

## CAROL

1 We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we travel afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to the perfect light.*

2 Born a King on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again:  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. *Chorus*

## FILM- THE CHRISTMAS STORY

### CAROL

1 O come, all you faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come you, O come you 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!*

2 True God of God,  
Light from light eternal,

### BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

3 Frankincense for Jesus have I,  
God on earth yet Priest on high;  
prayer and praising all men raising:  
worship is earth's reply. *Chorus*

4 Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
tells of His death and Calvary's gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in a stone-cold tomb. *Chorus*

5 Glorious now, behold him arise,  
King and God, and sacrifice!  
heaven sings alleluia,  
alleluia the earth replies: *Chorus.*

maiden for mother,  
he was born for us all;  
only begotten  
Son of God the Father:  
*Chorus*

3 See how the shepherds  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw near to gaze;  
we too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps:  
*Chorus*



# The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

## CAROLS AND READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT

4.30pm - Christmas Eve 2011

### WELCOME

### CAROL

1. 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.

2 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.

3 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.

**READING** **The Promise of a Saviour** read by Faith Young  
*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The maiden will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:4*

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

### CAROL

*Come and Join the celebration  
It's a very special day;  
Come and share our jubilation,  
There's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds  
Hurry down to Bethlehem;  
Gaze in wonder  
At the Son of God  
who lay before them.

Wise men journey,  
Led to worship by a star,  
Kneel in homage,  
Bringing precious gifts  
from lands afar, so  
'God is with us,'  
'round the world the message bring;  
He is with us,  
'Welcome!' all the bells on  
earth are pealing.

**READING** **Mary & the Angel Gabriel** read by Edward Bazeley  
*In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a maiden pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of*

David. The maiden's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:26-28, 31-33

**CAROL**

1 Little donkey, little donkey,  
on a 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  
safely on her way  
Little donkey carry Mary  
safely on her way*

2 Little donkey, little donkey,  
journey's end is near.  
There are wise men, waiting for a  
sign to bring them here.  
Do not falter, little donkey,  
there's a star ahead;  
it will guide you, little donkey,  
to a cattle shed

*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  
safely on her way  
Little donkey carry Mary  
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**READING** **Jesus is born** read by Abby Craig-Jones  
*Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12*

**CAROL** first verse sung by members of Shoscombe School

*1 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.*

*2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

**READING** **The Shepherds and the Angels** read by Declan McDonald  
*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all*

*the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of Angels appeared praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest' Luke 2:8-14*

**CAROL**

1 Hark, the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new born 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 new born King.

2 Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more will die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King.

**READING** **The Shepherds go to Bethlehem** read by Evie Church  
*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:15-16*

**CAROL** - (sung to the tune 'Here we go round the mulberry bush')  
Shepherds go down to Bethlehem  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Shepherds go down to Bethlehem  
On Christmas Day in the morning  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem  
On Christmas Day in the morning  
Shepherds find Jesus in Bethlehem  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Shepherds find Jesus in Bethlehem  
On Christmas Day in the morning  
Worship the baby in Bethlehem  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Worship the baby in Bethlehem  
On Christmas Day in the morning

**READING** **The Wise Men & the Star** read by Gadi MacDonald  
*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:1-2,10-11*