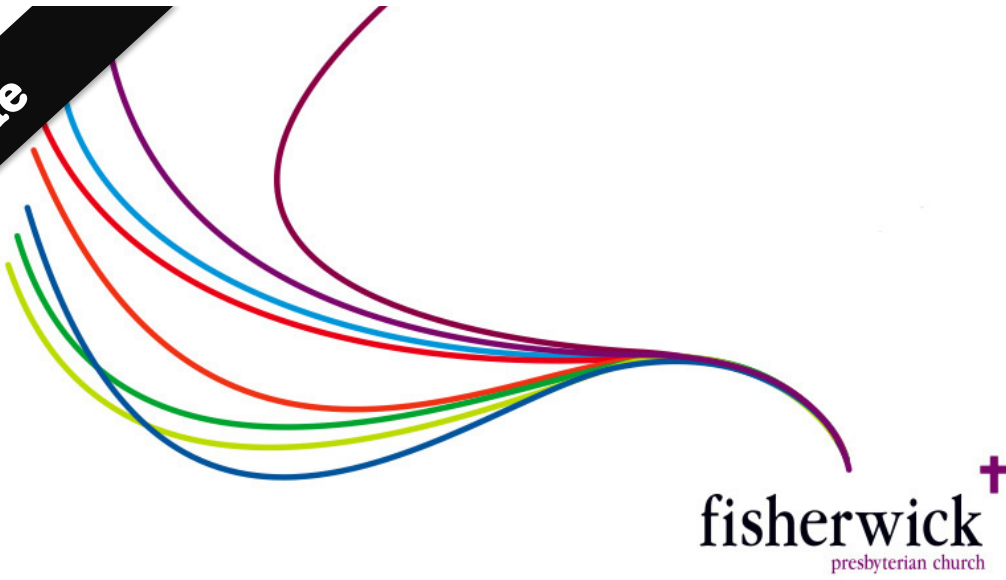


Welcome



Christmas Eve Worship

Worship & Holy Communion
Monday 24th December 2012 at 11.30pm

Introit - Hodie, Christus natus est

Call to Worship

Praise - Carol 193(CH3) - Once in Royal David's City

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he
4. For he is our childhood's pattern:
Day by day like us he grew ;
He was little, weak, and helpless;
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.
5. 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.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him, but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high.
When, like stars, his children
crowned
All in white shall wait around

Bidding Prayer

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Lesson – John chapter 1 : 1 - 14

The Gospel According to John

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Praise - Carol 335 - Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watched o'er the Child beloved and fair
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

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, O how bright
love is smiling from your face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour, since you are born,
Saviour, since you are born!

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Song – Immanuel

Michael Shannon

Call to Communion

Praise - Carol 179(CH3) – See in yonder manger low

1. See in yonder manger low,
Born for us on earth below,
See the gentle Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.
Hail, O ever- blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2. Lo, within a stable lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,,
Sits amid the cherubim.
Hail, O ever- blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

3. Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.
Hail, O ever- blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

4. Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee In Thy sweet humility.
Hail, O ever- blessed morn;
Hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution (you are asked to come forward pew by pew)

The choir will sing carols while the congregation shares in Communion

Aaronic Blessing

The Peace

Praise - Carol 191(CH3) - O Come all Ye Faithful

Verse 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;

Chorus O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord.

Verse 2 God of God,
 Light of Light,
 Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created;

Verse 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
 Glory to God
 In the highest':

Verse 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 Born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given:
 Word of the Father,
 Now in flesh appearing;

The Benediction

Organ postlude – In Dulci Jubilo, Bach

Church notices

25th Dec Christmas Morning Family Service (10.00am)
There is NO evening service tonight

Dec/Jan 2012

30th Dec Morning Worship (11.00am)
There is NO evening service tonight

6th Jan Morning Worship Holy Communion (11.00am)
Sunday Night Live (7.00pm)

Wednesday 26th - Wednesday 2nd January 2013

The Church and Church Halls will be closed during this period, however you can ring the church office on 02890 666683 in the case of a pastoral emergency and leave a message as the phone will be checked on a daily basis.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

World Development Appeal envelopes may be returned at any service through to Sunday 30th December.

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