

WELCOME TO OUR CAROL SERVICE

Jointly hosted by the Furzedown Churches:
St James, St Paul's, St Alban's and Mitcham Lane Baptist Church.
The Service will follow the order as printed.

Pre-service music by the Furzedown Wind Band and organist Anne Willson

WELCOME by Revd Rob Powell,
Team Rector of Furzedown

Congregation to stay seated until verse 3
Verse 1 Duet by Jacqueline Gray and
Adam Seymour Davies



ONCE, IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

Choir:

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

All (Please stand):

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly mother
In whose gentle arms He lay.
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

Women:

For He is our childhood's pattern:
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless;
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

Men:

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child, so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

All:

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

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FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9: 1-2, 6-7 – The Birth Prophesied
(**Mia Thompson, St James Church Youth**)

CHOIR: 'Sans Day Carol' (arr. John Rutter)

SECOND READING:

Micah 5 v 2-5a - Out of Bethlehem shall
come a ruler (**Pastor Charles Appiah,**
Mustard Seed Chapel International
which meets in St James Hall)



Congregation stand & sing all verses:
DING! DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH

In heaven the bells are ringing
Ding dong, verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! (repeat)

E'en so here below, below

Let steeple bells be swungen

And io, io, io

By priest and people sungen

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! (repeat)

Pray you, dutifully prime

Your matin chime, ye ringers

May you beautifully rime

Your eve time song, ye singers

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! (repeat)

Words- Woodward, 15thc. French tune, harmonised C.Wood

THIRD READING:

Luke 1 v 26-38 - The Angel visits Mary

**(Egla Aitkins, Senior Research Nurse,
reading in English and Jamaican Patois)**



STEEL PAN DUET:

O Holy Night & Mary's Boy Child

Played by Maia & Marcelina Ganesh

(St James Church Youth)

All: (Please stand)



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.

Choir:

Silent night, holy night!

Guiding star, lend thy light

See the eastern wise men bring

Gifts and homage to our King.

Jesus Christ is here,

Jesus Christ is here.

All:

Silent night, holy night

Wondrous star, lend thy light

With the angels let us sing

Hallelujahs to our King

Jesus Christ is here,

Jesus Christ is here.

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FOURTH READING:

Luke 2 v 1-7 - The Birth of Jesus

**(Iryna Klymenko reading in Ukrainian
and Aleks Klymenko reading in English)**

CHOIR: 'Gabriel's Message'

Pettman /Di Berry, Oboe - Elspeth

Bracken

All: (Please stand)



GOD REST YOU MERRY FURZEDOWN FOLK

Let nothing you dismay

Remember, Christ, our Saviour

Was born on Christmas 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

Women:

From God our Heavenly Father

A blessed Angel came;

And unto certain Shepherds

Brought tidings of the same:

How that in Bethlehem was born

The Son of God by Name.

All: *O tidings of comfort and joy,*

Comfort and joy

O tidings of comfort and joy

Men:

The shepherds at those tidings

Rejoiced much in mind,

And left their flocks a-feeding

In tempest, storm and wind:

And went to Bethlehem straightway

The Son of God to find.

All: *O tidings of comfort and joy,*

Comfort and joy

O tidings of comfort and joy

Choir in unison:

And when they came to Bethlehem

Where our dear Saviour lay,

They found Him in a manger,

Where oxen feed on hay;

His Mother Mary kneeling,

Unto the Lord did pray.

All: *O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

All in unison:

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 other doth deface.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*
(Traditional)

FIFTH READING:

Luke 2 v 8-20 - Shepherds & Angels
(**Emilia Lederleitner Spriggs,
Goldfinch Primary School**)


 **GOSPEL CHOIR:** 'We've come to
Worship You' by Milton Brunson and
'When You Praise' by Fred Hammond

SIXTH READING:

John 1:1-14 – The Word Became Flesh
(**Richard Reddie, Director for Justice &
Inclusion at Churches Together in Britain
and Ireland**)

ADDRESS by Bishop Delroy Powell,
National Presiding Bishop New Testament
Assembly England, Senior Pastor NTA
Tooting and local resident.

ALL: (Please stand)

 **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;

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing, in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born that happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh
appearing:

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NOTICES

ALL: (Please stand)

 **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.'*

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 the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

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.

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BLESSING

by Revd Belemo Alagoa, St Paul's Church

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

Music after the Service by Furzedown Wind
Band and Peter Ramell (organist)



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