St John the Baptist, Lowick with Kyloe A Service of Lessons and Carols



Led by Revd Charlotte Osborn Organist Mr Martin Colam

There will be a retiring collection for the work of this church Please do stay for refreshments afterwards

The lights dim and the service proceeds unannounced; we stand at v 2 Carol 19 Once in Royal David's City (v1 solo voice)

Introduction and Bidding Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
The Advent wreath is lit

First lesson Isaiah 9.2,6-7

In our first reading we hear how the coming Messiah will bring hope to all who walk in darkness

Mr John Huddart, Chair of Lowick Parish Council

Carol 3 Of the Father's love begotten

Second lesson Isaiah 11.1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold in our second reading Mr John Dickson, Churchwarden

Carol 14 It came upon the midnight clear

Third lesson Micah 5.2-4

Bethlehem is identified as the earthly home of the Saviour Mrs Lynsey Fairbairn, Lowick Village Store

'Let me go there' written and sung by Kevin and Tracey Archer

Carol 1 O little town of Bethlehem (v1,3,4)

Fourth lesson Luke 1 25-38

Our fourth reading speaks of both the fear and the joy that Mary experienced when she was told she would give birth to the Saviour Mrs Rebecca Simpson, Head Teacher Lowick and Holy Island Schools

Carol 23 What child is this? (Tune: Greensleeves)

First 4 lines of each verse sung antiphonally: lectern side begins,
organ side responds with lines 5-8)

Fifth Lesson Luke 2.1-7

We hear next how Mary and Joseph make their way to Bethlehem and Jesus is born in a stable in the midst of an unstable world Mrs Joan Montgomery, Chair of Governors, Lowick and Holy Island Church of England First Schools

Please sit for the following
The Blessing of the Crib
Carol 6 Away in a manger

Choir: 'Beneath the paper wrappings'
We all join in the chorus the second time:

Look inside, look above,

Look beyond, and see the love,

Look inside and you will see.

Look inside, look below,

Look beyond and you will know.

The one who came to give his life for you and me.

Sixth lesson Luke 2.8-20

The shepherds hear the angels' message of peace Mr Patrick Smalley, Barmoor Mill

Carol 5 The First Nowell (v 1,2)

Seventh lesson Matthew 2. 1-12

We hear how the wise men travel with many questions in their minds but in the peace of the Christ child find all their longings satisfied Mrs Dee Colam, PCC Secretary and Parish Safeguarding Officer

Carol 5 The First Nowell (v3-6)

Eighth lesson John 1.1-14

In our final reading we learn how God's glory is revealed in Jesus - a glory that now can be both seen and known The Revd Charlotte Osborn

Carol 10 Hark the Herald Angels sing

Prayer and blessing

Carol 12 O Come all ye faithful (v1-3)

Christmas Services

Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday in Advent

Lowick 9.15am Etal 11am

Ancroft 4pm

Holy Communion Village Carol Service

Holy Communion

Monday 22nd December- Parish Party at Lowick Vicarage. Drinks and carols around the tree - a warm invitation to everyone from 6pm

Christmas Eve

Lowick Common 4pm Ford Church 11.30pm Midnight Communion

A Nativity Pageant

with guest preacher the Revd Canon Susanna Gunner

Christmas Day

Lowick 9am Ford 10.30am

Holy Communion Family Worship with Carols