

*St. Augustine's Carol Service*      *8 December 2002*

Welcome

The Vicar

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*Please stand to sing the Carol :*                      O Come all ye faithful

1. 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 :
2. God of God,  
Light of light –  
Lo ! He abhors not the virgin's womb.  
Very God,  
Begotten not created :

*Chorus :*

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

*Chorus*

3. Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation !  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above !  
Glory to God  
In the highest :

*Chorus*

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*The Light of God is born as a little Child*

*Please sit for the reading*

Luke Chapter 2 verses 1-8

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*Please stand to sing the 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 Thee, Lord Jesus ! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. 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
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*The angels proclaim the Light to the shepherds*

*Please sit for the reading*

Luke Chapter 2 verses 8-18



*Please stand to sing the Carol :*

While shepherds watched ...

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| <p>1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,<br/>All seated on the ground,<br/>The angel of the Lord came down<br/>And glory shone around</p> <p>2. "Fear not," said he ( for mighty dread<br/>Had seized their troubled mind ),<br/>"Glad tidings of great joy I bring<br/>To you and all mankind.</p> <p>3. To you in David's town this day<br/>Is born of David's line<br/>A Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord;<br/>And this shall be the sign :</p> | <p>4. The heavenly Babe you there shall find<br/>To human view displayed,<br/>All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,<br/>And in a manger laid.</p> <p>5. Thus spake the seraph : and forthwith<br/>Appeared a shining throng<br/>Of angels praising God, who thus<br/>Addressed their joyful song :</p> <p>6. "All glory be to God on high,<br/>And to the earth be peace;<br/>Good will henceforth from heaven to men<br/>Begin and never cease."</p> |
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*The Light begins to spread through the world*

*Please sit for the readings*

Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12

Matthew Chapter 2 verses 13-15



*Please stand to sing the Carol :*

As with gladness men of old ...

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| <p>1. As with gladness men of old<br/>Did the guiding star behold,<br/>As with joy they hailed its light,<br/>Leading onward, beaming bright;<br/>So, most gracious Lord, may we<br/>Evermore be led to Thee.</p> <p>2. As with joyful steps they sped,<br/>Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,<br/>There to bend the knee before<br/>Thee who heaven and earth adore;<br/>So may we with willing feet<br/>Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.</p> | <p>3. As they offered gifts most rare<br/>At Thy cradle rude and bare,<br/>So may we with holy joy,<br/>Pure and free from sins alloy,<br/>All our costliest treasures<br/>bring,<br/>Christ, to Thee our heavenly<br/>King.</p> |
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*Jesus is the Light of the world*

*Please sit for the reading*

John Chapter 1 verses 1-5 and 9-14



*Please stand to sing the hymn :*

I am the light of the world

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*The Light passes down through the ages*

*Please sit for the first play. During the plays we invite you to join in with "The Crowd" parts.*

*Please stand to sing the Carol :*

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*Everyone can pass on the Light*

*Please sit for the second play.*

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*Please remain sitting for the hymn :*          Jesus bids us shine ...

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
Like a little candle burning in the night :  
In this world of darkness, we must shine;  
You in your small corner, and I in mine
  2. Jesus bids us shine first of all for Him;  
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim :  
He looks down from heaven to see us shine;  
You in your small corner, and I in mine
  3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
Many kinds of darkness in the world are found  
Sin, and want, and sorrow; so we must shine;  
You in your small corner, and I in mine
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*Please sit or kneel for the prayers ; at the end, we shall sing 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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now  
and for ever. Amen

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*Please stand to sing the Carol :*                                  Joy to the world  
( *during which a voluntary collection will be taken* )


1. Joy to the world ! – the Lord is come !  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world – ! the Saviour reigns !  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

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Blessing

The Vicar

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Names  
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**Contributors**

Angel, Disciple, Beach walker  
 Paul's helper, Media person  
 Gregory  
 Joseph, Samuel Marsden  
 Mary, *prompter*  
 Angel, Disciple, Starfish rescuer  
 Angel of the Lord, Paul, Media person  
 Shepherd, Soldier, Florence  
     Nightingale's helper  
 Shepherd, Soldier, Florence  
     Nightingale's helper  
 Shepherd, Soldier, Florence  
     Nightingale's helper  
 Augustine's helper, Mother Teresa's  
     visitor, *artwork*  
 Wise man, Augustine's helper, Mother  
     Teresa's visitor  
 Augustine, Mother Teresa  
 Leader, Reader, Organist  
 Angel, Peter, Starfish rescuer  
 Wise man, Paul's helper, Media  
     person

*Overheads*  
 Shepherd, Soldier, Florence  
     Nightingale  
 Wise man, Samuel Marsden's helper  
 Voice of God, *tree manipulator*  
 Leader, Reader, Organist  
 Shepherd, Soldier, Mother Teresa's  
     visitor  
 Samuel Marsden's helper

We invite you to join us after the service for a barbecue.

Our next Family Service is the *Christingle Service* on 24th December at 7pm.; we would be very happy to see you again at this service. We can always find more parts for extras so if you would like to take part, please see ●●●●● afterwards, or 'phone ●●●●.

All the children who took part in our service are, or were, members of the St Augustine's Kids' Club. The club resumes Tuesday 4th March at 3 :15pm; all primary school children are welcome.