

**Sunday 19th December  
at 4pm**



**Outdoor Carols &  
Christingle**

# ***OUTDOOR Christingle 2021***

## **Welcome & Introduction**

### **Isaiah 9:6.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Christ has brought us out of darkness  
**To live in his marvellous light**

### **CAROL: 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

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

### **Travelling to Bethlehem: Luke 2: 1-6**

In those days a decree went out that all the world should be registered. Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. They traveled a long distance from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

## LITTLE DONKEY

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road  
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load  
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winters night  
Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight

Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Follow that star tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day  
Little donkey, carry Mary, gently on her way.

### **The Birth of Baby Jesus: Luke 2: 6-7**

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### It was on a starry night

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

And all the angels sang for Him  
The bells of heaven rang for Him  
For a boy was born, King of all the world  
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 for Him  
The bells of heaven rang for Him  
For a boy was born, King of all the world  
And all the angels sang for Him  
The bells of heaven rang for Him  
For a boy was born, King of all the world

And all the angels sang for Him  
(And all the angels sang for Him)  
The bells of heaven rang for Him  
(The bells of heaven)  
For a boy was born  
(He is the king)  
King of all the world  
(King of all the world)  
And all the angels sang for Him  
(The angels sang for him)  
The bells of heaven rang for Him  
(Those bells of heaven)  
For a boy was born  
(He is the king of all the world)  
King of all the world

### **The Shepherds and the Angels: Luke 2: 6-7**

There were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

### **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 a-keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked 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:

### **The Shepherds and the child: Luke 2: 15-17**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

### **WE THREE KINGS**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

#### *Chorus*

*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;  
Heaven sings 'Alleluia':  
'Alleluia' the earth replies:

### **The Visit of the Wise Magi: Matthew 2: 1, 9-11**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise magi from the East came to Jerusalem. They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### **HARK THE HERALD**

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!"

### **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.

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 lighting/presentation of Christingles**

**A Christingle holding, *prayer which we say together.***

**Lord Jesus, I hold my Christingle and try to imagine your love, but the light you give is too bright and the love you show is too high, too wide, and too deep for me to understand.**

**An orange for the world with sweets for your good gifts on it. A candle for your light and a red ribbon for your loving sacrifice. As I look at my Christingle, help me to see the deeper truth it shines.**

**As I hold it, help me to grasp your love in my heart and to give it  
– like you do – to all your children,**

**So everyone can experience a loving family, today and always.  
Amen.**

### **A Christingle Song**

*Tune: Give me oil in my lamp (Sing Hosanna)*

The Christingle begins with an orange,  
telling us of the world God made.  
For creation is full of his glory;  
all around we see his love displayed.

*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!  
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.  
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!  
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.*

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,  
and the fruits of the earth to share.  
The Christingle is here to remind us  
that the love of God is everywhere.  
*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...*

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;  
we remember his birth again.  
But the red ribbon round the Christingle  
tells the story of his cross and pain.  
*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...*

To complete the Christingle: a candle,  
shining out in the darkest night.  
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us;  
come and celebrate the world's true light!  
*Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!...*

**Lord Jesus, light a flame in all our hearts that they may become like yours.  
Amen.**

*Please carefully extinguish your Christingles now*

## **THE BLESSING**

May the tender care of Mary, the watching strength of Joseph, and above all the love of God the Father, fill us and enable us to care for every child, as each one bears the image of Christ.

And may the blessing of the ultimate family – Father, Son and Spirit – be with us all today and forevermore. **Amen.**

Go in the power of the Spirit, to bring light to others. **Amen**

**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**

**If you would like to donate towards the works of the Children  
Society we have placed a bowl in the porch. Thank you**