

THE BENEFICE OF WEST MALLING & OFFHAM  
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2020

**Welcome**

**Carol**

*Words of welcome from our Vicar.*

**Carol**

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.

*Refrain:*

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.

*Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
'Glory to God  
in the highest:'

*Refrain*

*Latin, 18th Cent.  
tr. F.Oakeley (1802-1880)*

**The Zoom Nativity**

by some of the Sunday School children  
from West Malling and Offham

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth!  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

*Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893), 1868*

**Christingle**

Rev David explains the symbolism  
of the Christingle

**Offering**

Every year, we donate the collection at our  
Christingle services to The Children's Society.

Please don't let them miss out on vital funding  
this year. Please visit [www.christingle.org](http://www.christingle.org) to  
make your donation this Christmas.

## Lighting the Christingle

*Our Vicar will lead us in prayer  
as we light our Christingles.*

### Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on 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 side until 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 fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Verse 1 & 2 anonymous.  
Verse 3, John T. McFarland, (1851-1913)*

### Carol

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  
radiance beams thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

*Words: Josef Möhr (1792-1848)*

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