

Christmas Services

Further information from the Parish Office: 01228 810616

Christmas Eve
11.30pm Holy Communion Preacher
Eddie Scrase-Field

Christmas Day
10.30am All Age Christmas Celebration Eddie Scrase-Field

Cummersdale
9.00am Holy Communion Wendy Downey

Sunday December 26th
10.30am Family Worship John Libby

Information

Free Will Offering: Envelopes are now ready for collection from pigeon holes at the back of church

Watch out for the **BBC Nativity**, 7.00-7.30pm Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December, on BBC1

SAINT JAMES CHURCH

CARLISLE

All-Age Family Nativity Service
10.30am Sunday, 19th December, 2010



If you are new to St. James please fill in one of the Welcome Cards on the pews

If you have a mobile telephone, please ensure that it is turned off. Thank you.

JUST LOOKING!



Just Looking is just what it says: it's an opportunity to take a closer look at the Christian faith, but with no pressure to do anything more than just look. Please join us for a meal, a talk, a time for discussion, and a chance to make new friends.

Next course starts, Tuesday 18 January 7:30pm
(and then for each Tuesday evening for four weeks)
in the Parish Centre.

Please Pray For:

Those who are ill or in hospital at this time, especially Fiona Hurley, Peggy Fluck, Glenda Davidson, Maureen Richardson, Joyce Mason, Doreen Marrs and Peggy Yarker.

Happy Christmas!

John, Daphne and family,
Eddie, Hannah and family,
Wendy, Nick and Kate

would like to thank everyone for their cards and greetings, and together wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Welcome & Notices

Opening Sentence:

Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord. *Luke 2:11*

I bring you good news of great joy
A Saviour has been born to us - Alleluia

Unto us a child is born
Unto us a son is given - Alleluia

He is Christ the Lord
We worship and adore him - Alleluia.

Carol

Long time ago in Bethlehem,
so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy-child, Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

*Hark now, hear the angels sing -
a new King born today!
And we may live for evermore
because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing
listen to what they say,
that we may live for evermore
because of Christmas Day.*

While shepherds watch their flocks by night,
them see a bright new shining star,
then hear a choir sing
the music seems to come from afar.

Continued...

Now Joseph and his wife Mary
come to Bethlehem that night.
She had no place to bear her child,
Not a single room was in sight.

Hark now . . .

By and by they find a little nook
in a stable all forlorn,
and in a manger, cold and dark,
Mary's little boy was born.

Long time ago in Bethlehem,
so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

Hark now...

Scene 1

In King Herod's Palace

Carol

This Child, secretly comes in the night,
O this Child, hiding a heavenly light,
O this Child, coming to us like a stranger,
This heavenly Child.

*This Child, heaven come down now
To be with us here,
Heavenly love and mercy appear,
Softly in awe and wonder come near -
To this heavenly Child.*

This Child, rising on us like the sun,
O this Child, given to light everyone,
O this Child, guiding our feet on the pathway
To peace on earth.

This Child, raising the humble and poor,
O this Child, making the proud ones to fall;
O this Child, filling the hungry with good things,
This heavenly Child.

Graham Kendrick Copyright © 1988 Make Way Music

Scene 2

Back in King Herod's Palace

Reading;

This was how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they were married, she found out that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a man who always did what was right, but he did not want to disgrace Mary publicly; so he made plans to break the engagement privately. While he was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus - because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew Chapter 1 verses 18-21

Christmas Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ child be God's gifts to us this Christmas time and always. And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Please join us for coffee and mince pies in the Parish Centre after the service.

There will be a retiring collection for any who wish to contribute to the work of St James Church.



We say sorry to God

Jesus gave up his home in heaven to live as an ordinary human being. For the times when we have refused to give up our comforts for your sake, Father,

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Mary and Joseph were obedient to what God wanted to do in their lives. For the times when we have not been obedient to you, Father.

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Shepherds and wise men journeyed, gave gifts and worshipped Jesus. For the times when we have held back our gifts and our worship, Father

We are sorry. Please forgive us.

For we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who respond to him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

The 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

Scene 3

Meet the Wise Men

Action Creed

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.

We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

We believe and trust in Jesus, God's only Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.

We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in the world. We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Scene 4

In King Herod's Palace again!

Talk

Who would you turn to 1?

We say sorry to God

Jesus gave up his home in heaven to live as an ordinary human being. For the times when we have refused to give up our comforts for your sake, Father,

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Mary and Joseph were obedient to what God wanted to do in their lives. For the times when we have not been obedient to you, Father.

We are sorry. Please forgive us

Shepherds and wise men journeyed, gave gifts and worshipped Jesus. For the times when we have held back our gifts and our worship, Father

We are sorry. Please forgive us.

For we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen to God's promise to all who are truly sorry:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who respond to him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

The 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

Scene 3

Meet the Wise Men

Action Creed

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

We believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist.

We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

We believe and trust in Jesus, God's only Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again.

We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in the world. We declare

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Scene 4

In King Herod's Palace again!

Talk

Who would you turn to 1?

Scene 5
Meet the Shepherds

Carol

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.

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.

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.

Scene 5
Meet the Shepherds

Carol

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.

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.

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.

Scene 6
Meet the real King and Saviour, Jesus



Talk

Who would you turn to 2?

Carol

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.

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

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 in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

Scene 6
Meet the real King and Saviour, Jesus



Talk

Who would you turn to 2?

Carol

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.

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

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 in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!