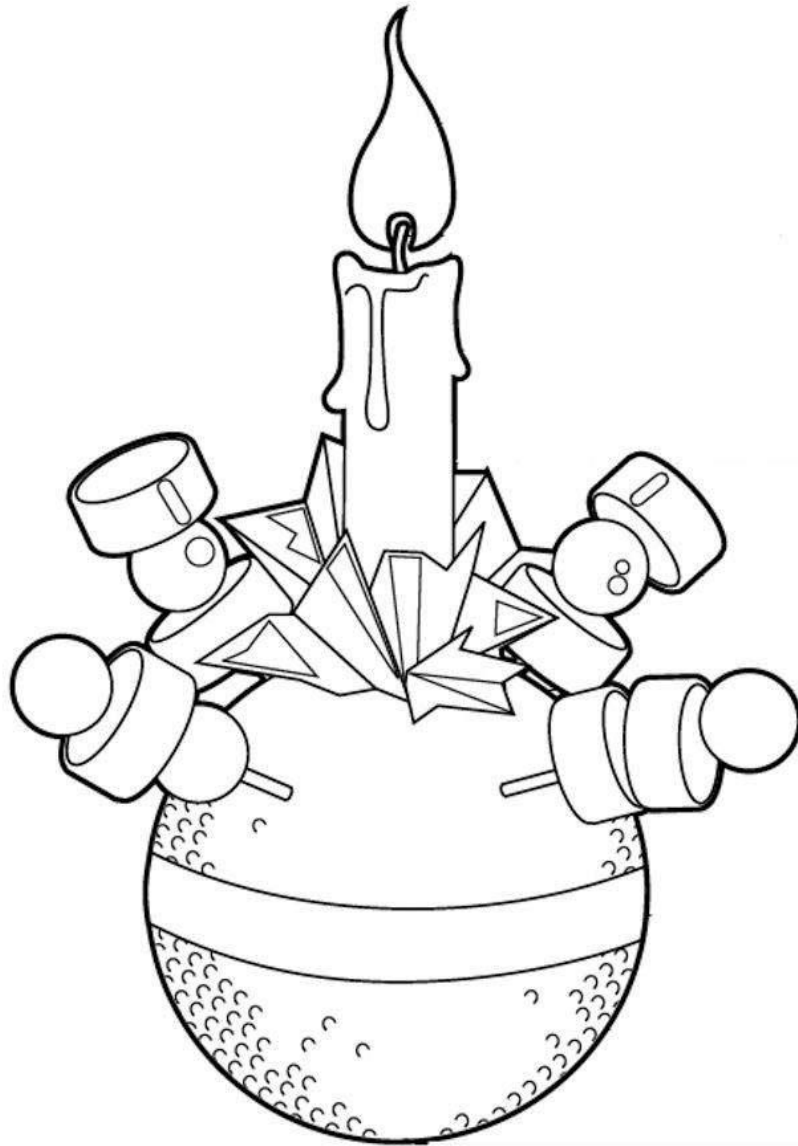


# Christingle Service

Good Shepherd, Lee



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Love Came Down at Christmas**

Welcome! All the words you need to take part in this service are included on this sheet. Please stand for the carols.

### Opening Prayer

Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in this place.**

Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in our hearts.**

Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in our lives.**

Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in all the earth.**

**Amen.**

### **CAROL - O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

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...*

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...*

*The candles on the Advent Wreath are lit*

### **The *real* nativity story...**

#### **CAROL – Away in a Manger**

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.

#### **Activity – Christingle making!**

## **CAROL - O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given.  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming'  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him.  
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in  
be born in us today.

we hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord, Emmanuel.

## **Angel Prayers**

*You're invited to think of people who need some good news this Christmas, and to write their names on the angel. Take your angel home as a reminder of your prayers.*

## **CAROL – Silent Night**

*During this song the Christingles are lit*

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round the virgin and her child:  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace;  
sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quail at the sight,  
glory streams from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born!'

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light:  
radiant beams your holy face  
with the dawn of saving grace,

Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*At the end of the song we blow our Christingles out*

## **Notices**

You're invited to join us at 6pm tonight in the Church Hall for Community Carols, and for the Lighting the Lamps at 4.30pm & 5.45pm on Christmas Eve.

### **CAROL Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

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 Emmanuel.

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.

The Blessing

We go in peace

**To share the peace of God with all we meet.**

We go in love

**To share God's gift of love with the world.**

We go in the light of Christ

**To shine as lights in the world.**

To the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

*Please join us for refreshments after the service. There will be a retiring collection for the work of The Children's Society at the back.*