

Welcome to our family carol service. We hope you enjoy it. Through the readings and the carols, we remind ourselves of the meaning of Christmas.

Please note that there will be no announcements during the service.

Each lesson will conclude with the words:

"This is the Word of the Lord"

To which we all reply:

"Thanks be to God"



Welcome and Notices

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Carol 3 *Once in Royal David's City*

Isaiah 9
v 2, 6, 7 Christ's birth is foretold by the prophet

Carol 1 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Luke 1 v 26-33 Mary is told she will be the mother of Jesus

Carol *See him lying on a bed of straw
(see across for words)*

Luke 2 v 1-7 The Saviour is born in Bethlehem

Carol 7 *Away in a manger*

Luke 2 v 8-20 The Good News is told to shepherds

Carol 15 *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*

Dramatic Reading

Prayer

Carol 11 *Hark the herald angels sing*
(The Offering will be taken during this carol)

The Christmas Collect

The Blessing

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

*Oh, now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear to men
Just as poor as was the stable then
The prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver sweeps across the
skies
Show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor
rise
To see the Saviour of the world.

Mine are riches from your poverty
From your innocence, eternity
Mine, forgiveness by your death for
me
Child of sorrow, for my joy.

Angels, sing again the song you sang
Bring God's glory to the heart of man
Sing, "Bethlehem's little baby can
Be salvation to the soul."



We hope you have enjoyed this Carol Service. We would love to see you at the other special Christmas services.

Christmas Eve

- 4.00 pm Christingle Service at St Peter's
11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Christmas Day

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
9.30 am Family Service at St Andrew's
10.30 am Family Communion Service at St Peter's



*God bless you
this Christmas
and in the
coming New Year*

St Andrews - South Shoebury

A Family Carol Service



4 pm
Sunday 20th December
2009

Order of Service
