



# St Andrew Hambleton

# Carol Service



Sunday 10 December 2017

5:00pm

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
when You came to this earth as a little child  
and lay in the manger at Bethlehem,  
the angels sang for joy and proclaimed  
“Glory to God in the highest.”

As we now celebrate your birth two thousand years later,  
we too sing and are glad.

Accept our worship,  
the praises of our lips  
and the thanksgiving of our hearts,  
and bring us at last to your eternal joy  
where you live and reign  
in the glory of the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

We sum up our prayers and praises by saying together:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Carol**

31 – Once in Royal David’s City

**First Reading**

Isaiah 9.2,6-7

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3 – Angels From the Realms of Glory

## Second Reading

Luke 1.26-35

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10 – God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

## Third Reading

Luke 2.1-7

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7 – Away In a Manger

## Fourth Reading

Luke 2.8-20

## Christingle Carol

1. It's rounded like an orange,  
the earth on which we stand,  
and praise the God who holds it  
in the hollow of his hand.  
*So, Father, we would thank you  
for all that you have done,  
and for all that you have given us  
through the coming of your Son.*
2. A candle, burning brightly,  
can cheer the darkest night,  
and these candles tell how Jesus  
came to bring a dark world light

3. The ribbon round the orange  
reminds us of the cost:  
how the shepherds, strong and gentle  
gave his life to save the lost
4. Four Seasons with their harvest  
supply the food we need,  
and the Spirit gives a harvest  
that can make us rich indeed.
5. We come with our Christingles  
to tell of Jesus' birth  
and we praise the God who blessed us  
by his coming to this earth.

## Fifth Reading

Matthew 2.1-11

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42 – The First Nowell

## Sixth Reading

John 1.1-14

## Prayers

Lord, we have sung these carols  
and heard this story so many times before.  
We confess that we have allowed  
the most important event in history  
to become dulled by familiarity.  
Help us to recapture a sense of wonder.  
Let us discover with surprise  
the stupendous fact that the Creator of the universe  
has shown himself in a new born baby.  
Enable us to accept what we shall never fully understand.  
So may our worship be acceptable to You,  
and filled with joy through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Carol

28 – O Come All Ye Faithful

## The Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the joy of the angels  
and the peace of Christ Child  
be God's gift to you this Christmas and evermore;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Mulled wine and mince pies to follow, all welcome.*

***We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***