

Carol : See him lying on a bed of straw (The Calypso Carol)

See him lying on a bed of straw,
a draughty stable with an open door.
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!

O now carry me...

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can
be the saviour of us all.

O now carry me...

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;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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Christmas Eve - Carols around the Tree
Cowden Churchyard 6.00pm
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Christmas Day
Family Holy Communion 10.30am
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St Mary Magdalene, Cowden

Christingle Service



Jesus Christ is the light of the world. (John 18:12)

Welcome

Carol : O little town of Bethlehem

1 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.

2 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.

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

Advent Candles

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

All

For to us a child is born
to us a Son is given.

All

His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace,
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.

All

All

(Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Carol : Little Donkey

- 1 Little donkey, little donkey,
on a dusty road,
got to keep on plodding onward
with your precious load.
- 2 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 !
- 3 Little donkey, little donkey
had a heavy day -
little donkey, carry Mary
safely on her way.
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way.

'A Lego Christmas'

Carol - Silent Night

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!

Christmas - The Present

Song - Light of the World

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see,
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

*So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship...

And I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross (repeat)
So here I am to worship...

Christingle Talk - Stephen

*Adults are asked to keep a careful
eye on the children in their care
when the candles are lit. Thank you*

Carol : Away in a manger

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.



Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen