

## Welcome and Prayers

### It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the 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.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace, their King,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

### The Exmoor Carolers sing:-

**Christians Awake  
This Day is Dawning  
The Dunster Carol**

## St. Day Carol

Now the holly bears a flower as white as the milk  
And Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped up in silk

**And Mary bore Jesus Christ, our saviour for to be  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly,  
holly, holly,**

**And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly**

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood it is red,  
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:

**A Christmas Poem By Joyce Moon.  
Read by a member of Exmoor Carolers**

**The Exmoor Carolers sing:-  
Christmas Bells  
Hark, Hark, What News  
Carol, Sweetly, Carol**

**An extract from "A Christmas Carol"  
by Charles Dickens Reader: Carol Haddrill**

**See, Amid the Winter's Snow**  
See, amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on Earth below,  
See, the tender Lamb appears,,  
Promised from eternal years.

**Chorus:**

**Hail, thou ever blessed morn,  
Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits among the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

"As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:  
Angels singing 'Peace On Earth'  
Told us of the Saviour's birth."

Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee,  
In Thy sweet humility.

**All My Heart This Night Rejoices  
How Beautiful Upon the Mountains**

**Granny and the Christmas Cake from "A Devon  
Country Christmas" Reader: Mary Passmore**

**INTERVAL**

**While Shepherds Watched (Lyngham)**

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

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

"To you, in David's town, this day  
Is born of David's line,  
Is born of David's line,  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign,  
And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign.

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

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

All glory be to God on high,  
And to the Earth be peace;  
And to the Earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from Heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.  
Begin and never cease,  
Begin and never cease.

**Exmoor Carolers sing:-  
Shout for Joy  
Bethlehem Road  
Awake Your Grateful Voices Raise**

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**Peace on Earth (Joyously Sing)-**

**"The End-of-Term Party" Reader: Lee Smith**

**Away in a Manger**

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 in the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes  
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there

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**Exmoor Carolers sing:-  
All Hail My friends**

**BLESSING**

**A Merry Merry Christmas**

**St Mary's Church  
Pilton**



**Present  
An Evening of Christmas Carols,  
Poems and Songs  
To celebrate the true meaning of Christmas**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30pm**

**To include refreshments**