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CAROL SERVICE SHEET

Welcome to the largest interactive celebration in 2007!

Thousands of people in pubs, clubs, community centres, care homes, churches and other venues across the region are joining in with Sing Christmas, live on BBC Radio Leicester, from the Everards pub The Cradock in Knighton, Leicester.

WELCOME - Sandra & Dave

Ding Dong Merrily on High

1. **Ding dong! merrily on high,**
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Celebrating together across the region

In the Bleak Midwinter

1. **In the bleak midwinter,**
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow;
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.
2. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air.
But His mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Belovèd
With a kiss.
3. What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him – Give my heart.

Christmas Story – Caesar Augustus (Luke 2 v. 1-5)

Interview: Sir Peter Soulsby, MP for Leicester South

Unto Us a Boy is Born

1. Unto us a Boy is born!

King of all creation,
Came He to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation,
The Lord of every nation.

3. Herod then with fear was filled:

“A Prince,” he said, “in Jewry!”
All the little boys he killed
At Bethl’em in his fury,
At Bethl’em in his fury.

2. Cradled in a stall was He
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses,
That He all men surpasses.

4. Now may Mary’s Son, who came

So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us,
Unto the joys above us.

Christmas Story – Jesus is born (Matthew 1 v. 18-25)

Interview: Rosemary Conley, UK’s leading diet and fitness expert

★ Activity - Share food

Good King Wenceslas

1. Good King Wenceslas looked out

On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath’ring winter fuel.

3. "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,

Bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

2. "Hither, page, and stand by me,

If thou know’st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

4. In his master's steps he trod,

Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Characters in the Christmas story

★ Activity - Vote for your favourite character

Christmas Story – Angels and Shepherds (Luke 2 v. 8-14)

While Shepherds Watched

1. **While shepherds watched their flocks by night,**
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.
3. "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.
4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
6. "All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

Shepherd's Rap

★ Activity - Pull crackers

Interview: Willie Thorne, World Seniors Snooker Champion and 'Strictly Come Dancing' contestant

Prayers – Harry Moore, founder of Rainbows Children's Hospice

Silent Night

(1st verse sung by The Rainbows Choir)

1. **Silent night, holy night!**
All is calm, all is bright.
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
Watched o'er the child beloved and fair
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds first saw the light,
Heard resounding clear and long,
Far and near, the angel-song:
"Christ the Redeemer is here,
Christ the Redeemer is here."
3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Love is smiling from your face
With the dawn of saving grace.
Saviour since you are born,
Saviour since you are born.

Christmas Story - Visit of Wise Men (Matthew 2 v. 1-2, 9-12)

Interview: Dr James Carpenter, Space Research Centre

As With Gladness

1. As with gladness men of old

Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

3. As they offered gifts most rare

At Thy cradle rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,

Saviour, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

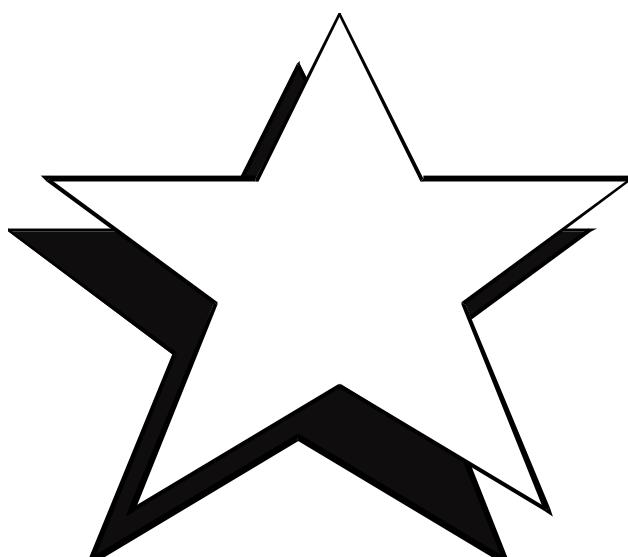
4. Holy Jesus, every day

Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright

Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun, which goes not down.
There for ever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

★ Activity - Who is a star for you?



Carol – Children of St Thomas More Primary School

Interview – Traveller to Leicester

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse 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.*

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

5. Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice!
Heaven sings Alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Christmas Thought and Blessing – The Rt Revd Tim Stevens, Bishop of Leicester

★ Activity - Drink a toast

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

2. Joy to the world; the Saviour reigns!

Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

3. He rules the world with truth and grace;

And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We hope you have enjoyed this unique interactive Carol Service wherever you have listened!

You can continue to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas at a church near you.

Why not go along to one of the carol services

... and check out www.rejesus.co.uk/christmas

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