

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

Carol: 10 Hark the herald angels sing

In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1)...
He who comes
comes to us now

in the silence
in the darkness
in the confusion
in the loneliness

as Word and as Light
as Truth and as Love

Emmanuel
God-with-us
now

Reading 1: The annunciation Luke 1:26-38

Choir: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Reading 2: The birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7

Carol: 6 Away in a manger

Reading 3: The shepherds in the fields Luke 2:8-20

Carol: 18 Angels from the realms of glory

Drama (choir and men): The Christmas 1914 Truce (Tearfund)
Please join in with the final verse (only) of carol 13 Silent Night
- in English!

Carol: 14 It came upon the midnight clear

Reflection: What can we learn from the 1914 Christmas Truce?

Reading 4: Visit of the wise men Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: 21 We three kings of Orient are

Reading 5: The prophet Isaiah foretells the Messiah
Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

Choir: Nothing will ever be the same again

Reading 6: John proclaims the mystery of the incarnation
John 1:1-14

Prayers of intercession, concluding with The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Carol: 12 O come all ye faithful (omitting final verse)

Final blessing

***You are warmly invited to join us
at our Christmas services:***

Christmas Eve Wednesday, 24th December 11.30pm

Midnight Communion
Led by Rev Dr David de Pomerai

Prayer for Christmas Night

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December 10am

Short family service to celebrate the birth of Christ
Led by Rev Dr David de Pomerai

Prayer for Christmas Day

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.

St Peter's Church
Hartshorne

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 21st December

4pm

