



The same star went ahead of them (Mt. 2:9-10)

**St Mary Magdalene's service of  
Nine Lessons and Carols  
Christmas 2010**

## **Introduction**



### **Introduction to our Carol Service**

*The carol numbers are printed in this order of service and will not be announced.*

*There will be a collection during the last carol for the West End Refugee & Asylum Seekers' Centre [WERS].*

*The congregation are asked to be silent during the choir pieces before the service.*

*The congregation will stand and join in after the second verse of Once in Royal David's City.*

## **Carol**

**"As with gladness men of old ..." (5)**

## **Ninth Lesson:**

**Reader: our Vicar Joanna Dobson**

*Jesus, the Word of God, the life and light of all people comes to live among us.*

John 1: 1-14

## **Carol**

**Choir: "In the bleak midwinter ..." - by Harold Darke**  
*(the congregation sit)*

**All: "Hark the herald angels sing ..." (12)**  
*A collection will be taken*

## **The Blessing**

*The Choir and Priest leave*

*Refreshments will be served in the Stable Room immediately after the service - Every one is welcome.*

**May the love of the Christ child fill your homes and lives this Christmas and may you know his peace**

*If you are able to join us again over Christmas these are our services*

**Crib service Christmas Eve 6pm**

**Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm**

**Christmas morning 10am family Christmas Communion**

## Sixth Lesson:

Reader: *one of our children who attends church Daniel Massey*

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*  
Luke 2: 1-7

## Carol

All: " Infant Holy ..." (23)

## Seventh Lesson:

Reader: *Sean Parker one of our baptism parents*

*The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2: 8-16*

## Carol

All: " While shepherds watched their flocks ..." (10)

## Eighth Lesson:

Reader: *Margaret Hall from our  
Prayer Book congregation*

*The wise men are led by the star  
to Jesus.*  
Matthew 2: 1-12



"Glory to God in the highest heaven!" (Luke 2.14)

## The Welcome

## The Bidding Prayer

### Carol

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.

Choir: 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.

All: And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay;  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

All: For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
And he feeleth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

All: 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.

All: 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;  
When like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

## First Lesson

**Reader: Members of the older Youth Group**

*Eve and Adam disobey God and we see our relationship with Him  
is broken by sin.  
Genesis 3: 8-14*

## Carol

**Choir: "Star Carol ..."** - by John Rutter  
*(the congregation remain seated)*

## Second Lesson

**Reader: Mike Dowson our recent treasurer**

*God promises to bless all nations because of Abraham's faithful obedience.  
Genesis 22: 15-18*

## Carol

**All: "Good King Wenceslas ..."** (20)  
*(the congregation sing Verses 1, 3b and 5  
Solos - Verses 2, 3a and 4.)*

## Third Lesson

**Reader: Paul McCabe one of our sound & visuals technicians & Junior  
Football Team coach**

*Isaiah the prophet foretells the coming of Jesus; Saviour and future King.  
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7*

## Carol

**All: "It came upon a midnight clear ..."** (25)

## Fourth Lesson

**Reader: Brian Hedley one our church wardens**

*God promises a ruler from Bethlehem.  
Micah 5: 2-4*

## Carol

**All: "See amidst the winter's snow ..."** (8)

## Fifth Lesson

**Reader: Jane Massey who co-leads the children in Junior Church**

*The angel Gabriel announces Jesus' birth to Mary.  
Luke 1: 26-38*



## Carol

**Choir: "Lo, how a Rose e're blooming" -**  
*a German mediaeval carol (the congregation remain seated)*