

**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.**



**The Parish of Peasedown St John**  
**JOY TO THE WORLD *Nativity Service 2011***  
**Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 3pm - 4pm**

**Welcome**

**Video Clip - What does Christmas mean to me?**

**Talk 1 – The First Santa**

**Carol - Joy to the World**

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.

**Talk 2 – The First Christmas Card**

**Christmas Wrap Game**

**Carol - Come and Join the Celebration**

*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.

### **Talk 3 – The First Christmas Tree**

### **Christmas Tasting Game**

#### **Carol - Little Donkey**

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

### **Talk 4: Nativity Story - The First Christmas**

#### **Carol - Hark the herald angels sing**

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.

#### **FILM - 'Retooning the Nativity'**

#### **Prayer**

#### **Carol - O come all ye faithful**

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,  
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

#### **Blessing**