



Sunday 19th December 2021 St Peter's Pedmore

Notices

Services at St. Peter's

Sunday 19th December

- 9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Morning Worship with Christmas in mind
5.00 pm Carols by Candlelight *A family friendly service for all ages - children are invited to come dressed as a shepherd, a sheep or farmyard animal, a King, a star or an angel and take part in our nativity.*
7.00 pm Carols by Candlelight *A traditional service*

Wednesday 22nd December

- 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Peter's
6.30pm Carols by Torchlight in the Churchyard

Christmas Eve 24th December

- 4.00pm All age Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 25th December

- 10.00am Christmas for All: including a celebration of Communion – *children please bring a toy to show us.*

Sunday 26th December

- 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd January

- 9.00am Holy Communion - *Ephesians 3:1-12 & Matthew 2:1-12*
10.30am Morning Worship - *Ephesians 3:1-12 & Matthew 2:1-12*
Wednesday 5th January - 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Peter's

 <p>St Peter's Pedmore</p>	<h3>Carols by Torchlight</h3> <p>In the churchyard Wednesday 22nd December 6.30pm All ages welcome – please bring a torch Mulled Wine: Mince Pies: Squash</p>	
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Christmas Appeal 2021

Instead of sending cards to the Church Family, why not write a message on a bauble and hang it on our Christmas Tree at the back of Church and give a donation towards **Giving Hands** a local charity operating in Brierly Hill.

Café: 0-100! – Every Tuesday afternoon in the St. Peter's Centre



BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

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Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in church or the porch at 128 Ham Lane (or phone 01562 720393 to arrange collection). To make a donation of money, send cheques by post to: **Black Country Foodbank, Albion Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE** or see www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk

Carol Singers Needed

- To sing outside the houses of those who are shielding on the evening of 20th December (please contact David Nichol tel. 01562 229470).
- To sing in the churchyard – Carols by Torchlight – 6.30pm Weds 22nd December

St Peter's Christmas Trail



A 1.5km Treasure Trail for all the family, starting from St Peter's Church, with a prize for every participant

18th – 23rd December 2021

The trail booklet can be downloaded at www.stpeterspedmore.org

The trail starts and ends at St Peter's Church. The route takes in a small part of Pedmore Lane, St Peter's Rd, Swindell Road, a small part of Compton Road, Lightwoods Road and Lychgate Avenue. It involves only crossing Pedmore Lane and a few side roads. It is 1.5km in length.

Follow the stars along the route and you will journey through the Christmas Story and discover our new born King. As you follow the stars you will be asked questions which you can answer by looking at the pictures and reading the story. Younger children can spot the colours of the sheep hidden on each post!

You will need **a pen** and, if journeying when dark, **a torch**.

Copies will be in a box in the lychgate and can also be downloaded.

Worship for Sunday 19th December 2021

Call to Worship

I bring you good news of great joy:

All: a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia.

Unto us a child is born,

All: unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

All: We worship and adore him. Alleluia

An Angel's Perspective on the Christmas Story

Introduction

Gabriel visits Zechariah

Carol

It a came upon a midnight clear,

That glorious song of old,

From angels bending near the earth

To touch their harps of gold:

'Peace on the earth, goodwill to men

From heaven's all gracious King!'

The world in solemn stillness lay

To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,

With peaceful wings unfurled,

And still their heavenly music floats

O'er all the weary world:

Above its sad and lowly plains

They bend on hovering wing,

And ever o'er its Babel sounds

The blessed angels sing.

Yet with woes of sin and strife

The world has suffered long,

Beneath the angel-strain have rolled

Two thousand years of wrong;

And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And all the world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Gabriel appears to Mary

Mary's Song

*Let it be to me, according to your word
May I always be, the servant of the Lord,
O, let it be to me*

My spirit will rejoice, my soul will glorify,
The God who has remembered the cry of His people.
And from now on all generations will call me blessed,
Who am I that God should see and give a gift like this to me..... so

Chorus

The child that I will bear, is the Son of God.
They will call him Jesus for He will bring mercy
And feed the hungry hearts with good things,
Holy is His name
He will reign forever in a kingdom without end...so

Chorus

Blessed be the Lord, magnify His name
Worship at His feet, Lord of Lords and king of Kings. (Repeat)

Bible Reading

Adapted from Luke Chapter 1: verses 39 - 56.

Gabriel returns to visit Joseph And the angels watch over the Holy couple

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes:
I love You, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

The Angles accompany Gabriel when he visited the Shepherds:

Carol

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

‘Fear not’ said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day
Is born of David’s line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,

And this shall be the sign.

'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

What we believe

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and 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.

Prayers

The Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

**All: 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 and the evil one.
For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever
Amen**

The Angels' Warnings

Carol

**We Three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.**

Chorus

O Star of Wonder, Star of Night,
Star with Royal Beauty bright,
Westward leading, Still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect Light.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I,

Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising All men raising,
Worship Him God on High.

Chorus

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;—
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings Hallelujah:
Hallelujah the earth replies.

Chorus

More warnings

No rest for the angels

Closing prayers

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is the strength of my life.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the gifts you give to us;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
who is our Lord and our God.

Amen

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wisemen, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be ours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always.

Hymn

Christians Awake! Salute the happy morn,
Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice 'Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations upon earth:
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

He spake; and straightway the celestial choir
In hymns of joy unknown before conspire;
High praise of God's redeeming love they sang,
And heaven's whole orb with hallelujahs rang;
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
'On earth be peace, and unto men goodwill.'

O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
Trace we the Babe who hath retrieved our loss,
From His poor manger to His bitter cross;
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,

Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphant song:
He that was born upon this joyful day
Around us all His glory shall display;
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing
Eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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