

Nativity and Toy Service

Sunday 14th December 2025

The Junior Church and Youth Group lead our worship and take us
'Back in time for Christmas'.



Order of Service

Welcome and notices

Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Candles

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and fatling together; and a child shall lead them.

ALL: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

CAROL 144 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
We sing verses 1, 3 and 4. (*Omit verse 2*)

Prayers of Approach, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

Introduction and theme..... a journey back in time.

CAROL R&S 147 Silent Night

From Albert to Cromwell...

CAROL It was on a Starry Night -- words and music by Joy Webb
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(*Our collection will be taken up after this carol*)

It was on a starry night
When the hills were bright
Earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still
Then in a cattle shed
In a manger bed
A boy was born, King of all the world

(*Chorus, sung twice*)
And all the angels sang for Him
The bells of heaven rang for Him
For a boy was born, King of all the world

Soon the shepherds came that way
Where the baby lay
And were kneeling, kneeling by His side
And their hearts believed again
For the peace of men
For a boy was born, King of all the world

And all the angels sang...

Offertory prayer and prayers of thanksgiving.

What's cooking?

ANTHEM - Our young people gather to sing "Every Christmas"
Words and music by Mark and Helen Johnson
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Countdown to Christmas number 1 - when BC meets AD
and the Nativity.

CAROL - 145 R&S O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Alternative words provided by D. Graham.

O little town of Bethlehem,
Still now we see thee lie -
Unquiet, though, and scarred with woe
By centuries gone by.
Yet in thy dark streets still we find
Like ancestors before,
To world adrift, God's wondrous gift
Of Love come down once more.

How noisily, how noisily
We celebrate His birth:
With grub and bling and carolling
All round the restless earth.
No ear may hear His coming
Above such worldly din –
But turn it low and still we'll know
The dear Christ enter in.

Continued...

To people then, and people now,
Glad tidings He brings to all.
To queen or king, or underling
All gather round his stall.
Both Puritan and Prodigal
Find mercy at His feast:
To peacemaker and warmonger
He tenders goodwill and peace.

More ancient than the dawn of time,
He's Truth, and Life, and Way –
Not pinned down fast in ages past
But born to us today.
Yea, through thy walls, O Bethlehem,
Bursts everlasting Light:
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Prayers of Intercession

CAROL - 151 R&S Calypso Carol "See Him lying on a bed of straw"
We sing verses 1, 2 and 4 (Omit verse 3)

Sending

Thank you for your gifts of toys which will be given to the Women's Refuge
- an organisation run by Midlands Women's Aid.