

FISHERWICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Readings & Carols
for
Christmastide**



**Sunday 23rd December 2012
at
7.00pm**

**MINISTER:
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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:
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**ORGAN SCHOLARS:
DAMIAN MCILROY DIPLCM
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**VIOLIN:
CHARLOTTE DEVLIN**

**READERS:
MURIEL CROMIE
MARK DAVISON**

The service will proceed without announcement

INTROIT: Andachtsjodler

Trad. Südtirolean

BIDDING & LORD'S PRAYER

(PLEASE STAND)

PRAISE:

Wade arr Willcocks

1. 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;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

4. Lo! star-led chieftains
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ-child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God
Light of Light
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's Womb
Very God, begotten not created;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

5. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God in the highest':
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

3. See how the shepherds
Summoned to His cradle
Leaving their flocks
Draw night with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

6. Yea, Lord we bless Thee,
Born of our salvation;
Jesu! For ever be Thy name
adored:
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing,
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

READING: Softly the night is sleeping

20C, Sussex

CAROL: Gaudete

Piae Cantiones, 1582

READINGS: Christ's reign is foretold
 Christmas Eve remembered

Isaiah 40
Kavanagh

CAROL: The Holly and the Ivy Trad English arr W-Davies

READINGS: The peace Christ will bring is foreshown Isaiah 11

CAROL: The Blessed Son of God Vaughan Williams

PRAISE: Trad English arr Willcocks

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
2. From God our heav'nly Father
A bless-ed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoic-ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed babe to find:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
4. But when to Bethlehem they came
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay:
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

READINGS: The Angel Gabriel visits Mary
The Offer

Luke 1
Greene

PLAINSONG: A winter rose shall flower Rees
SOLO: The Holy Well Trad Herefordshire

READINGS: St Luke tells of the birth Luke 2
Never Again Webb

CAROL: Sussex Carol Trad English arr Ledger

READING: Mary's Lullaby Causley

CAROL: Nativity Carol Tavener

READING: Shepherd Howard

PRAISE: Este's Psalter 1592

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 minds
"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 heav'nly Babe
You there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing 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!"

CAROL: Gift of Love Ledger

READINGS: Adoration of the Magi Pilling
Kid Stuff Horne

CAROL: A Babe is Born Mathias

READING: Chanticleer Austin

CAROL: A Christmas Blessing Stopford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAISE: Wesley / Mendelssohn, Ledger

1. 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 th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n 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.*

ORGAN: Postlude on Hark! The Herald Willcocks
In dulci Jubilo JS Bach

There will be a retiring offering

*Please stay for mulled wine/apple and mince pies
provided by the young people in the Minor Hall*

*A contribution towards this in aid of their mission trip next
summer would be greatly appreciated.*

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER 2012

11.30pm The First Communion of Christmas

TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2012

10.00am Christmas Day Family Service

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2012

11.00am Morning Worship

