

Carols in the Park



Sunday 14th December
4pm at Grove House Gardens

Christ Church Dunstable 

Welcome & Prayer
Steve Neal (Pastor to the
Community)

Bible Reading:

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Carol:

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!

2. God of God,
Light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him...

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above,
“Glory to God in the highest!”

O come, let us adore him...

Carol:

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round the 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,
glory streams from heaven afar:
heavenly hosts sing, 'Hallelujah',
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light:
radiant beams your holy face
with the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth

Bible Reading:

Micah 5:2; 4

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the
clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

"He will stand and shepherd his
flock

in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the
Lord his God.

And they will live securely, for then
his greatness

will reach to the ends of the
earth."

Luke 2:1-4

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Carol:

O little town of Bethlehem

how still we see you lie!

Above your deep and dreamless
sleep

the silent stars go by:

yet in your dark streets shining

the everlasting light;

the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to men on earth.

3. 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.

4. 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 sing,
The great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Carol:

Hark! the herald angels sing:

'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all you nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of
peace!
Hail, the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by;
born that we no more may die;
born to raise us from the earth;
born to give us second birth

*Hark! the herald angels sing:
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Bible Reading 3:

John 1:9-14

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive

him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Carol:

Angels, from the Realms of Glory,

wing your flight through all the
earth;

heralds of creation's story

now proclaim Messiah's birth!

Come and worship

Christ, the new-born King!

Come and worship,

worship Christ, the new-born King

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,

watching by your flocks at night,

God with man is now residing:

see, there shines the infant-light!

Come and worship...

3. Wise men, leave your
contemplations!

Brighter visions gleam afar;

seek in him the hope of nations,

you have seen his rising star:

Come and worship...

4. Though an infant now we view
him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

Come and worship...

Christmas Message from the Bible
'Light of the World'

Performance Song by CCD Choir:
This is Jesus

Verse 1

This is Jesus, in the beginning, all
creation knows His touch.
One with God and Holy Spirit,
Word of heaven, glorious
And before the world's
foundation, stands the Lamb
already slain.
There is no one who is like Him.
This is Jesus, praise His name.

Verse 2

This is Jesus, laid in a manger,
infant Saviour, God with us,
Sought by shepherds, sung by
angels, Word incarnate, holy Son,
O behold, the Promise given; he
has come to make a way.
Wrapped in wonder, he is
worshipped. This is Jesus, born to
save.

Verse 3

This is Jesus, Healer and Teacher,
reaching out to those in need.
Hope and mercy to the broken,
love and comfort to the weak.
There is truth and there is power,
in his words, the way of life.
Hear the whisper that is rising.
This is Jesus, He is Christ.

Verse 4 (soloist)

This is Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer,
perfect offering on a cross.

All our sins are placed upon Him;
O the greatness of His love.
Willingly, He bears our sorrows.
Calvary's Lamb will bleed and die.
For the desperate, lost without
Him, this is Jesus crucified.

Verse 5

This is Jesus, risen in victory!
Night has ended, dawn has come.
Shout the news of, resurrection!
Death is conquered! Life has won!
And one day the song of heaven
will be led by the Redeemed.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! This is
Jesus, King of Kings!

*All readings today are from the New International
Version of the Holy Bible*

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Welcome to Christ Church Dunstable!

We are delighted you have joined us today as we celebrate Jesus' birth. We are a community of people of all ages and backgrounds united in our love for Jesus. We hope you feel at home amongst us and would love to see you again soon!



We'd love to stay in touch with you, and to let you know about future events that we think you would be interested in. Go to ccd.church/more to register your interest or scan the QR code.

Please do check the events page on our website (ccd.church/events) for Sunday service times and what is happening in the life of our church. Why not join us for another Christmas service?

CHRIST CHURCH DUNSTABLE	
Sunday 21 st December Carols by Candlelight <i>6:15pm</i>	Thursday 25 th December Christmas Day All-Age Service <i>10:15am</i>
Wednesday 24 th December Children's Christmas Eve Service <i>4:15pm</i>	Sunday 28 th December Morning Services including children's work <i>9:15 or 11:15am</i>
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Join us at The Way!

The Way is our Christian Community Centre. Situated on West Street, it provides a great place to meet and care for our local community.

The Way Coffee House

From 8:30am to 3:00pm Monday to Saturday we serve quality coffee, tea & hot chocolate as well as a selection of cakes and lunch. All are welcome, so why not drop in? We are open late until 9pm on Wednesdays too! The Way will close at 3pm on Wednesday 24th December and will re-open on Friday 2nd January at 8.30am.

Groups & Activities

Each week a wide variety of activities run in The Way for almost everyone. Groups include: Tiddlers & Toddlers, Children's & Youth Groups, Needle & Thread, 'Connect' for those aged 60+, Knit & Natter, Book Club, Workshop Wednesdays (our DIY group), Art and English Classes!



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A new course starts in January. Register your interest at ccd.church/more