

**Blessing and Dismissal - We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal
To God, who blesses us beyond our imagining who loves us beyond
our dreaming, who forgives us beyond our deserving and who uses
us beyond our hoping, be praise and thanksgiving, honour and
adoration, now and always. Amen.**

Hymn

1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.

But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy-laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

MORNING PRAISE

10.00am - Sunday 1st January 2012 - 2nd of Christmas

Welcome

Hymn

1 Lord, you were rich beyond all
splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor:
Lord, you were rich beyond all
splendour,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.

2 You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;

stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenwards, by your eternal plan:
you are our God, beyond all praising,
yet for love's sake, became a man.

3 Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you;
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true:
Lord, you are love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship you.

Confession

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your
sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your
love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of
your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in
his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. **Amen.**

First Reading Luke 4:16-21

16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day
he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the
scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place
where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed
me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for
the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (*Year of Jubilee*) 20 Then he
rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of
everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to
them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." This is the word of the
Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn- Tune:St George's Windsor 7777D

1 Hark! The song of jubilee,
Loud as mighty thunders' roar:
Or the fullness of the sea,
When it breaks upon the shore.
Hallelujah! For the Lord
God Omnipotent shall reign:
Hallelujah! Let the word
Echo round the earth and main.
2Hallelujah! Hark! The sound,
From the depths unto the skies,
Wakes above, beneath, around,
All creation's harmonies:
See Jehovah's banner furled:

Sheathed His sword; He speaks-'tis
done:
And the kingdoms of this world
Are the kingdoms of His Son.
3He shall reign from pole to pole
With illimitable sway:
He shall reign, when, like a scroll,
Yonder heavens have passed away;
Then the end-beneath His rod
Man's last enemy shall fall;
Hallelujah! Christ in God,
God in Christ, is All in all.

Second Reading – Leviticus 25:8-23

8 “Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. 9 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. 10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. 11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. 12 For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields.13 “In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to their own property.14 “If you sell land to any of your own people or buy land from them, do not take advantage of each other. 15 You are to buy from your own people on the basis of the number of years since the Jubilee. And they are to sell to you on the basis of the number of years left for harvesting crops. 16 When the years are many, you are to increase the price, and when the years are few, you are to decrease the price, because what is really being sold to you is the number of crops. 17 Do not take advantage of each other, but fear your God. I am the LORD your God.18 “Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. 19 Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. 20 You may ask, “What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?” 21 I will send you such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. 22 While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.23 “The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Talk - The Year of Jubilee– *Dick Beath*

Prayers of Intercession

Let us humble ourselves in the presence of God and pray to him for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, in all our ministry as the Church, on Sundays and on weekdays, may we give glory to you and further your kingdom. Direct us to those who are searching and give us the wisdom to know how best to draw them to your love. We are your people: **the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God, may we actively seek to do good, to stand up against injustice and work for peace; Lord, rid the world of the terrible evils that result from unvoiced objections, and unspoken misgivings. Give us the courage to act as true citizens of heaven. We are your people: **the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God, may the ways we manage our homes, decisions, time and money be in keeping with our calling as inheritors of the kingdom. May your love undergird all our loving. We are your people: **the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God, search for the lost, bring back those who have strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak; help us all to share in this work of loving care. We are your people: **the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God, welcome into your kingdom all whose lives show them to be your servants, whether or not they have known you by name. Prepare us all to meet you with the confidence of sins confessed and forgiven. We are your people: **the sheep of your pasture.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Hymn

1 Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?
2 God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
Chorus

3 Mary hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
Till the time expected,
Nurtured and protected,
Chorus
4 Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!