

**Muswell Hill Methodist Church
invite you to**



**LIGHT
A CANDLE
IN THE
DARKNESS**

A Service of Lessons and Carols

6.30pm Sunday 22nd December 1996

Musical Director: Sarah Rodgers Organist: Catherine Simms

Order of Service

The service will proceed without announcement

Solo Light a candle in the darkness
Light a candle in the night
Let the love of Jesus light us
Light a candle in the night
Soloist : Vera Ruddock

Choir Light a candle ... etc

All Light a candle in the darkness
Light a candle in the night
Let the love of Jesus light us
Light a candle in the night

The prophet Isaiah sees a great light Isaiah 9:2,6&7

Carol 110 O Come all ye faithful verses 1-5;
choir only, verse 3

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Choir TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY - trad.
Soloist : Pat Parkins *Clarinet : Geraldine Allen*

Light in our darkness

All sing Light a candle in the darkness....etc

The Lighting of Three Candles

Carol 113 O Little town of Bethlehem *choir only, verse 3*

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38

Choir THERE IS NO ROSE OF SUCH VIRTUE
- John Joubert *Flute: Emma Hall*
Clarinet: Geraldine Allen *Horn: Katy Thorpe*

The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7

Carol 95 **Born in the night**
instruments will play between verses 2 & 3

Choir **NATIVITY CAROL** - John Rutter

The Shepherds go to the manger Luke 2:8-20

Choir **WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS**
- John Foster

Carol 120 *all sing the traditional tune for verses 3 & 4*
Flutes: Emma Hall, Geraldine Garwood, Hannah Watson

The wise men are led by a star Matthew 2:1-12

Carol 119 **The first Nowell**
gentlemen alone, verse 3 ladies alone, verse 5

Choir **THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Prayers for the world

Response:

In a world of need, O Lord,
Comfort your people.

All **Light a candle in the darkness....etc**

Solo **Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)** - Amy Grant
Soloist : Julia McLeish Piano : Craig McLeish

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication

**O God, you promise a world
where those who now weep shall laugh;
those who are hungry shall feast;
those who are poor now, and excluded,
shall have your kingdom for their own.**

I want this world too.

I renounce despair.

I will act for change.

I seek to be a candle in the darkness. Amen.

Choir LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Soloist: Pearl Luxon
VZ

The mystery of the Incarnation John 1:1-14

Carol 115 On Christmas night all Christians sing
The Choir will sing the first two lines of each verse

The Christmas Blessing

We warmly invite you to share in our coming
Christmas celebrations

Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Crib Service - especially for children

11.30 pm "Born in the night" -

Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00 am "Christ is Born" -

Christmas worship for all the family

(children are invited to bring a present)

HAPPY
CHRISTMAS