

Lytchett Matravers Carol Service

17th December 2023 6pm at St Mary's Church

The New Beginning



Led by:

Churches in Harmony Choir

Directed by: Jan Watson Organist: Heather Argent

Rev Stephen Partridge and Clive Allen

Order of Service

Please stand for the Processional Advent Hymn

Hymn 31 Lo, He comes with clouds descending 4th verse descant:
composed for this service by Adrienne Allen

Welcome Rev Stephen Partridge

Prayers Rev Stephen Partridge

In the beginning

Choir Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Words: Joshua Smith Music: Elizabeth Poston

Reading The beginning of all things - Genesis 1 v 1-5

Advent

Carol 24 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Reading The Prophecy of Peace – Isaiah 11 v 1-9

Choir Lift up your heads O ye mighty gates
Words: Gerog Weissel Trans. Catherine Winkworth
Music: Richard Shepherd

Annunciation

Reading The birth of Jesus is foretold – Luke 1 v 26-38

Carol 242 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Birth of Jesus

Reading Bethlehem is prophesied – Micah 5 v 2-5

Carol 66 Once in Royal David's City

Reading Jesus is born! - Luke 2 v 1-7

Choir What Child is this? Words: W.C. Dix (alt) Music: Trad. English
Arr. Antony Baldwin

Carol 59 Love came down at Christmas

Journey of the Shepherds

Reading The shepherds hear the news - Luke 2 v 8-12

Choir Rise up, Shepherd, and follow
Music: Trad. American Arr. Gordon Thornett

Reading The shepherds react - Luke 2 v 13-20

Carol 76 While Shepherd's watched their flocks by night (Tune – Cranbrook)

Reflect on the story

Reading Christ's Humility and Greatness - Philippians 2 v 5 - 11

Choir Unto us is born a Son Words and melody from Piae Cantiones(1852)
Words: Tr G.R. Woodward Music arr. David Willcocks

Meditation Rev Stephen Partridge

Carol 57 Joy to the world

Prayers Clive Allen

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Carol 53 Hark! the herald angels sing

Reading The Word and the Light - John 1 v1-14

Carol 61 O Come, all ye Faithful (verses 1, 2, 3, & 6)

Benediction: Rev Stephen Partridge

Christmas Services at St Mary's

(The Methodist Congregation will be joining in these services)

Christmas Eve

8am BCP Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

4pm Nativity Service

11pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10am Christmas All-Age Communion