

The Parish Church of St Anne, Kew



Christmas Crib Service

Welcome to our Christmas Crib Carol Service, during the service we will be retelling the story of Our Lord's birth. Carol by carol we will be placing the characters in the Christmas story into our crib and members of our Junior Church will create a live Nativity tableau.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

**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.**

**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**

Our story begins – the scene is set.

**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 for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Our story continues as we hear about the angel Gabriel's message to Mary.

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow
His eyes as flame
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary
Most highly favoured lady," Gloria.**

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be

**All generations laud and honour thee
Thy Son shall be Emanuel
By seers foretold
Most highly favoured lady, " Gloria.**

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God, " she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria.**

Our story continues with the arrival of Mary and Joseph at Bethlehem and how there was no room for them at the inn. We then hear how Jesus was born in a manger in a stable.

**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 Savior
is born Christ the Savior 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!**

*Our story continues with the angels telling the good news
of
Jesus' birth to the Shepherds.*

**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."**

*Our story continues with the appearance of the new star and
the preparations of the Magi to set out to visit the baby
Jesus.*

**We three Kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we travel afar, Field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:**

**O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal
beauty bright, westward leading, still
proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light**

**Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:
O star of wonder.....**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Tells His death and Calvary's gloom;**

**Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in a
stone-cold tomb:**

O star of wonder.....

**Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet Priest on high; Prayer and
praising all men raising
Worship is earth's reply.**

O star of wonder....

**Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice:**

**Heaven sings "Alleluia",
"Alleluia" the earth replies:**

O star of wonder....

We now stand for the blessing

**Hark! the herald Angels sing
Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emanuel.
Hark! the herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.**

***All of us who worship at St Anne's wish
each one of you a Happy, Peace filled
and Joyful Christmas.***

Notices

Morning Prayer (via Zoom) - each weekday at 8.30am. To join in please contact Tina Ruygrok at tina.ruygrok@gmail.com

Notices and prayers for the sick – please contact the Parish Office on saintannekew@gmail.com with any Notices for the Messenger (Service Booklet) or with a name to add / remove from the sick list. The weekly deadline for inclusion is Wednesday 1pm.

Hall Hire is available. Please contact the Parish Office.

Welcomers needed – please sign up at the back of church to offer 1 hour per week to welcome those who visit St Anne's. For more information contact John Mortley at john.onc@hotmail.com.

Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 11.00am in the Hall and on Zoom. Contact Ann Eldridge for more information at annviveneldridge@gmail.com

Join St Anne's WhatsApp Group, available for all the congregation. To join please text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

Safeguarding – for safeguarding concerns please contact our safeguarding officer, Kate Higham, at safeguarding@saintannekew.org.uk or tel: 07561 662613 or contact Fr Giles or the Churchwardens. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Fr Giles is available for any member of St Anne's congregation and can be contacted on 07811 444011 or via the Parish Office. His regular day off is Friday.

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Thank you.

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