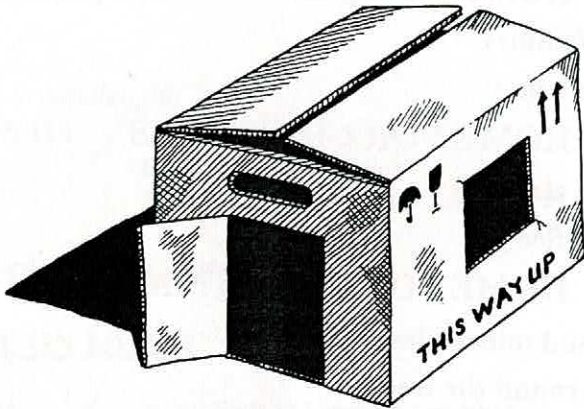


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*A Service of Music, Readings and Carols
for Christmas*



1998

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- **Cardboard city**
- **Refugees**

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- **Hurting families**
- **Old and alone**

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- **Born in a stable**
- **Forced to flee**

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- **Turkey and mince pies**
- **Presents round the tree**

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Welcome to this Christmas Carol Service. The theme this year is 'HOME FOR CHRISTMAS'

As you entered church this evening you will have been given a Star courtesy of Christian Aid. We hope that it may help you focus your thoughts and prayers as well as find a place on your Christmas tree.

After the service you will be able to make a donation to Christian Aid and to Crisis At Christmas.

The service will proceed without announcement.

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Church in candlelight

CAROL 114 ✓ Once in royal David's city
Solo: Edmund Watson
Please join in for verses 3,4,5 and 6

WELCOME & PRAYER

HOME ON EARTH

CHOIR ✓ From highest heaven I come to tell J.S. Bach

READING 1 ✓ John 1:1-14 Read by Leanoard Oliver

CAROL 79 ✓ Of the Father's heart begotten

Lower voices:
Of the father's heart begotten
'Ere the world from chaos rose
He is Alpha: from that fountain
All that is and hath been flows;
He is Omega, of all things
Yet to come the mystic Close,
Ever more and ever more.

Upper voices:
By his word was all created;
He commanded and 'twas done,
Earth and sky and boundless ocean
Universe of three in one,
All that sees the moon's soft radiance,
All that breathes beneath the sun,
Ever more and ever more.

All: This is he, whom seer and sybil
Sang in ages long gone by;
This is he of old revealed
In the page of prophecy;
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour;
Let the world his praises cry
Ever more and ever more.

All: Sing ye heights of heav'n, his praises;
Angels and Archangels, sing!
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Ev'ry tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering,
Ever more and ever more.

READING 2 ✓ Isaiah 11:1-10 Read by Andy Parkins

CHOIR ✓ Adam lay ybounden Boris Ord

POEM ✓ 'The girl with the ring' Martin Eggleton

MARY AT HOME

READING 3 ✓ Luke 2:26-38 Read by Azra Mukarji

CHOIR ✓ Cherry Tree Carol arr. Wilcocks
solos: Vera Ruddock and Mark Wakelin

CAROL 113 ✓ O little town of Bethlehem
The choir will sing verse 3, unaccompanied

CHOIR ✓ Away in a manger

POEM ✓ 'I believe in angels' Martin Eggleton

LOOKING FOR A HOME

READING 4 ✓ Luke 2:1-7 Read by Rebecca Wakelin

CAROL 95 ✓ Born in the night
Instrumental passages occur between the verses

POEM ✓ 'It's always worst at Christmas' Martin Eggleton

HOME IN THE HILLS

READING 5 ✓ Luke 2:8-14 Read by Pauline Ashbee

CHOIR Above all praise and majesty Mendelssohn

READING 6 ✓ Luke 2:15-20 Read by Rachel Mullins
and Eleanor Simms

CAROL 97 ✓ Come and join the celebration
*Please remain seated while singing – all sorts of things
happen in this carol!*

POEM ✓ 'The enemies of God' Martin Eggleton

FAR FROM HOME

READING 7 Matthew 2:1-15 ✓ Read by Robert Wynn

POEM ✓ The Journey of the Magi T S Eliot

CAROL 127 ✓ Unto us a boy is born
*verse 1 all, v2 upper voices, v3 lower voices,
v4 upper voices, v5 all*

POEM ✓ 'The Magi of the Journey' Martin Eggleton

HOME IN OUR HEARTS

READING 8 ✓ Revelation 21:1-7 Read by Pam Frost

CHOIR ✓ Sans Day Carol arr. Rutter
Clarinet solo: Geraldine Allen

PRAYER & CHOIR

When the world was dark
Prayer to Jesus Richard De Castre

POEM ✓ 'The last tear' Martin Eggleton

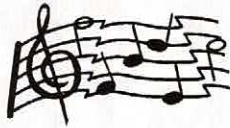
CAROL 110 ✓ O Come, all ye faithful
The choir will sing verse 2, unaccompanied

BLESSING



There will be a retiring offering which will be divided between Christian Aid and Crisis at Christmas.

Please join us for coffee and mince pies which will be served in the Narthex after the service.



Our sincere thanks to Sarah Rodgers, our musical director for this evening's service and to the choir and instrumentalists who have helped us enter the Christmas story.

Instrumentalists:

Organ and piano	Catherine Simms
Violins	Caitlin Proctor Rachael Conner
Flutes	David Thorpe Hannah Watson Rachel Mullins
Clarinets	Geraldine Allen Edmund Watson
Horn	Katie Thorpe
Trumpet	Catherine Duke
Recorders	Eleanor Simms Susannah Simms Rachel Mullins Joe Gamble
Percussion	Jenni Mullins

The Musical Arrangements are by Sarah Rodgers



*We warmly invite you to share
in our coming Christmas celebrations:*

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Crib Service
especially for young children

11.30pm 'Born in the Night'
Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00 am 'Home on Earth'
Christmas worship for all

**HAVE A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

