



**St Mary Magdalene's service of
Nine Lessons and Carols
Christmas 2010**

Introduction



Introduction to our Carol Service

The carol numbers are printed in this order of service and will not be announced.

There will be a collection during the last carol for the West End Refugee & Asylum Seekers' Centre [WERS].

The congregation are asked to be silent during the choir pieces before the service.

The congregation will stand and join in after the second verse of Once in Royal David's City.

Carol

"As with gladness men of old ..." (5)

Ninth Lesson:

Reader: our Vicar Joanna Dobson

Jesus, the Word of God, the life and light of all people comes to live among us.

John 1: 1-14

Carol

Choir: "In the bleak midwinter ..." - by Harold Darke
(the congregation sit)

All: "Hark the herald angels sing ..." (12)
A collection will be taken

The Blessing

The Choir and Priest leave

Refreshments will be served in the Stable Room immediately after the service - Every one is welcome.

May the love of the Christ child fill your homes and lives this Christmas and may you know his peace

If you are able to join us again over Christmas these are our services

Crib service Christmas Eve 6pm

Midnight Holy Communion 11.30pm

Christmas morning 10am family Christmas Communion

Sixth Lesson:

Reader: *one of our children who attends church Daniel Massey*

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.
Luke 2: 1-7

Carol

All: " Infant Holy ..." (23)

Seventh Lesson:

Reader: *Sean Parker one of our baptism parents*

The shepherds go to the manger. Luke 2: 8-16

Carol

All: " While shepherds watched their flocks ..." (10)

Eighth Lesson:

Reader: *Margaret Hall from our
Prayer Book congregation*

*The wise men are led by the star
to Jesus.*
Matthew 2: 1-12



"Glory to God in the highest heaven!" (Luke 2.14)

The Welcome

The Bidding Prayer

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: 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 through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

All: 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.

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.

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.

First Lesson

Reader: Members of the older Youth Group

*Eve and Adam disobey God and we see our relationship with Him
is broken by sin.
Genesis 3: 8-14*

Carol

Choir: “Star Carol ...” - by John Rutter
(the congregation remain seated)

Second Lesson

Reader: Mike Dowson our recent treasurer

*God promises to bless all nations because of Abraham’s faithful obedience.
Genesis 22: 15-18*

Carol

All: “Good King Wenceslas ...” (20)
*(the congregation sing Verses 1, 3b and 5
Solos - Verses 2, 3a and 4.)*

Third Lesson

**Reader: Paul McCabe one of our sound & visuals technicians & Junior
Football Team coach**

*Isaiah the prophet foretells the coming of Jesus; Saviour and future King.
Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7*

Carol

All: “It came upon a midnight clear ...” (25)

Fourth Lesson

Reader: Brian Hedley one of our church wardens

*God promises a ruler from Bethlehem.
Micah 5: 2-4*

Carol

All: “ See amidst the winter’s snow ...” (8)

Fifth Lesson

Reader: Jane Massey who co-leads the children in Junior Church

*The angel Gabriel announces Jesus’ birth to Mary.
Luke 1: 26-38*



Carol

Choir: “Lo, how a Rose e’re blooming” -
a German mediaeval carol (the congregation remain seated)