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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.

BLESSING

CAROL: "We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!"

There will be a retiring collection for our Christmas Appeal for SHOC/Trinity and Tearfund. Find out more on the blue noticeboard near the door. Scan the QR code to give online. All online gifts between 18 and 25 December will be for the Appeal.



Services on New Year's Day:

9.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Family Service with Baptism. ST MARY'S | YOUTUBE
www.youtube.com/denhamparishchurch



Alpha is starting in Denham in January: www.denhamparish.church/alpha

FROM REFUGEE TO REVEREND
Azita's Story



Mon 16 Jan 2023, 7.30pm
 St Mary's Church, Denham
 UB9 5BH
FREE ENTRY

Find out more and sign up:
www.denhamparish.church/azita

St Mary's Church Denha
 Family Service
 Christmas Day, 10.30 am



WELCOME

ISAIAH 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples
but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

CAROL

1

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.*

2

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...

3

Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
 'Glory to God in the highest:'
O come, let us adore him...

4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning,
 Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing:
*O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord.*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth: **Jesus is our King.**
 Jesus Christ is the light of the world: **Jesus is our way.**
 With Jesus even dark places are light: **Jesus is the truth.**
 In Jesus we shall live forever: **Jesus is our life.**

“SHOW AND TELL”

READING: From Luke 2

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord’s glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, “Don’t be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David’s hometown a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay.”

SONG

It’s for everyone who lives on this planet | It’s for everyone who’s here in this place
Doesn’t matter if you’re young or you’re wrinkly | Doesn’t matter if you’ve spots on your face
It’s so big that you could wrap it around you | It’s so deep that you could dive in and swim
It’s the love of God who gave us his own Son | So that we can live forever with him

It’s a big gift. It’s not a small gift. It’s a gift from God - it’s a BIG GIFT!

It’s for everyone who chooses to follow | It’s for everyone who trusts in his love
It’s for you if you believe in Jesus | It’s for you if you believe in God’s Son
Even though we never ever deserve it | Even though we still keep doing things wrong
Jesus loves us and he wants us to know it
Come on shout your praise for life that goes on and on and on and on...

THE SWEET NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

CAROL

¹
Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev’ry heart prepare him room
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

²
Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

TALK

CAROL

¹
See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door;
Mary cradling the babe she bore
the prince of glory is his name..

²
Star of silver, sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
to see the saviour of the world!



CHORUS

*O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again:
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.*

³
Angels, sing again the song you sang,
sing the glory of God’s gracious plan;
Sing that Beth’em’s little baby can
be the saviour of us all.

⁴
Mine are riches, from your poverty,
from your innocence, eternity;
mine forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you Jesus for your gift of love

Help us respond to your love with our whole hearts

Thank you Jesus for humbling yourself and coming to earth as a baby
Lord please take our pride and help us walk humbly with you

Thank you Jesus for choosing ordinary people like Mary and Joseph to serve you,
Lord we offer ourselves to you - show us how we can serve you

Thank you Jesus for choosing to be born in poverty
Help us make your love known to all people

Thank you Jesus for welcoming the despised shepherds at your manger
Lord enable our church to be full of your welcoming love. Amen

**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

¹
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.

²
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, th’ incarnate Deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.