OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

STOURBRIDGE

CAROL SERVICE

12th DECEMBER, 1965

at 3.0 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Old Swinford

Order o

HYMN (Choir and Congregational) - Once in Royal David's City ..... (A. and M. 432)
Congregation vv. 3-6 only

BIDDING PRAYER

CAROL (Congregational) Unto us a boy is born ..... (*arr. Shaw*)
(Words overleaf)

FIRST READING - A Sixth Former
Isaiah 1, 1-20

HYMN (Congregational) - O come, O come, Emmanuel ..... (A. and M. 49)

SECOND READING - An Old Foleyan
Micah 4, 1-4

CAROL (Choir) - - Angels from the Realms of Glory ..... (*arr. Shaw*)

THIRD READING - The Senior Prefect
Zechariah 8, 3-8

CAROL (Congregational) Lo, He comes with clouds descending ... (A. and M. 51)

FOURTH READING - A Feoffee
Psalm 72, 1-7

CAROL (Choir) - - I know a flower it springeth ..... (*arr. Praetorius*)

FIFTH READING - A Third Former
Proverbs 31, 10-31

Service

CAROL (Choir) - - Lullay my Liking ..... (*G. Holst*)

SIXTH READING - A Parent

St. Luke 1, 26-38

CAROL (Congregational) The First Nowell ..... (*Traditional Carol*)

(Words overleaf)

SEVENTH READING - The Headmaster

St. Matthew 1, 18-25

CAROL (Congregational) O Little Town of Bethlehem ..... (A. and M. 65)

EIGHTH READING - A First Former

St. Luke 2, 1-7

CAROL (Choir) - - The Lute Book Carol ..... (*W. Ballet*)

NINTH READING - The Rector

Beckett's Sermon from "Murder in the Cathedral"

HYMN (Congregational) - Hark the Herald Angels sing ..... (A. and M. 60)

PRAYERS

HYMN (Congregational) - O come, all ye faithful ..... (A. and M. 59)

BLESSING

AMEN

P.T.O.

UNTO US A BOY IS BORN

1. Unto us a Boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came He to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

2. Cradled in a stall was He,
With sleepy cows and asses,
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses.

3. Herod then with fear was filled:
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"
All the little boys he killed
At Bethl'em in his fury.

4. Now may Mary's Son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame,
Unto the joys above us.

5. Omega and Alpha He!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir, with peals of glee,
Doth rend the air asunder.

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
In a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:

Refrain.

3. And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wheresoever it went:

Refrain.

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

Refrain.

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Both gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Refrain.

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought:

Refrain.

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NINE READINGS

AND

CAROLS

Sunday 11th December 1983

3.00.p.m.

St. Mary's Church Old Swinford

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 432	Once in Royal David's City (v.1. Sole v.2. Choir)	
	BIDDING PRAYER	
	LORD'S PRAYER	
CHOIR	Adam lay ybounden	Peter Warlock
FIRST READING	Genesis 3: vv. 8-15	A FEOFFEE
HYMN 49	O come, O come Emmanuel	
SECOND READING	Isaiah 9: vv. 2,6-7	AN OLD FOLEYAN
CHOIR	Gabriel's Message	Basque Noel
THIRD READING	St. Luke 1: vv. 26-35,38	A MEMBER OF STAFF
CHOIR	Zither Carol	Czech. arr. Malcolm Sargent
HYMN 65	O Little Town of Bethlehem (v.3. Solo)	
FOURTH READING	St. Luke 2: vv. 1-7	A MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY
BRASS BAND	Mary's Boy Child	
CHOIR	In the bleak midwinter	Harold Darke
FIFTH READING	St. Luke 2: vv. 8-16	A PARENT
HYMN 62	While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks	
SIXTH READING	Journey of the Magi by T.S. Eliot	THE HEAD BOY
CHOIR	Dark the Night lay	Welsh
SEVENTH READING	The Oxen by Thomas Hardy	A JUNIOR BOY
CHOIR	This Little Babe Silent Night	Benjamin Britten Franz Gruber
EIGHTH READING	Noel: Christmas Eve 1913 by Robert Bridges	THE HEADMASTER
CHOIR	In dulci jubilo	R. L. Pearsall
NINTH READING	St. John 1: vv. 1-14	THE RECTOR
HYMN 593	O Come, all ye Faithful (omit vv. 2, 5 & 7)	
	PRAYERS	
	BLESSING	
CHOIR	Ding Dong! Merrily on High	French
RECESSIONAL HYMN 60	Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing	

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

STOURBRIDGE

SERVICE

OF

NINE LESSONS

AND

CAROLS

Sunday 9th December 1984

3.00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 432	Once in Royal David's City (v.1. Solo v.2. Choir)	
	BIDDING PRAYER	
	LORD'S PRAYER	
CHOIR	Adam lay ybounden	Peter Warlock
FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3: vv 8-15	A FEOFFEE
HYMN 49	O come, O come Emmanuel	
SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22: vv 15-18	AN OLD FOLEYAN
CHOIR	Gabriel's Message	Basque Noel
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9: vv 2,6-7	A PARENT
CHOIR	Flemish Carol	Trad. arr. John Rutter
FOURTH LESSON	St. Luke 1: vv 26-35,38	A JUNIOR SCHOOL BOY
HYMN 65	O Little Town of Bethlehem	
CHOIR	Away in a Manger	W.J. Kirkpatrick arr. Willcocks
BRASS ENSEMBLE	We wish you a Merry Christmas Christmas Crackers	
FIFTH LESSON	St. Matthew 1: vv 18-23	A MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY
HYMN	Good King Wenceslas	
CHOIR	Our Lady's Lullaby	Arthur Warrell
SIXTH LESSON	St. Luke 2: vv 1-7	THE HEAD BOY
CHOIR	Coventry Carol	arr. Martin Shaw
SEVENTH LESSON	St. Luke 2: vv 8-16	A MEMBER OF STAFF
CHOIR	This Little Babe	Benjamin Britten
HYMN	We Three Kings	
EIGHTH LESSON	St. Matthew 2: vv 1-12	THE HEADMASTER
CHOIR	In dulci jubilo	R.L. Pearsall
NINTH LESSON	St. John 1: vv 1-14	THE RECTOR
HYMN 593	O Come, all ye Faithful (omit vv 2,5,7)	
	PRAYERS	
	BLESSING	
CHOIR	Ding Dong! Merrily on High	French
RECESSIONAL HYMN 60	Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing	

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WE THREE KINGS

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us with thy perfect light.

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:
O star of wonder.....

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:
O star of wonder.....

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:
O star of wonder.....

5. Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluya,
Alleluya the earth replies:
O star of wonder.....

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

1. All

Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

2. Broken Voices:

Hither page and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?

Sopranos/ Trebles:

Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.

3. Broken Voices:

Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither.

All

Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

4. Sopranos/ Trebles:

Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer.

Broken Voices:

Mark my footsteps, good my page;
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

5. All

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

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AND

CAROLS

Sunday 4th December 1988

3.00 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 432	Once in Royal David's City (v.1. Solo v.2. Choir)	
	BIDDING PRAYER	
	LORD'S PRAYER	
CHOIR	Adam lay ybounden	Peter Warlock
FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3: vv 8-15	AN OLD FOLEYAN
HYMN 49	O come, O come Emmanuel	
SECOND LESSON	Isaiah 9: vv 2, 6-7	A PARENT
CHOIR	Personent Hodie	German arr. Gustav Holst
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 11: vv 1-9	A FEOFFEE
CHOIR	Gabriel's Message	Basque Noel
FOURTH LESSON	St. Luke 1: vv 26-35, 38	A JUNIOR SCHOOL BOY
HYMN 65	O Little Town of Bethlehem	
CHOIR	I saw a Maiden Stille Nacht	Basque Noel Franz Gruber arr. Cashmore
FIFTH LESSON	St. Matthew 1: vv 18-23	A MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY
CHOIR	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	Polish Carol arr. David Willcocks
HYMN 66	It came upon the midnight clear	
SIXTH LESSON	St. Luke 2: vv 1-7	THE HEAD BOY
CHOIR	In dulci jubilo	R.L. Pearsall
HYMN 62	While Shepherds watched their flocks	
CHOIR	In the bleak mid-winter	Harold Darke
SEVENTH LESSON	St. Luke 2: vv 8-16	A MEMBER OF STAFF
CHOIR	Coventry Carol I saw three ships	arr. Martin Shaw English Trad. arr. David Willcocks
HYMN 61	Christians Awake (omit v.5)	
EIGHTH LESSON	St. Matthew 2: vv 1-12	THE HEADMASTER
CHOIR	Sussex Carol	English Trad. arr. David Willcocks
NINTH LESSON	St. John 1: vv 1-14	THE RECTOR
HYMN 593	O Come, all ye Faithful (omit vv 2,5,7)	
	PRAYERS	
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Our Readers, the Musicians and Choir of Old Swinford Hospital ... and our artists for their work on this page.

Rev John and the Wardens of St Mary's Church

The retiring collection will be given to the Church.





Old Swinford Hospital Carol Service December 2025

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OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL

Opening Voluntary

Welcome (Rev John)

Carol 1
Once in Royal David's City (first verse is choir only – please stand for second verse)

First Lesson
Isaiah Chapter 9
The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour
Read by the Chair of the OSH Parents' Association

Choir
Shoshone Love Song
Emerson

Second Lesson
St Luke Chapter 1
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary
Read by the Head of School

Chamber Choir
Let Heaven and Nature Sing
Jay Althouse

Third Lesson
St Luke Chapter 2
St Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus
Read by the Head of School

Carol 2
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Fourth Lesson
St Luke Chapter 2
The Shepherds go to the Manger
Read by the Chairman of Feoffees

Choir
O Holy Night
Cantique de Noël, Adolphe Adam and Placide Cappeau

Fifth Lesson
St Matthew Chapter 2
The Wise Men are led to Jesus
Read by the Headmaster

Sixth Lesson and the Blessing
St John Chapter 1
The Mystery of the Incarnation
Read by Reverend John

Carol 3
O Come All Ye Faithful

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AT THE END OF THE CAROL

Closing Voluntary

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.

STAND AND SING SECOND VERSE
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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace,
Hail the son 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

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.

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
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,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore
him, Christ the Lord.