



Carols on the Green

Sunday 4 December at 4pm

1. 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...x3
Christ the Lord.

2. 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...x3
Christ the Lord.

3. 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...x3
Christ the Lord.

Reading – Luke 1:26-33

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

Reading – Luke 2:1-20

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 street shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

3. 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.

Reading – John 1:1-5, 10-14

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. 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.

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams Thy holy face
With the dawn of saving grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

1. 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.'

2. 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!

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

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3. 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.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Finding peace this Christmas

Carols by Candlelight - Contemporary Sunday 11 December 6.30pm

An atmospheric service of contemporary carols. Followed by complimentary mulled wine and mince pies. Not really suitable for under 5s.

Christingle Children's services Christmas Eve with three to choose from: 3.30pm, 4.45pm, 6.00pm

Children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the Christmas story. A joyful service for all ages.

Christmas Morning Holy Communion with carols 9am

A traditional start to Christmas Day

Carols by Candlelight - Traditional Sunday 18 December 6.30pm

An organ and choir led service of traditional carols. Followed by complimentary mulled wine and mince pies. Not really suitable for under 5s.

Midnight Christmas Eve Holy Communion 11.00pm

A perfect way to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Morning All-age celebration 10.30am

For young and older together to celebrate the good news of Christmas.

Here not only for Christmas

Mums, Bumps and Babies Mondays 10.00am

Early support for mums and carers. Mondays 10am. A friendly place to get together - with homemade cakes and drinks.

Trinity Tots Thursdays 10.00am – 11.30am

Welcoming parents and carers with babies, toddlers and pre-school children for play during term times. £1 per child.

The Well Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30pm – 6.00pm (Emmanuel Hall)

After school drop-in for 10-18 year olds.

Alpha Starting in January 2023

Alpha is a series of weekly sessions that creates a space where people come to discuss life's big questions. To find out more email alpha@htclaygate.org

The Marriage Course Starting 17 January 2023

Helps couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. To find out more email marriagecourse@htclaygate.org

Connections and Coffee Stop Tuesdays 10.00am

A warm and welcoming group for Seniors with opportunities to chat, meet friends and make new ones.