

St Mary the Virgin, Finedon
Christmas Carol Service 2018

Order of Service

19 – Once in royal David’s city

(Verse 1: solo; Verse 2: choir only)

Bidding prayer

Lesson One: God Pronounces Judgement

Genesis 3.8-15.17-19

Choir: *Adam lay ye bounden* by Boris Ord

Lesson Two: God Blesses Abraham and his descendants

Genesis 22.15-18

12 – O Come, all ye faithful

Lesson Three: Prophecy of a future King

Isaiah 9.2-7

Choir: *Deo gracias* from A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

Lesson Four: A new King from David’s Descendants

Isaiah 11.1-4.6-9

1 – O little town of Bethlehem

Lesson Five: Angel Gabriel visits Mary

Luke 1.26-35.38

Choir: *Hush my dear* by Chris Hutchings

Lesson Six: A Child is born

Luke 2.1.3-7

17 – Ding Dong! Merrily on high

Choir: *Glory to God* from *Messiah* by G.F.Handel

Lesson Seven: Angels visit the Shepherds

Luke 2.8-16

7 – While shepherd’s watched

Choir: *Sussex Carol* (arr. Philip Ledger)

Lesson Eight: The Wise Men visit

Matthew 2.1-12

21 – We three kings of Orient are

Choir: *Hodie Christus natus est* from A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

Lesson Nine: The Word of Life

John 1.1-14

Intercessions

10 – Hark! the herald-angels sing

(A collection will be taken during this carol)

Blessing

Organ Voluntaries

Chorale Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* BWV 729 by J.S. Bach

Improvisation on *Adeste Fideles* by N. Rawsthorne

You will be welcomed at any of our Christmas Services:

Saturday 22nd December

Come & Sing Messiah part 1 with carols

2.30 rehearsal; 4.30 performance

Sunday 23rd December

Christingle at 4.00pm

Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Services at 8.00am & 9.30am

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany Carol Service at 6.00pm