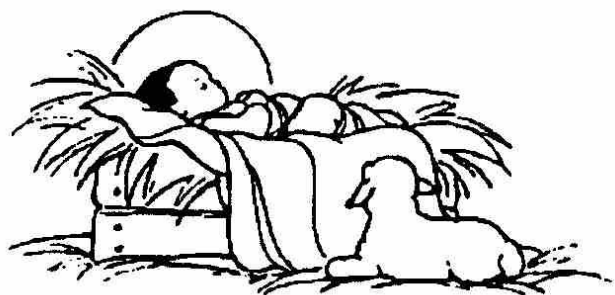


*Please join us in the Narthex
for refreshments after the
service*



*A very Happy Christmas
to you all!*

*This year our bucket collection
will be for the Christian Aid
Deliver Hope Appeal.*

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*The Parish Church of St Mary,
Old Swinford*

THE SERVICE OF



NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Order of Service

(please sit for the readings and choir carols)

Processional Carol

Carol 28

Once in Royal

Verse 1 solo, Verse 2 Choir

All stand and join in from verse 3



Bidding Prayer Please remain standing

Choir In the bleak mid winter Darke

First Lesson

Genesis 3. 8-15 Read by Dawn Nex
God announces in the Garden of Eden
that the seed of woman shall bruise the
serpent's head.



Carol 21

It came upon the midnight clear.

Second Lesson Genesis 22. 15-18 Read by Sue Wakeley
God promises to faithful Abraham that
in his seed shall the nations of the earth
be blessed.

Choir A Hymn to the Virgin Britten

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9. 2, 6-7 Read by William Croft
Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold
by Isaiah.



Carol 27

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5. 2-4 Read by Sophie Truelove
The prophet Micah foretells the
Glory of little Bethlehem.

Choir Ding Dong Merrily Willcocks

Carol 12

Fifth Lesson

God rest you merry gentlemen

Luke 1. 26-35, 38

Read by Margaret Ager
The Angel Gabriel salutes the
Blessed Virgin Mary.



Choir Gabriel the angel came arr Barnard

Carol 24

O come all ye faithful vv 1,2,5 & 6

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1. 18-23 Read by Judy Hall
St Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Choir Angel Tidings Rutter

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2. 8-16 Read by Liz Fourness
The shepherds go to the manger.

Carol 2

Angles from the realms of glory

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2. 1-11
Read by Marjorie Ferguson
The wise men are led by the star.



Carol 39

We three Kings of Orient are

Choir Mary's Magnificat Carter

Ninth Lesson (Please stand)

John 1. 1-14 Read by Revd Stephen Agnew
St John unfolds the great mystery
of the Incarnation.

Carol 16

Hark! The herald-angels sing
(during which the collection
will be taken)

Collects and Blessing



Organ Von Himmel Hoch Edmundson