

All Saints Church Mundeford



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 20th December 2020

Welcome and Bidding Prayer by the Revd Andrew Jablonski

Ending with:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Carol: Once in Royal David's City

**Solo: 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.**

**All: 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.**

**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;
where like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.**

FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 3:8-15: God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head**

*Read by Andy Saunders,
Children & Families Minister*

**Carol: Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! 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.**

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:11-18: God's promise to Abraham

Read by Mary Thomas, Mothers Union Member

**Carol: 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.'**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark, the herald angels sing
'Glory to the newborn King.'**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.
Hail, the Son of Righteousness.
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
'Glory, to the newborn King.'**

THIRD LESSON

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

Read by Sarah, Staff member at Avon Reach

**Carol: 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 morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to all on earth
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love**

**How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in**

**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.**

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9: Prophecy of the peace that the Messiah will bring

Read by the Alf Green, Messy Church Team

Carol: On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring;
on Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin He set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night;
all out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men,
now and forevermore. Amen.”

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38: The Annunciation to Mary

Read by Marion Hart, Choir Member

Carol: 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;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour 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

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7: The birth of Jesus

Read by Anthea Bell Pastoral Team Member

Carol: **Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven
To live with Thee there**

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16: The shepherds go to the manger

Read by Megan and Poppy, Young members of the church

**Carol: Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Nowells ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all;
Christ the babe is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you;
Christ the babe was born for you!**

Prayers led by Revd Anne Jablonski

Bidding: Lord in Your mercy.

*Response: **Hear our prayer***

EIGHTH LESSON

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

Read by Gill Phillips, Churchwarden

**Carol: See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.**

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*

**Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the Saviour of the world!**

O now carry me...

**Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be the Saviour of us all.**

O now carry me...

**Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.**

O now carry me...

NINTH READING

John 1:1-14: St John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation

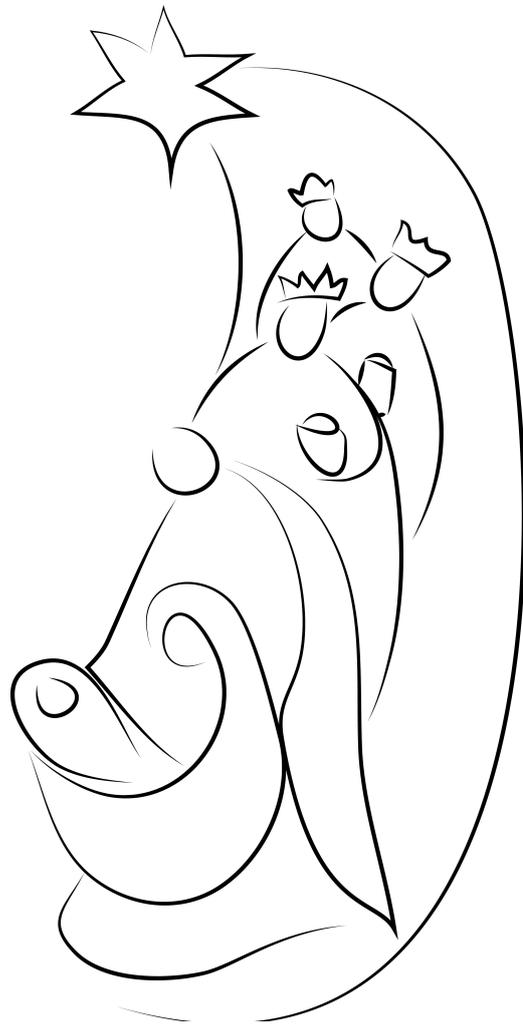
Read by Revd Anne Jablonski, the Associate Vicar

The Blessing: by Revd Andrew Jablonski

Carol: O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels:
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him ..

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest:'
O come, let us adore him ..



Everyone at All Saints Mundeford
wishes you a very happy
and peaceful Christmas

Our other Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Carol Service outside in the Car Park

10.00pm: Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10: 0am: Christmas Communion Celebration
(also on Facebook and YouTube)