

**At the heart
of Christmas**



All Saints, Denmead Carol Service 2021

Sunday 19th December 5pm and 7pm

The service begins with the church in darkness.

Carol 10 Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all;
and his shelter was a stable
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

For he is our childhood's pattern:
day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Revd. Emma Racklyeft

1st Lesson Genesis 3: 8-15. The Fall – Adam and Eve rebel against God

2nd Lesson Genesis 22: 15-18. The Promise to Abraham

Choir So Many Stars

3rd Lesson Isaiah 9: 2 and 6-7. Christ's Birth foretold

Carol 6 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. (Refrain)

4th Lesson Luke 1: 26–38: The Angel Gabriel salutes Mary

Carol 3 Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

5th Lesson Luke 2: 1–7. The Birth of Jesus

Choir Holy Infant Child

6th Lesson Luke 2: 8–16. The Shepherds go the Manger

Choir O Come and Join the Dance

7th Lesson John 1: 1–14. St John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation

Talk Revd. Emma Racklyeft

Prayers Revd. Jack Williams

Carol 4 Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let ev'ry heart prepare him room

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!

Let all their songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace

and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness

and wonders of his love,

and wonders of his love,

and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing

Revd Emma Racklyeft

*There will be a retiring collection for
The Rowans Hospice and Living Well Centre.
The Rowans offers specialist palliative care and
support to those with life-limiting illnesses.*

The logo for Rowans Hospice features the word "Rowans" in a large, bold, green sans-serif font. To the left of the letter "R" is a stylized green leaf icon. Below "Rowans" is the word "Hospice" in a smaller, green sans-serif font.

12 Days of stories and meditations for Christmas

At the heart of Christmas



by Archbishops Justin Welby,
Stephen Cottrell and guests

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***And finally, please call into All Saints and
pick up a copy of
'At the Heart of Christmas'.***

***This booklet is an invitation to everyone to explore
the good news of God's saving love as revealed in
the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of
us to ponder in our hearts, as Mary did, what the
extraordinary events of the first Christmas might
mean for us now and in the years ahead.***

***From Christmas Eve and continuing daily until the
Epiphany (6 January), twelve contributors share
something that lies close to the heart of Christmas
for them, bringing the theme to life through a
mixture of personal story, Bible reading, reflection
and questions to ponder.***