



The Parish of Peasedown St John
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
10.00am - Christmas Day 2011

Welcome/Notices

Worship in Song

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

Lord I lift your name on high

Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift your name on high*

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Who was and is and is to come

*Lift up His name with the sound of singing, Lift up His name in all the earth.
Lift up your voice and give Him glory, For He is worthy to be praised*

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!"

Light of the World You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

*So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Reading - John 1:1-5, 11-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Film – Christmas in a nutshell

Reading – Matthew 1: 18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Film – Heaven’s light shines in

Fact or Fiction? Christmas Quiz

Can you separate fact from fiction in the Christmas story? Test your knowledge by answering TRUE or FALSE to each of the statements written below:

- 1. There are no records of Joseph speaking in the Christmas story. T or F
- 2. The wise men were three kings from the orient. T or F
- 3. The star did not appear above the manger. T or F
- 4. Jesus’ ancestors included a prostitute, an adulterer, people who committed incest, and two non Israelites. T or F
- 5. Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. T or F
- 6. The wise did not arrive on the night of Jesus’ birth. T or F
- 7. God sent a choir of chubby angels to announce Jesus’ birth to the shepherds. T or F
- 8. Shepherding was considered a very noble occupation. T or F
- 9. Both Mary and Joseph were told the baby was to be named Jesus. T or F
- 10. When Herod heard about Jesus he was only one concerned about this new king. T or F
- 11. Joseph married Mary immediately after the angel appeared to him. T or F
- 12. Some of the shepherds doubted and refused to believe the message they heard from the angels. T or F
- 13. Mary the mother of Jesus, did not remain a virgin for the rest of her life. T or F
- 14. God told people to remember the birth of his son. T or F
- 15. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary first and then Gabriel appeared to Joseph. T or F

Show and Tell – What presents have we received?

Film - Breath of Heaven

I have travelled many moonless nights,	Be forever near me,
Cold and weary with a babe inside,	Breath of heaven.
And I wonder what I’ve done.	Breath of heaven,
Holy father you have come,	Lighten my darkness,
And chosen me now to carry your son.	Pour over me your holiness,
I am waiting in a silent prayer.	For you are holy.
I am frightened by the load I bear.	Breath of heaven.
In a world as cold as stone,	Do you wonder as you watch my face,
Must I walk this path alone?	If a wiser one should have had my
Be with me now.	place,
Be with me now.	But I offer all I am
Breath of heaven,	For the mercy of your plan.
Hold me together,	Help me be strong.

Help me be.
Help me.

Breath of heaven,
Hold me together,
Be forever near me,
Breath of heaven.
Breath of heaven,
Lighten my darkness,
Pour over me your holiness,
For you are holy.
Breath of heaven,

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Worship in Song

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through
And I can feel this God song, rising up in me

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
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of light
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exaltation
Sing all you citizens of heaven
above
Glory to God in the highest!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born that
happy morning
Jesus to thee be glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing

Wishing you a Happy Christmas