
Offertory Carol: CS 49

While shepherds watched their flocks

The service continues at section 13 in Order of Service

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father,
in this night you have made known to us again
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him
until the day dawns
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.
To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen

Recessional Carol: CS 19

Hark, the herald-angels sing

Notices

Parents: To comply with our Safe from Harm Policy please ensure that all children are accompanied to the toilet during services. For Health & Safety reasons please keep your children with you in the Annexe after the service as no one is in church to supervise them. Youth Children & Safe from Harm Committee.

Exploring Faith: A new Exploring Faith course is starting on the 12th January 2012. For more details please see flyer at the back of church.

Christmas Collections: The collections from the Christmas Services on 24th and 25th December will go to Shelter. Please gift aid your donations if you are a tax payer by filling in the envelopes provided.

Parish Office Christmas Closure: The Parish Office will be closed weeks beginning 19th Dec and 26th Dec. It will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January at the usual time 3.30-4.30pm.

Christmas Services 2011

Saturday 24th December

4.00pm *Children's Eucharist with Nativity Play*

10.00pm *First Mass of Christmas*

11.45pm *Midnight Mass*

Sunday 25th December

10.00am *Said Eucharist with Carols*



Next Sunday, 25th December, Christmas Day

The Parish Office is open Tues 3.30pm-4.30pm

& Wed 6.30pm-8.00pm. Tel: 01344 425205

Notices need to be in the Parish Office by noon on

Wednesday to appear on the following Sunday Pew Sheet.

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St Michael and St Mary Magdalene

Easthampstead

READINGS and NOTICES

Saturday 24th December 2011

Christmas Eve

First Mass of Christmas

PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET HOME WITH YOU

In the event of fire or other emergency please do not panic. The Churchwardens and sidespeople are trained to direct you safely from the building by the most appropriate exit.

10.00pm Festal Eucharist: First Mass

Celebrant: Revd Peter Bestley

Preacher: Fr Guy Cole

11.45pm Midnight Mass

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If you are a taxpayer please use a green envelope for your giving. One can be found at the end of the pew. Pens are available from the Churchwardens to complete and sign it so that the tax can be reclaimed.

You are invited to receive the sacrament if you are accustomed to doing so here or elsewhere.

If you bring a young child with you and they become restless, books and toy bags are available at the back of church.

You are invited to stay for coffee after the service in the Annexe.

CS – Carol Sheet

Carols:

Introit: **CS 30** Of the Father's love begotten

Gradual: **CS 32** Once in royal David's city
(omit verses 3 and 4)

Offertory: **CS 49** While shepherds watched their flocks

Communion: **CS 29** O little town of Bethlehem

Recessional: **CS 19** Hark, the herald-angels sing

The numbers are shown below as they are sung.

Introit Carol: CS 30

Of the Father's love begotten

Christmas Candle

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, King of Peace:
to you be praise and glory for ever!

The new light of your incarnate Word
gives gladness in our sorrow,
and a presence in our desolation.

Fill our lives with your light,
until they overflow with gladness and praise.

**Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in the world.
Glory to God in the highest!**

The Christmas Candle is lit.

Light the Advent candle one.
Now the waiting has begun
We have started on our way
Time to think of Christmas Day.

*Candle, candle burning bright,
shining in the winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

Light the Advent candle two
Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night.

Candle, candle burning bright ...

Light the Advent candle three
Think of heavenly harmony
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"
At the Blessed Saviour's birth.

Candle, candle burning bright ...

Light the Advent candle four
Think of joy forevermore
Christ Child in a stable born
Gift of love that Christmas morn.

Candle, candle burning bright...

Light the Christmas candle now
Sing of donkey, sheep and cow
Birthday candles for the King
Let the alleluias ring.

Candle, candle burning bright....

*The Eucharist continues with the Confession
at section 3 in the Yellow Eucharist Book.*

Collect

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on
earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading:

Titus 2: 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,
training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in
the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright,
and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the
manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour,
Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might
redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people
of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Carol: CS 32 (omit verses 3 and 4)

Once in royal David's city

Gospel:

Luke 2: 1-14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that
all the world should be registered. This was the first
registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of
Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph
also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to
the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was
descended from the house and family of David. He went to
be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who
was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came
for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her
firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid
him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the
inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of
the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone
around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to
them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good
news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.
This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in
bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there
was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising
God and saying,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.