

# Welcome to our Outdoor Community Carols



  
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*The Parish of Jarrow and Simonside*  
We are the people of St. John's, St. Paul's, and St. Peter's Jarrow and  
St. Simon's, Simonside, South Shields.



## Introduction & Welcome

### Once in royal David's city

stood a lowly cattle-shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for His bed.

Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and His shelter was a stable,  
and His cradle was a stall:  
with the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
through His own redeeming love;  
for that Child, so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and He leads His children on  
to the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high;  
When like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

*Cecil Francis Alexander (181-1895) alt.*

*Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)*

## First Reading

## **Little Donkey, little donkey**

On the dusty road  
Got to keep on plodding onwards  
With your precious load

Been a long time, little donkey  
Through the winter's 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, 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, safely on her way

Eric Boswell

**Second Reading**

## **O little town of Bethlehem**

How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And Peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel

*Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)*

*Traditional English melody collected and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-*

## Third Reading

### Away in a Manger

no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus  
lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
look down where he lay  
the little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing  
the poor baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus  
no crying he makes  
I love thee Lord Jesus!  
Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side  
until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever,  
and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven,  
to live with thee there.



*William James Kilpatrick (1838-1921)*

## Fourth Reading

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,**

all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled minds),  
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day  
is born of David’s line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord –  
and this shall be the sign:

‘The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the Serpah, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease.’



*Nahum Tate (1652-1715)  
From Este’s Psalter (1592)*

**Fifth Reading**

## **We three kings of Orient are,**

bearing gifts we traverse 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 thy perfect light.*

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

*O star of wonder, star of night...*

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh:  
prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
worship Him, God most high.

*O star of wonder, star of night...*

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder, star of night...*

Glorious now, behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
earth to heav'n replies.

*O star of wonder, star of night...*

*John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891)*

## **A Prayer**

## **Silent night, holy night**

All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heav'nly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,

Joseph Mohr (1792-1885)  
Trans. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
Franz Grüber (1787-1863) arr. Colin Head

## **Blessing**

*May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas...*



**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,*

*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;

*O come, let us adore Him...*

Sing, choirs of angels,

sing in exultation

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

glory to God,

in the highest,

*O come, let us adore Him...*

*Original Latin attributed to John Francis Wade (1711-1786)*

*Trans. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)*

You are warmly invited to join us in Jarrow & Simonside for

# Advent & Christmas



## **Parish Advent Carol Service at St. Paul's**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm

## **Outdoor Carol Service at St. Peter's**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm

## **Christingle at St. John's the Baptist's**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 pm

## **Crib Services at St. Peter's and at St. Simon's**

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 pm

## **Christmas Eucharist at St. Peter's and St. John's**

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December 8.00 pm

## **Midnight Mass at St. Paul's**

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 pm

## **Christmas Day Service at St. Peter's**

25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am



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