

# Service of Lessons & Carols

Friday 21st December 2018 at 18.30

Welcome, Opening prayer & Lord's prayer

*The following programme will proceed without announcements:*

**First Lesson**     *God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*     *Gen. 3 vv8-15*

**ALL**     Hark the herald angels sing (HON 199 all verses)

**CHOIR**     Advent Message (New Oxford Easy Anthem Book p 2)

**Second Lesson**     *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*     *Isaiah 9 vv2, 6 & 7*

**ALL**     The holly and the ivy (HON 481 all verses)

**CHOIR**     People look East (New Oxford Easy Anthem Book p 176)

**Third Lesson**     *The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem*     *Micah 5 vv2-4*

**ALL**     Silent night, Holy night (HON 444 all verses)

**Fourth Lesson**     *The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary*     *St. Luke 1 vv26-35*

**CHOIR**     Gabriel's Message (Loose sheet)

**ALL**     Good Christians all, Rejoice & sing (HON 182 all verses)

**Fifth Lesson**     *St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus and the shepherds go to the manger*     *St. Luke 2 vv 1-7+ 8-16*

**ALL**     Away in a manger (words HON 51 but tune by Herbert Chappell)

**CHOIR**     There is no rose of such virtue (New Oxford Easy Anthem Book p 221)

**Sixth Lesson**     *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus*     *St. Matthew 2 vv 1-11*

**ALL**     As with gladness men of old (HON 41 all verses)

**ALL**     Good King Wenceslas (HON 183 all verses - Men sing King; Ladies sing Page)

**Seventh Lesson**     *St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation*     *St. John 1 vv1-14*  
*NOTE: It is the normal practice for ALL to stand for this Lesson*

**ALL**     O come all ye faithful (HON 357 vv 1, 2, 6 & 7 - remember "Born on Christmas morning")

Closing prayers and Benediction

**NOTE: All readings should be AV (King James) NOT GNB or NIV. The italic titles above should be announced before each reading and "Thanks be to God" added at the end of each reading.**