



# ***Carols with Kingsmere***

***Please join us after our service for Mulled  
Wine & Mince Pies in the Kingsmere  
Community Centre***

## Welcome

### Opening Prayer

God of wonder, help us to have as much faith as the wise men who followed your star to find Jesus.

Lead us down the right paths and help us to recognise Jesus in the people that we meet as we travel through life.

**Amen**

### *We Sing: Carol Number 19 **Once in Royal David's City***

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 that little child.

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.

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.

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.

**Bible Reading:** Luke 2.1-12: Jesus Is Born

2 In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. 2 It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

4 So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. 5 He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. 6 While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. 7 She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

8 There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

*We Sing: Carol Number 13 **Silent Night***

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in Heavenly peace!  
sleep in Heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from Heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, Love's pure light  
radiant, beams from Thy Holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

**Reflection:** What Does the Christmas Story mean for us?

*We Sing: Carol Number 6 **Away in a manger***

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

*We Sing: Carol Number 7* ***While shepherds watched***

While shepherds watched  
Their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around  
And glory shone around

“Fear not,” he said,  
For mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind,  
To you and all mankind.”

“To you in David’s  
Town this day  
Is born of David’s line  
The Savior who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign  
And this shall be the sign.”

“The heavenly Babe  
You there shall find  
To human view displayed  
And meanly wrapped  
In swathing bands  
And in a manger laid  
And in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph,  
And forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song  
Addressed their joyful song  
“All glory be to  
God on high  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth  
From heaven to men  
Begin and never cease  
Begin and never *cease!*”

## Prayers

God be in my Head, and in my thinking.  
God be in my Hands, and in my doing.  
God be in my Heart, and in my loving.  
**Amen.**

I hear carol singers.  
**Jesus is near.** (*hold hands across chest*)  
I see a Christmas tree all lit up.  
**Jesus is near.** (*hold hands across chest*)  
I eat Christmas goodies.  
**Jesus is near.** (*hold hands across chest*)  
I write Christmas cards.  
**Jesus is near.** (*hold hands across chest*)  
I buy presents for my friends and family.  
**Jesus is near.** (*hold hands across chest*)  
Thank you, Jesus, for all the signs of you  
around me this Christmas.  
**Jesus is near.** (*hold hands across chest*)  
**Amen.**

## **Father God,**

Thank you for the most incredible Christmas gift – that you came to be ‘God with us’ in Jesus.

Help us to remember that Jesus was born in a stable, a most unexpected place – a baby not just for the rich and famous, but for all people.

May we see you in the unexpected this Christmas time, in our fun and laughter, in our gifts and time with family and friends.

Please help all those who are going through a difficult time this Christmas. May they know your love in the darkest of places.

Thank you that you love us all so much.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## *We Sing: Carol Number 12 **O Come all ye faithful***

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.

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

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***Wishing you and your families a  
Very Happy Christmas***