

- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

The Blessing

Carol: Come and join the celebration

Refrain:

*Come and join the celebration,
It's a very special day.
Come and share our jubilation,
There's a new King born today!*

- 1 See the shepherds
Hurry down to Bethlehem
Gaze in wonder,
At the son of God who lay before them.

Refrain

- 2 Wise men journey,
Led to worship by a star,
Kneel in homage,
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar.
So:

Refrain

- 3 'God is with us,'
Round the world the message bring.
He is with us,
'Welcome,' all the bells on earth
are pealing.

Refrain

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Leaving church

We need to leave in an organized way to ensure social distancing. Please remain in your seats until directed to leave by the Stewards. Where possible please keep candles lit until you leave the church. Please take this Order of Service home with you along with your Goody Bags.

Donations

Donations for the work of The Children's Society are to be placed in the buckets as you leave. You can also give via contactless payment, text giving, or via our website.

Text: PLATE 5 or PLATE 10 to 70085

Online via www.stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/donate

If you are able to GiftAid your donation the Children's Society will receive 25% extra from the Tax office.

The Children's Society

The Children's Society aims to care for and support children and young people in need, whatever their race, religion, language or culture, and to promote their physical, mental and emotional development. Every year it helps around 50,000 children and families.

Regular Sunday Services - Covid restrictions permitting

10.00am

Parish Eucharist at St John's

Sadly Junior Church is not meeting at present, nor are we able to offer our usual Tiny Tots. We hope to restart in Tier 1.



The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield

Christingle Service 2020



Welcome to St John's for this Christingle Service. Thank you for coming and booking a ticket. Covid-19 Restrictions mean this service will be slightly different to usual:

Face coverings are required; singing will be led by the choir; Christingle goody bags for everyone; and you are encouraged to stay in your seats throughout. However, Covid-19 cannot stop us from telling the Christmas Story... so get to ready join in as we re-tell the Good News of God's love made visible in the face of the babe of Bethlehem - Jesus Christ.

Carol: Once in royal David's city

1 - Sometimes solo:

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

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He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

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And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

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Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

The Christmas Story begins

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem

Carol: Little donkey

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| <p>1 Little donkey, little donkey
On the dusty road,
Got to keep on plodding onwards
With your precious load.
<i>Ring out those bells tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
Follow that star tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.</i></p> | <p>2 Little donkey, little donkey,
Had a heavy day,
Little donkey, carry Mary
Safely on her way.
<i>Little donkey, carry Mary
Safely on her way.</i></p> |
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The Shepherds travel to see the baby Jesus

Carol: While shepherds watched

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| <p>1 While shepherds watched
their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.</p> <p>2 'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.</p> | <p>3 'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:</p> <p>4 'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'</p> <p>5 'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin, and never cease.'</p> |
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The Three Kings travel to visit Jesus

Carol: We three kings

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| <p>1 We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:
<i>O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.</i></p> | <p>2 Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies:
<i>O star of wonder, ...</i></p> |
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The Prayers

Please bow your heads to pray, during which the following responses are said:

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| <p>For these good things,
All: We thank you, God.</p> | <p>As we try to follow you,
All: Please help us, God.</p> |
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The Lord's Prayer

- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



The Christingle

Whilst the choir sing the next carol please make your Christingle.

The Christingle Hymn (The holly and the ivy)

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| <p>1 It's rounded like an orange,
This earth on which we stand;
And we praise the God who holds it
In the hollow of his hand.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i>
<i>So, Father, we would thank you
For all that you have done
And for all that you have given us
Through the coming of your Son.</i></p> <p>2 A candle burning brightly
Can cheer the darkest night,
And these candles tell how Jesus
Came to bring a dark world light.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 The ribbon round the orange
Reminds us of the cost;
How the shepherd, strong and gentle,
Gave his life to save the lost.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 Four seasons with their harvest
Supply the food we need,
And the Spirit gives the harvest
That can make us rich indeed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5 We come with our Christingles,
To tell of Jesus' birth,
And we praise the God who blessed us
By his coming to this earth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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The organ plays some festive music as candles are lit. When all the candles are lit the lights are switched off.

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.