

**The Church of England
Parishes of Winscombe & Sandford with Churchill**



Christmas Carol Service

*A service of readings, carols and celebration of the
Christmas season*

Welcome & introduction

Opening Prayer:

The peace of God our heavenly Father
Of Jesus Christ the source of hope
And of the Holy Spirit
Come upon us
His light shine in the darkness
And in our hearts
This Christmas time.
Amen.

Reading 1 – Micah 5:2 – A prophecy from circa 686 BC
[Reader : **Archie Forbes**, Parish Council]

Carol– O Little town of Bethlehem (*Tune: Forest Green*)
MP503/ CP63 / Carol Sheet 24

Reading 2: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 – A prophecy from circa 701 BC
[Reader : **Lyndsay Lawrence**, Gowers]

Carol – Joy to the world (*Tune: Antioch*)
MP393/ CP57 / Carol Sheet 20

Reading 3 - Luke 1:26-35 - The Annunciation
[Reader : **Bridget Andrews**, Scramblers]

Carol – Angels from the realms of Glory (*Tune: Iris*)
MP35 /CP44 / Carol Sheet 4

Reading 4: Luke 2: 8-20 – The Shepherds' journey
[Reader : **William du Croz, PCC Secretary**]

Carol – While Shepherds watched (*Tune: Winchester*)
MP764/CP76 / Carol Sheet 18

A poem or choir anthem may follow

Reading 5 - Matthew 2:1-12 – The Magi's journey
[Reader : **Mark Caddy**, uniformed boys & girls]

Carol – We three kings (*Tune: Kings of Orient*)
MP740/ CP91/ Carol Sheet 16

Address or reflection

Carol - Silent Night (*tune: Stille Nacht*)
MP597/ CP69/ Carol Sheet 2

Prayers:

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the door of love in our
hearts. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires
with every greeting. May Christmas morning find us happy to
be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful hearts. **Amen.**

Carol – Away in a manger (*Tune: Cradle Song*)

MP47/CP45/Carol Sheet 11

Sung by 1st Strawberry Line Rainbows

Carol – It came upon a midnight clear (*Tune: Noel*)

MP437/CP56/Carol Sheet 9

Reading 6 - John 1:1-5

1st Strawberry Line Rainbows

Carol – Hark! the herald (*Tune: Mendelssohn*)

MP211/ CP53 / Carol Sheet 21

THANKS to choirs and organist, readers and organisers

*The service concludes with the **Blessing***

*May the hope of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men,
The obedience of Mary & Joseph,
The joy of the angels,
And the love and peace of Jesus Christ
Be yours this Christmas time and always
And the blessing....*



Thank you for coming today and we hope you have enjoyed celebrating Christmas, the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, with us.

We would love to see you again – please see our website for details of our services www.winsandchurches.org.uk

Have a wonderful Christmas!