



Kleinwort Benson Carol Service

Wednesday 15 December 2010

6pm St. Helier Parish Church

 **Kleinwort Benson**

All members of the congregation are requested to check that mobile telephones have been switched off prior to the start of the service. Please stand for the carols and be seated for the readings unless otherwise indicated.

The Gathering

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

O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore him

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore him

John F. Wade (1711-1786)

Introduction

By The Reverend Stuart Huntley

Welcome. At Christmas time we delight again to hear the story of the journey to Bethlehem, the song of the angels, the surprise of the shepherds, and their joy as they found Jesus in the manger.

But lest we forget he was born to poverty, we remember at this season all who are hungry or cold.

And lest we forget he became a refugee, we remember now the stranger and the lonely among us.

And lest we forget he felt the pain of life and death, we remember now those who are ill, or anxious, or bereaved.

And because we know he came for our salvation, let us in heart and mind, go once again to Bethlehem, to hear the message of the angels and worship afresh the Son of God.

The Word of God

First Reading: Isaiah 9.2,6,7

The prophecy of the Messiah's birth

Read by Rob Taylor, Chief Executive of Kleinwort Benson

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

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 wondering love

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings 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 to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Second Reading

Luke 1.26-38

The Annunciation to Mary

Read by Nicola Baker

Carol

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.

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, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

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 who seemed so helpless
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 round,
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.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Third Reading

Luke 2.1-7
The birth of Jesus
Read by Esther Shea

Carol

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.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

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.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Josef Möhr (1792-1848)

Fourth Reading

Luke 2.8-16

The shepherds go to the manger

Read by Margaret McGovern, Senior Nurse, Jersey Hospice Care

Carol

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

'Fear not', said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

Fifth Reading

Matthew 2.1-11

Wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Read by Angus Taylor, Managing Director of Kleinwort Benson Jersey

Carol

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to rein

O Star of wonder...

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high

O Star of wonder...

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

O Star of wonder...

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder...

John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.
Alleluia.

Sixth Reading

John 1.1-14
The Incarnation of the Word of God
Read by Anthony Beckett

Address

The Reverend Nick Freeland

Choir

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree (Poston)

The Prayers

Led by Robin De Gruchy-Wilson

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers,
to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together,
as Christ himself taught us:

**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
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 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 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 Sun 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*

Traditional C. Wesley (1707-1788), T. Whitefield (1714-1770),
M. Madan (1726-1790); and others.

The Dismissal

Collect

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

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 upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Organist:

Kenneth Francis

Choir:

The Cantabile Ensemble



Jersey Hospice Care

Jersey Hospice Care is a specialist palliative nursing service which provides holistic care to patients with cancer and motor neurone disease, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The charity's services are provided within patients' homes and at the Day Hospice and In-Patient Unit at Clarkson House so all of its patients are enabled to live the remainder of their lives to the full, to remain at home if they wish, and to die with dignity where they choose.

The Community Bereavement Service is also available to all islanders who have suffered a loss, regardless of the nature of bereavement.

All of Jersey Hospice Care's services are provided free of charge to patients and although there are more than 200 volunteers helping the specialist staff, it currently costs more than £6,000 a day to run these services. Jersey Hospice Care is an independent charity which receives no financial support from the States of Jersey, Marie Curie Cancer Care or Macmillian Cancer Support, as such the Hospice is wholly dependent upon the kindness and generosity of supporters in Jersey and further afield.

A retiring collection will be taken for Jersey Hospice Care.

The Kleinwort Benson Christian Fellowship meets at 1pm
on the second Tuesday of each month.

All are welcome.

For more details, please contact Nick Freeland.

We are most grateful to the Dean of Jersey for inviting us to St. Helier Parish Church.
The Reverend Stuart Huntley for taking the service, and to The Cantable Ensemble
and Kenneth Francis for leading our music.

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Please take this order of service away with you.

Refreshments will be served in the Celestial Hall at the Royal Yacht Hotel, immediately after the service.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Kleinwort Benson



