

We hope to see many of you at our 2009 Christmas services at St James Church Eastbury. Please try and join us - times and dates are:-

The Christingle Service - Sunday 13th December 4 pm

A magical service for all ages, the collection is given to The Childrens Society.

Crib Service - Chistmas Eve Thursday 24th December 4pm

A very special start to Christmas with the younger children creating the Nativity scene, while older children give readings and play instruments and we all enjoy traditional carols. The collection is in aid of 'The Naomi Childrens Hospice' in Hampshire.

Christmas Day - 10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion.

Join us on this special occasion to celebrate Christmas in our Church filled with good will and joy. Bring your friends and relatives, all are welcome!

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

The Nativity Story (Carol Medley Version!)

Once, in a manger, one silent night, Christ was born of Mary (a virgin most pure), all for to gain our liberty.

The angel Gabriel and angels from the realms of glory sang that night: "Joy to the world, for unto us is born a Son. Hallelujah! Glory to the new-born King."

The cattle are lowing, while shepherds watched in fields where they lay. They left their flocks a-feeding for the little town of Bethlehem where frosty winds made moan; good morrow, masters, all.

For the rising of the sun and the running of Rudolph, the red-nosed rein deer: Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

In the bleak mid-winter, see how the shepherds found Him in a manger, asleep on the hay; and to follow the star of wonder, star of night, dashing through the snow, deep and crisp and even, three kings from Persian lands afar; bearing gifts, they traverse, with incense, gold and myrrh.

Alpha es et O, alpha es et O Israel.

Now here we come a-wassailing, so deck the hall with boughs of holly. We wish you a merry Christmas and a ding dong merrily on Christmas Day in the morning.

"Follow That Star"

Songs for Advent and Christmas
with

Watership Cantabile



Sunday 22nd November

St James' Church, Eastbury

Programme

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day.....Nils Lindberg (choir)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.....Advent Carol (All)

There is no rose.....Alan Smith (choir)

The Time of Snow.....Bob Chilcott (choir)

Seth.....David Kossoff (read by David Holland)

Mirabile Mysterium.....Jacobus Gallus (choir)

A Knocking on the Stable Door.....Eric H Thiman (choir)

The Transformation of Scrooge.....Charles Dickens (read by Viv Druce)

Lullay Lord Jesus.....George Thalben Ball, arr David Holland (choir)

The Little Drummer Boy.....Harry Simeone, Henry Onorati & Katherine Davis, arr. David Holland (choir)

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Hark the glad sound.....Advent Carol (All)

A song on the birth of Christ.....John Turner (choir)

King Herod and the cock.....Cecil Sharp, arr Norman Gilbert (choir)

Christmas.....John Betjeman (read by Jeremy Jackman)

The Christ Child.....Will Todd (choir)

Follow that Star.....Peter Gritton (choir)

Lo, He comes, with clouds descending.....Advent Carol (All)

Old Sam's Christmas Pudding.....Marriott Edgar (read by Chris Druce)

A Carol Medley.....David Holland, based on an original idea by Ed. Welch (choir)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile, here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Hark the glad sound!

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Lo, He comes, with clouds descending,

Lo, he comes, with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia!
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.