

The Parish and Ward Church of
St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
in the City of London
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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Monday 20 December 2021
at 5.30 pm**

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St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate - a place of calm, sanctuary and God's love in the City

Welcome to St Botolph's - whether you are with us in church or following the livestream - for this evening service of Carols by Candlelight, which is led by the Rector, Fr David Armstrong.

Coronavirus safety precautions for those attending in church

St Botolph's church has its unique NHS Test and Trace QR code which is prominently displayed within the building. Those entering the church may register by scanning the QR code on their phones at the entrance. We have made every effort to ensure the church is thoroughly cleaned daily, and hand sanitiser is available at the church entrances.

Face coverings are once again required by law to be worn in church (unless medically exempt), but may be removed in order to sing.

With regret we have taken the decision today that it would be safer for everybody concerned not to offer refreshments after services this week. Thank you for your understanding. We continue to pray for all those affected by the virus, and for those caring for them.

St Botolph's Advent and Christmas Charities

Alms given and collections taken during Advent and at Carol Services are divided between our chosen charities, which this year again reflect two issues particularly highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic, mental health and homelessness. You will find more information about our appeal for Veterans Aid and MIND on the back cover of this service sheet.



Please give as generously as you are able at this time:

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Please stand at the ringing of the bell

CAROL

Solo

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 only

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

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.

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;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Please sit

WELCOME AND BIDDING PRAYER

concluding with the Lord's Prayer said by all:

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

CHOIR: Adam lay y-bounden

Adam lay y-bounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A-been heavene queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gratias!

Anon, 15th century

Boris Ord 1897-1961

FIRST LESSON: The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

CHOIR: A Virgin most pure

A Virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell,
Hath brought forth a Baby, as it hath befell;
To be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin,
Which Adam's transgression had wrappèd us in.

*Aye, and therefore be merry;
Rejoice, and be you merry; set sorrow aside;
Christ Jesus our Saviour was born at this tide.*

In Bethlehem Jewry a city there was,
Where Joseph and Mary together did pass,
And there to be taxèd with many one mo
For Caesar commanded the same should be so.

*Aye, and therefore be merry;
Rejoice, and be you merry; set sorrow aside;
Christ Jesus our Saviour was born at this tide.*

Then were they constrain'd in a stable to lye,
Where oxes and asses they us'd for to tie;
Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,
But against the next morning our Saviour was born.

*Aye, and therefore be merry;
Rejoice, and be you merry; set sorrow aside;
Christ Jesus our Saviour was born at this tide.*

English traditional carol

English traditional carol, arr. Timothy Storey

(Organist and Director of Music at St Botolph's 1997-2012)

SECOND LESSON: St Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus

Please stand

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long:
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong:
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Please sit

THIRD LESSON: The shepherds go to the manger

CHOIR: The Rocking Carol

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir;
We will lend a coat of fur.
We will rock you, rock you, rock you.
See the fur to keep you warm,
Snugly round your tiny form.
Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep,
Sleep in comfort, slumber deep.
We will rock you, rock you, rock you.
We will serve you all we can,
Darling, darling little man.

Czech carol, tr. Canon Percy Dearmer

Czech carol, arr. Sir David Willcocks

Please stand

FOURTH LESSON: St John unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation

Please remain standing

CAROL

Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Becradled in the manger.

Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story;
And O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory!

O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino!

Please kneel or sit

PRAYERS

Please sit

CHOIR: The Sans Day Carol

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:

Cornish traditional carol, arr. John Rutter

BLESSING

During the singing of the final Carol a collection will be taken up for St Botolph's Advent & Christmas Charities, MIND and Veterans Aid (more information on back cover).

CAROL

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, 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, Christ the Lord!

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

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, Christ the Lord!

Please remain standing as the priest and choir depart

ORGAN MUSIC: Noël étranger – Claude Daquin 1694-1772

***A very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year
to you all from the clergy, congregation and staff
of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate***

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Veterans Aid's vision of a society in which all veterans can live with dignity and independence is only achievable because donors and supporters make it possible. Recently that vision became a reality for one ex-serviceman who came to them 10 years ago, after a period of begging on the streets nearly broke him. He never forgot what the Veterans Aid team had done for him and wrote to express his thanks – and to share pictures of his wedding. They showed a proud man, glowing

with happiness, reunited with his family, on the threshold of a new life. The charity has been fully operational through the pandemic to make sure there were more stories like this.

£100 saves one veteran from a first night on the street. Here's how:

- £35 pays for a Veterans Aid Team member to get a homeless veteran to safety.
- £40 buys a night's clean, safe accommodation and keeps them off the street.
- £15 pays for emergency medical and hygiene needs.
- £10 buys a hot meal and drink for the first night.

The Government, the NHS and mental wellbeing charities agree that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought on a mental health emergency the effects of which are likely to be felt for a long time. 2021 has been another year of anxiety and



uncertainty for all of us – but those already living with mental health problems have faced extra challenges, and more people will need help as the situation continues. MIND provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem, as well as campaigning to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

A donation of £20 can run the charity's online peer support community 'Side by Side' for an hour, helping people connect with others and feel less alone. £40 can help its Infoline answer calls, providing callers with vital support and information.

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