

Welcome to Carols by Candlelight - we hope you enjoy it. As we hear the readings and sing carols, we remember the meaning of Christmas. Please note that there will be no announcements during the service.

Each lesson concludes 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 16 *O Come all ye faithful*

Gen 3 v 8-15 The first hint of one who will restore the broken fellowship caused by man's sin

Carol *God rest ye merry, gentlemen (see across for words)*

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

Carol 4 *Silent Night*

Micah 5 v 2-4 Micah foretells the birthplace of Christ

Carol 1 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Matthew 1 v 18-25 The name of Jesus makes clear God's plan of salvation

Carol 2 *It came upon the midnight clear*

Luke 2 v 1-20 News of the Saviour's birth is announced to shepherds

Carol 15 *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*



Matthew 2 v 1-12 The Wise Men are led to Christ

Carol 24 *We three Kings*



John 1 v 1-14 John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation

Carol 18 *In the bleak midwinter*

Address

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

The Christmas Collect

Closing Prayer

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray

*O tidings of comfort and joy!
Comfort and joy!*

O tidings of comfort and joy!

In Bethlehem in Jewry
This blessed babe was born,
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn;
The which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn.

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Bought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

'Fear not,' then said the angel,
'Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might.'

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All anger should efface.

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

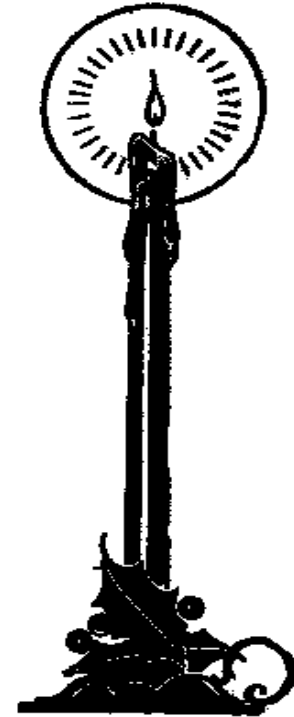
8.00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
9.30 am Family Service at St Andrew's
10.30 am Family Communion Service at St Peter's



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

St Andrews - South Shoebury

*Carols
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6 pm
Sunday 20th December
2009

Order of Service