

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
MELBOURNE, SMISBY,  
STANTON & TICKNALL**



**Crib & Christingle  
Service**

**Christmas Eve 2020**

**4pm**

On Facebook Live-search:  
'Melbourne Parish Church'



***Welcome to our online service!!***

**We sing**

**CAROL**

**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.**

**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.**

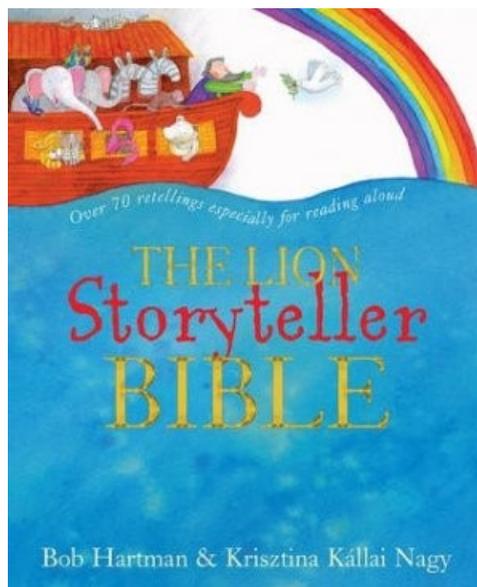
## Opening Prayer

### *The priest prays*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.  
**Amen.**

### **We Listen**

## Story

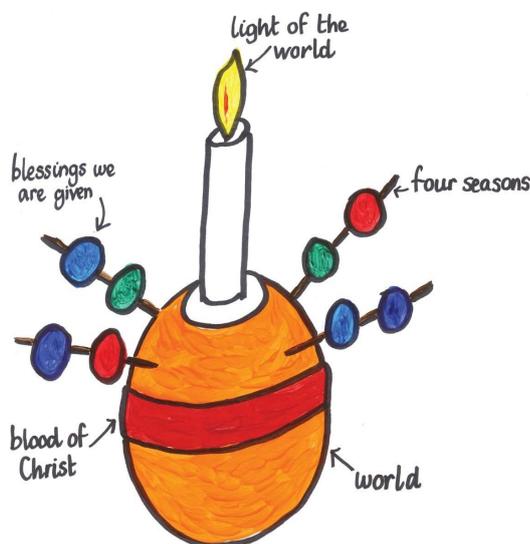


### **'The First Christmas'**

## Short Talk

## Lighting our Christingles

We hope that you have managed to successfully assemble your Christingle at home! We're now going to light our Christingles and sing 'Away in a manger' together



## CAROL

**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 in 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.**



## **We Pray**

Thank you God for bringing light to our world.  
Help us to share this same light in all our communities this Christmas.  
**Amen.**

Thank you God for the opportunity to help those who need our love.  
As we share our Christingle lights, help us to remember everyone who  
is lonely today. .  
**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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

**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:**

**Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the Highest:**

### ***The Blessing***

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas;  
✠and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Thank you for taking part today!**



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**