

**Hymn Sheet for Sunday 29th December
Morning Worship led by Hazel Coley**

Welcome, Church Family News and Notices

Prayer at the start of Worship

On this Sunday after Christmas, we look back and we look forwards, as the old Simeon and Anna drew on the riches of their ancient faith to look forward with Mary and Joseph to the future of their infant son, -

Jesus, our Messiah.

We worship the God of Time and eternity:

We worship the God who existed before creation leapt into being:

We worship the God who has been with us in this closing year:

We worship the God who will be with us as our stories continue -

Our beginning, our present and our future.

We worship the God who is with us today –

and will be forever. Amen

Hymn MP196

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News!

Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow,
and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today.

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath ope'd the heavenly door,
and man is blest for evermore:
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save;
calls you one, and calls you all,
to gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save.

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP342 (During which the offertory will be taken)

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all;
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new,
saw the glory, heard the story
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you;
Christ the babe was born for you;

Offertory Dedication

Reading Luke 2: 21 – 40

Sermon

Hymn MP 746

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he - for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.'

'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line,
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be the sign.'

'The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid'.

Thus spake the angel; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
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!'

Prayers

Hymn MP 644

The first nowell the angel did say,
was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel!

Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel!

At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped Him;
they offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with His blood mankind has bought:
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the king of Israel!

Prayer followed by The Grace

Exit Music: Von Himmel hoch (From heaven above to earth I come)
– J S Bach