

We very much appreciate the support of parents, guests and students at our annual Carol Service. This is the only time during the year when the whole school can gather as one.

We would ask that you **stand to sing** each carol.

We would ask that you **do not clap** during the service.

Organist

James Scott

Procession

Please stand -

HUSH will sing Puer natus est nobis

Rheinberger

**The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Bath,
Councillor Colin Barrett and The Mayoress, Mrs Pam Barrett
Clergy**

Welcome:

Reverend Claire Robson

Congregational Carol:

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the Angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
As it shone in the East, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth of nought.
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

Year 7 Reading: Read by Nia Shellard
Isaiah 9 - Verses 2, 6 and 7
The prophet Isaiah looks forward seven hundred years to the coming of the Messiah.

HUSH **The Sussex Carol** arr Chilcott

Year 8 Reading: Read by Georgia Cole
Micah 5 - Verses 2-4
The prophet Micah looks forward seven hundred years to Bethlehem as the birth place of the Messiah

Congregational Carol: **God rest ye merry, gentlemen**

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas 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

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed 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

"Fear not then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

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 efface.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Year 9 Reading: Read by Tegen George
Isaiah 60 - Verses 1-5 and 19
The prophet Isaiah foresees the coming glory of Christ

HOST: **Balulalow**

Year 10 Reading: Read by Grace Bond
Luke 1 - Verses 26-35 and 38
The Angel Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary

Congregational Carol: **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong:
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Year 11 Reading:

Read by Eleanor Hall
Matthew 1 - Verses 18-23
Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus

Congregational Carol:

*(During this carol a collection will be made in aid of
'Friends of Chernobyl's Children')*

**Once in Royal David's City
Soloists for Verse 1**

Esther Scott, Eleanor Peters

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.

All:

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.

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.

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.

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.

Please remain standing for the Prayer of Dedication

Year 12 Reading: Read by Steven Toogood
Luke 2 - Verses 3-7
Luke tells the story of the birth of Jesus

Congregational Carol: Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Year 13 Reading: Read by the Head Student, Miranda Cope
Luke 2 - Verses 8-16
The shepherds leave their flocks to go to Bethlehem

Lower School Chorus: Candlelight Silent Night Audrey Snyder

Reading by the Chair of Governors: Read by Dr Colin McInnes
Matthew 2 - Verses 1-11
The wise men journey from the east to Bethlehem

HOST: Oh Holy Night A. Adam

Headteacher's Reading Read by Ms Erica Draisey
John 1 - Verses 1-14
The mystery of how Jesus, as the son of God, took on human form

Congregational 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!
Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son 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.
Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Please remain standing for the Benediction

Benediction: Reverend Claire Robson

Recession: Wind Band – A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson

(Please remain standing until after the Clergy and principal guests have left)