

St Andrew's, Shrivenham



Christmas Eve Crib Service, 2020

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.*

Mary and the angel

*Holy angel from above
Visits Mary with God's love
"You will have a baby boy
come to bring God's peace and joy".
Mary's fears are set at rest
"I will do as God thinks best".*

Mary and Joseph

*Joseph in a dreadful stew
Doesn't know what's best to do.
Till an angel in the night
Speaks God's word - puts fear to flight.
Now he sees what's to be done
Be a father to God's Son.*

Jesus is born in Bethlehem

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 shepherds

*Shepherds in the fields at night
Frightened by the blazing light.
Angel voices sweetly sing
of a newborn heavenly King.
Up you shepherds, run and see
Jesus born for you and me.*

The wise men

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star
Shine on Jesus from afar.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle, little star
shine on Jesus from afar.*

A Christmas Grace

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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. **Amen**

We wish you a merry Christmas

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Glad tidings we bring to you and your
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