

## BLESSING

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.



### Christmas Services at St Mary's Church

Christmas Eve	11.00 pm	Midnight Holy Communion. ST MARY'S   YOUTUBE
Christmas Day	9.00 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion. ST MARY'S (There will be no Sunday Club during this service.)
	10.30 am	Christmas Day Family Service. ST MARY'S   YOUTUBE A short service for all ages, celebrating Jesus' birth

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Azita's Story



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

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## St Mary's Church Denham Crib Service Christmas Eve • 4pm



### WELCOME

### CAROL

1  
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.

2  
O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
and peace upon the earth!  
For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.

3  
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.

4  
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!

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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.**

### BIBLE READING

'Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.' (Luke 2.7)

### SPOT THE DIFFERENCE 1

## CAROL

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road  
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load  
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winter's night  
Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight

*Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Follow that star tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem*

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE 2

### CAROL

1  
We three kings of orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and mountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

2  
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown him again  
King for ever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign



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

3  
Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a deity nigh  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising  
Worship him, God most high

4  
Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

5  
Glorious now behold him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia, earth to heav'n replies

## THE CHRISTMAS DIFFERENCE

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself to share our birth and death.  
Bring us with the shepherds and the wise men to kneel before your holy cradle.  
May we who ponder it be strengthened in faith and receive the fullness of life  
you came to bring. **AMEN.**

### CAROL

1	2
Away in a manger no crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay	Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray Bless all the dear children in your tender care Prepare us for heaven, to live with you there.

### PRAYERS

**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  
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

2  
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

3  
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

