



Christingle
St Mary's, Avington
Sunday 6th December 2020

Welcome – by James Greig

Leader - Christ has brought us out of darkness

All: To live in his wonderful light.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening prayer:

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in this place.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in our hearts.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in our lives.

Jesus, Light of the World,

Shine in all the earth. Amen.

**Carol - O come all ye faithful
Led by Tim Clapp**

Let us adore, Let us adore

Let us adore, Let us adore

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

Let us adore, let us adore

Let us adore, Come Hallelujah

Come Hallelujah

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exaltation
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

Let us adore, Let us adore
Let us adore, Come Hallelujah
Come Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let us adore, Come Hallelujah
Come let us adore him

Yea Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

Let us adore, Let us adore
Let us adore, Come Hallelujah
Let us adore,
Let us adore, Come Hallelujah
Let us adore

Saying sorry

All: Father God,

**We are sorry for the things we say and do which make you sad,
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.**

**We are sorry for times when we have seen people in need
and ignored them and walked on by.**

**Please forgive us and help us to love you and other people,
so we may bring light and hope to the world.
Amen.**

Reading by Anoushka Stirrup John 8:12

Talk by Julia Wright

Carols - How Far / Away in a Manger

In Nazareth of Galilee
An angel speaks the sacred words
Mary you will be with child
The miracle of virgin birth

Joseph heeds the angel sign
And takes her as his promised wife
Now through the night they journey on
How far is it to Bethlehem?

Wise men plan their course ahead
Searching for the promised King
Now from the east a guiding star
How far is it to Bethlehem?

How far, how far, to the place where hope was born?

The walls outside Jerusalem
O see the mount of Calvary
There lifted high upon a cross
The Saviour of humanity

He conquered sin and buried shame
Rose to life and burst the grave
Forever bridged the great divide
With perfect grace and sacrifice

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

Prayers

Lord Jesus,
Light of the world,
I hold this Christingle as a sign of your love.
May your light shine in the darkness.

The candle, planted deep within the world,
as a sign that you made your home among us,
and lived with the poor and neglected.
May your light shine in the darkness.

The ribbon, wrapped around the earth, a sign of your love shown on
the cross, enfolding the whole world with your saving love.
May your light shine in the darkness.

The fruits and sweets, signs of all the good things you've made, and of
the changing seasons in your creation. Help us know your light, that
shines through every season of life.
May your light shine in the darkness.

We say together
**Lord Jesus,
Light of the World,
as I hold this Christingle
and think about your great love for me,
help me to take this light out into the world
and to share your love with others,
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.**

Carol - O little Town of Bethlehem

Oh 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
Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

Oh 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.

The Blessing

We go in peace
To share the peace of God with all we meet.
We go in love
To share God's gift of love with the world.
We go in the light of Christ
To shine as lights in the world.
To the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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