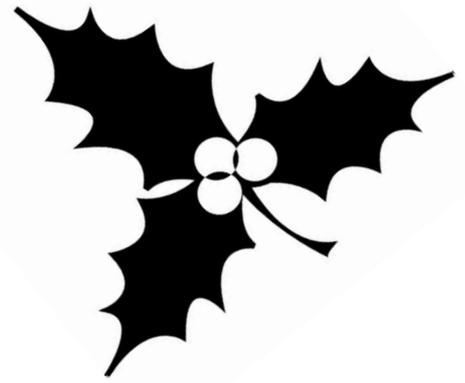


Community Carols

Saturday 18th December 2021, 6pm



*Welcome to our first Community Carols on the Green!
We felt that as a way of spreading Christmas cheer and bringing the whole community together, we would have a time singing popular carols next to the newly planted Community Christmas tree, led by our singers, and for people to join either in person or virtually. We are live streaming to our church Facebook page (click [HERE](#)) so you can join in if you can't hear us. Let us all fill our village with the wonderful songs of Christmas!*

At the end of this service, we will be coming round for a retiring collection for the upgrade of Potten End playground.

Many thanks to all those who have made this service possible – Holy Trinity Church, the Parish Council, Choir on the Green and Chris Pocock.

Our choir will gather us all together singing **Carol of the Bells.**

Rev Joe will give a short informal welcome.

CAROL – The first Nowell

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel**

**They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
born is the King of Israel.**

**This star drew nigh to the north-west:
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord
that hath made Heaven and earth of naught
and with his blood mankind hath bough
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
born is the King of Israel.**

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: The Special Baby

Mary lived in a town of Nazareth and she was going to marry Joseph, the carpenter.

An angel appeared to Mary and told her some amazing news. 'You will have a baby and his name is to be Jesus.'

God had told Joseph in a dream that Mary would have a child. Her baby would be the Son of God.

So Mary and Joseph made their way to Bethlehem. Mary's baby was about to be born soon.

However, in Bethlehem, all the inns were full. There was no room for Mary and Joseph so Baby Jesus was born in a stable.

CAROL: Away in a manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: The shepherds

On a hillside near Bethlehem some shepherds were looking after their sheep. Suddenly there was a blinding light in the sky – it was an angel!

‘Don’t be afraid!’ the angel said. ‘I have come to bring you good news. A special child has been born in Bethlehem. He will come showing love and peace. You will find the baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger. Go now and see him!’

Then lots of angels appeared in the sky singing ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all people!’

When the angels departed, the shepherd rushed off to visit the new baby and afterwards they went back to their sheep, praising God for all they had seen. It had been just as the angel had said.

CAROL: Silent night, holy night

**Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child;
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace,**

**Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav’nly hosts sing alleluia:
Christ, the Saviour is born,
Christ, the Saviour is born.**

**Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

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 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 us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!***

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lay 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!***

CHRISTMAS STORY: The wise men bring gifts to Jesus

At the time that Jesus was born, in a far country, wise men were looking at the night sky.

‘Look!’ said one, ‘I’ve never seen that star before.’

‘It means a new king has been born,’ said a second.

‘We must follow the star and find him,’ said the third wise man.

So the wise men set out in a long, hard journey, following the star by night.

When they arrive in Judea, they went straight to King Herod’s palace. But the new king was not there.

At last, the star stopped over Bethlehem.

As soon as they saw little Jesus, the wise men knelt down. They knew he was the new king. They gave him rich presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

CAROL: We three kings of Orient are

**We three kings of orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again:
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.**

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Heaven to earth replies.**

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

CAROL: Joy to the world

**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.**

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

**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.**

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,...

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:**

O come let us adore him,...

BLESSING

May the joy of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men
The love of Mary and Joseph,
And the peace of the Christ child
be yours and for all whom you love,
this Christmastide and beyond.
Amen.

CHOIR SONG: Deck the Halls

**Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.**

**See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.**

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Sing we joyous, all together,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la, la la la la

CHRISTMAS SONG: Walking In A Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening
In the lane, snow is glistening
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walking in a winter wonderland.

Gone away is the bluebird
Here to stay is a new bird
He sings a love song, as we go along
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman
And pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say: Are you married? We'll say: No man
But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid, the plans that we've made
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman
And pretend that he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman
Until the other kids knock him down

When it snows, ain't it thrilling
Though your nose gets a chilling
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way
Walking in a winter wonderland
Walking in a winter wonderland
Walk-ing-in-a-win-ter-won-der-land

CHRISTMAS SONG: We wish you a merry Christmas

**We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year**

**Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year**

**We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year**

**Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year**

**We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year
We wish you a merry Christmas, We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year**

*A retiring collection for the upgrade of Potten End playground will be taken.
Rev Joe, members of Holy Trinity Church and the Parish Council, would
like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!*

*We thank all those who have come together to enable this gathering to
take place.*

Holy Trinity Christmas services

Sunday 19th December, 3.30pm

Family Carol service

6pm

Light in the Dark (*Blue Christmas Service*)

Thursday 24th December, 4pm

Nativity Service

11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th December, 10am

Christmas Day Family Communion

Sunday 16th January, 3.30pm

Christingle Wild Church

*Please join us in church
or online this festive season!*

Light of the world!

