

*General Hospital
Christmas Carol
Service 2007*

The Chaplains wish everyone
a Peaceful and Blessed Christmas and a Happy
New Year

Leading up to Christmas a number of carol
services will also take place at other Hospital sites

For further information please telephone the
Chaplaincy Office: 622377



*Chapel of the Good
Shepherd*

*Monday 10th December
at 5.15 p.m.*

Introit: The Cantabile Ensemble
"Ave Maria" Giovanni Battista Cossetti

Welcome & opening prayer Reverend Maureen Turner

Carol "Once in royal David's city"
Verses 1 & 2 Choir only

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

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.

Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7

Reading: "Come, Light of life" Revd. Gloria Green

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:
refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest.
Refrain

Christmas Blessing

The Chaplaincy Team give their special thanks to everyone
who has taken part in this Christmas Carol Service

You are all most welcome to join us in the Dining Room for
mulled wine and mince pies

Carol

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace *(repeat)*

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born *(repeat)*

Silent Night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at thy birth *(repeat)*

Prayers

Father Brian Sandeman

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

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n 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 newborn King.

Reading

Luke 2: 1-7

Jane Clothier

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 the 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 Wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts,
the blessing of His heav'n.
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.

Reading Luke 2: 8-20 Annie Moorhouse

Choir anthem Jesus, the apple tree Words: Joshua Smith
Music: Elizabeth Poston

Reading John 1: 1-12 Mike Pollard

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, 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,
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night: *(refrain)*

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. *(refrain)*

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)*

Then enter'd in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offer'd there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *(Refrain)*

Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought: *(Refrain)*

Christmas reflection Rev. Maureen Turner