

St Mary the Virgin, Longcot

Carol Service



Sunday 22nd December 2024
at 6.30pm

The Bidding Prayer *ending with the Lord's Prayer*

Carol 4 **Once in royal David's city**
First verse choir solo

Handbells

The First Reading

Genesis 3: 8-14 The Fall

Carol 22 **In the bleak mid-winter**

The Second Reading

Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 The Prophecy of the Messiah's birth

Choir In the Stillness of the Night

The Third Reading

Micah 5:2-4 The Messiah will be Born in Bethlehem

Carol 3 **O little town of Bethlehem**

The Fourth Reading

Luke 1: 26-38 The Annunciation of Jesus' Birth to Mary

Carol 25 **It came upon the midnight clear**

The Fifth Reading

Matthew 1: 18-23 The birth of Emmanuel

Choir Away in a Manger

The Sixth Reading

Luke 2: 8-16 The Shepherds go to the Manger

Carol 8 See amid the winter's snow

The Seventh Reading

Matthew 2: 1-11 The Magi are led by the Star to Jesus

Carol 5 As with gladness men of old

The Eighth Reading

Twas the night before Christmas
by Clement Clarke Moore

Choir The Blessed Son of God

The Ninth Reading (*Please stand*)

John 1: 1-14 The Incarnation of the Word of God

The Collect

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**

Choir In Dulci Jubilo

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be ours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Carol 18

Ding dong merrily on high

The retiring collection will be given to
'Embrace the Middle East' (formerly Bible Lands)
who work with underprivileged children in the Holy Land.

Please join us for refreshments after the service and also for
our Christmas Eve service at 11.30pm on Tuesday 24th
December.