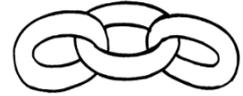
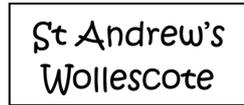




25th December 2020
St Peter's Pedmore
and St Andrew's Wollescote



Notices

A very happy Christmas to all who listen to this service online or via CD

Welcome to worship for St Peter's Pedmore and St Andrew's Wollescote. Please do contact David Nichol 01562 229470 for more information about future services.

Please do remember the financial needs of the churches. If you would usually bring your gift to church and make a donation on the day, please either send it to the appropriate church treasurer, or, if you would like your gift collected, please phone David Reeson on 01562 882641 (*for St Peter's*) or Michael 01562 885659 (*for St Andrew's*).

In need of prayer please ring Graham 01562 886756 (*for St Peter's*), or Kath 01384 564026 (*for St Andrew's*).

If you would like a face mask, gloves and hand sanitiser. Please ring Pauline 01562 883783. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Christmas Day Worship

'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord.

All: Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

From eternity to eternity you are God,

All: and now we see you as a newborn child.

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Song

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

All glory in the highest

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Saying Sorry to God

Hear the words of the angels to the shepherds to Joseph: 'Today in David's town a Saviour has been born'. Therefore, let us turn to the Saviour and seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

All: forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

All: forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

All: forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks

to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

All: forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star

to find Jesus the King.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

All: forgive and heal us.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive *us our* sins

and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Praise Response

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

All: he has come to his people and set them free.

Light has sprung up for the righteous

All: and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.

Glory to God in the highest

All: and peace to his people on earth.

Bible Reading

Luke Chapter 2: verses 8-20

Talk

Declaring our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God, saying:

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power
from on high.**

**We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Song

In the bleak mid-winter

Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk

And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air,
But only His mother
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

Prayers

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Song

**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 th' 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 th' 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 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 us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Closing Prayer

God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Please give someone a call and wish them God's peace this Christmas