

**The Parish of The Transfiguration  
Little Bowden**

*Carols on the Green*

**The Christmas Present**  
**By Susan Sayers**



**Carols led by Harborough Band**

**6.30pm 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## 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 to-night.

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

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in:  
be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

## **Carol 2**

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round the virgin and her child:  
holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace;  
sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quail at the sight,  
glory streams from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia.  
Christ, the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born!'

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light:  
radiant beams your holy face  
with the dawn of saving grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## **Carol 3**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not", said he, (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
"glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

"the heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

#### **Carol 4**

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship  
Christ the new-born King.  
come and worship,  
worship Christ the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the Infant Light:

*Come and worship...*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of Nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

*Come and worship...*

Though an infant now we view him,  
He shall fill his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down:

*Come and worship  
Christ, the new-born king.  
come and worship,  
worship Christ the new-born King.*

## **Carol 5**

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.

*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!*

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!

*O now carry me...*

Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;  
sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
be the salvation to the soul.

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

*O now carry me...*

## The Lord's Prayer

**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 6

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!*

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,*

See how the shepherds,  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither  
bend out joyful footsteps:

*O come, let us adore Him...*

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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

### **We wish you a merry Christmas...**

We wish you a merry Christmas,  
we wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,  
and a Happy New Year!

*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  
we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
now bring us some figgy pudding, now bring us some figgy pudding,  
and bring some out here!

*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin...*

For we all like figgy pudding,  
we all like figgy pudding, we all like figgy pudding,  
so bring some out here!

*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin...*

And we won't go until we've got some,  
we won't go until we've got some,  
we won't go until we've got some,  
so bring some out here!

*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  
we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



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# Join us for our Christmas Services

## Christmas Eve

- 4pm                      Nativity and Refreshments in  
                                 St Nicholas, Little Bowden
- 11.30pm                Midnight Mass in  
                                 St Nicholas, Little Bowden

## Christmas Day

- 10am                    Sung Eucharist for all with  
                                 children's activities at  
                                 St. Hugh's Church,  
                                 Granville Street.