



# PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF LONDON

Right Eminent Knight David Thompson  
Provincial Prior



## FAMILY SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

*The Rector, Fr David Armstrong, is unable to be with us today but extends a warm welcome to the church  
on behalf of the clergy and congregation of St Botolph's*

### ORDER OF SERVICE

The Right Eminent Provincial Prior is escorted to his seat by his Bodyguard

#### *ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY*

The Provincial Prelate is escorted to his place by the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard

#### **The Bidding Prayer**

#### *ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT*

The First Lesson (Genesis 3:8-15)  
God announces in the Garden of Eden that the children of men shall finally overcome the Evil One  
E Kt Paul Richards, Provincial Bodyguard Commander

#### *THE HOLLY AND THE IVY*

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18  
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his children shall all nations of the earth be blessed  
Kerry Bowe

#### *GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN*

The Third Lesson (Isaiah 9:2,6,7)  
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah  
Kt Graeme Underwood

#### *IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR*

The Fourth Lesson (Micah 5:2-4)  
The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem  
Deborah Brown

#### *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM*

The Fifth Lesson (Luke 1:26-33, 38)  
The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary  
E Kt Paul Asante

#### *SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT*

The Sixth Lesson (Luke 2:1-7)  
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus  
Jo Fletcher

#### *UNTO US IS BORN A SON*

The Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16  
The shepherds go to the manger  
E Kt Antony Legge, Provincial Sub-Prior

#### *WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED*

The Eighth Lesson (Matthew 2:1-11)  
The Wise Men are led by the Star to Jesus  
R E Kt David Thompson, Provincial Prior

#### *WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE*

The Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14  
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation  
E Kt Rev'd Niall Johnston, Provincial Prelate

#### *O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL*

#### **Prayers & The Blessing**

#### *HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING*

*Grateful thanks to the Rector, Church Wardens and Administrator of St Botolph without Bishopgate*