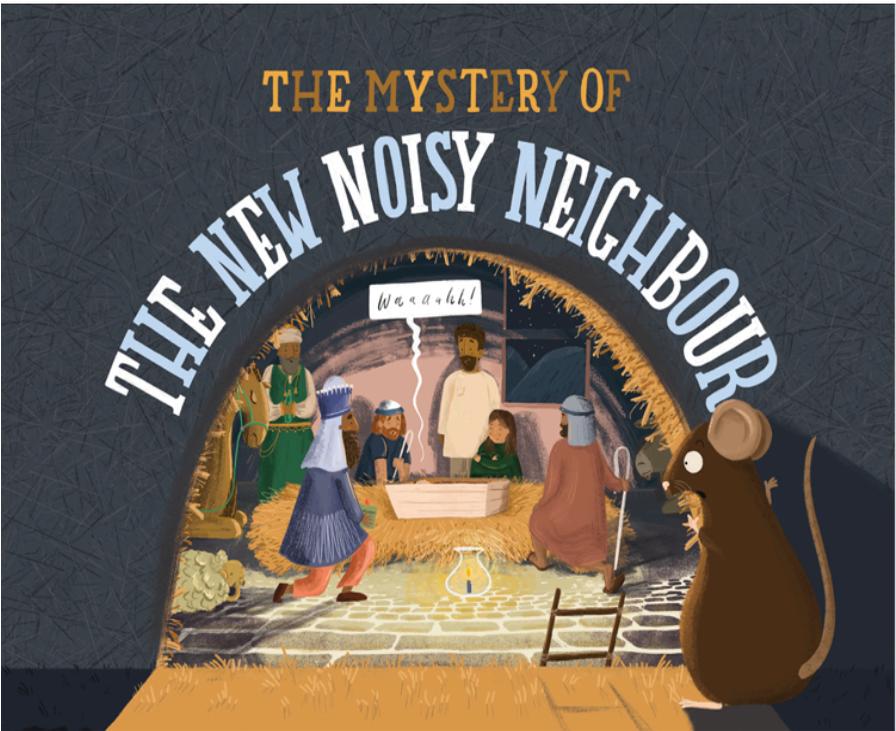




All Saints  
Twickenham



A CHRISTMAS  
MYSTERY

# WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

PLEASE make sure you have turned **OFF** your Mobile Phone.

PLEASE do not take any photographs during the service.

AFTER the service, Mince Pies and Mulled wine will be served, please do Stay.

A COLLECTION will be taken during the service. If you are a UK tax payer, then please do fill in a gift aid envelope.

If you would like to know more about Christianity, then do Contact the Vicar, Fr Alex Lane, who will be happy to talk to you. His contact details can be found on the Website - detail on the back page of this booklet.

## ENTRANCE CAROL

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2. In Bethlehem in Jewry  
This blessed Babe was born,  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn;  
The which his mother Mary  
Nothing did take in scorn.

3. From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.

4. 'Fear not,' then said the angel,  
'Let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of virtue, power and might,  
So frequently to vanquish all  
The friends of Satan quite.'

5. The shepherds at these tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessed Babe to find.

6. But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this Infant lay,  
They found him in a manger  
Where oxen fed on hay;  
His mother Mary, kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray.

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace.  
The holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth efface.

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION &  
OPENING PRAYERS

O little town of Bethlehem,  
 how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
 the silent stars go by;  
 yet in thy dark streets shineth  
 the everlasting Light;  
 the hopes and fears of all the years  
 are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together  
 proclaim the holy birth!  
 and praises sing to God the King,  
 and peace to men on earth.  
 For Christ is born of Mary;  
 and gathered all above,  
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
 their watch of wondering love.

*How far is it to Bethlehem?*

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, good will to men,  
 from heaven's all-gracious King."  
 The world in solemn stillness lay,  
 to hear the angels sing.

2 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.

3. How silently, how silently,  
 the wondrous gift is given!  
 So God imparts to human hearts  
 the blessings of his heaven.  
 No ear may hear his coming,  
 but in this world of sin,  
 where meek souls will receive him,  
 still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
 descend to us, we pray;  
 cast out our sin and enter in,  
 be born in us today.  
 We hear the Christmas angels  
 the great glad tidings tell;  
 O come to us, abide with us,  
 our Lord Emmanuel!

*Sung by All Saints Schola*

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
 whose forms are bending low,  
 who toil along the climbing way  
 with painful steps and slow,  
 look now! for glad and golden hours  
 come swiftly on the wing.  
 O rest beside the weary road,  
 and hear the angels sing!

4 For lo! the days are hastening on,  
 by prophet seen of old,  
 when with the ever-circling years  
 shall come the time foretold  
 when peace shall over all the earth  
 its ancient splendors fling,  
 and the whole world send back the song  
 which now the angels sing.

The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

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 wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both Pause and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

### *The Nativity Carol*

### *Sung by the All Saints Schola*

DURING THE NEXT HYMN A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN

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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children crowned,  
all in white shall wait around.

## THE BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of Your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the Cross a tree of life and light. May these trees, arrayed in splendour, remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Torches*

*Sung by the All Saints Schola*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

℣ The Lord be with you  
℟ **And with your spirit.**

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, ✠ and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

℣ Go in the peace of Christ.  
℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**H**ark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n 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 newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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 newborn King!"



# CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

## *CHRISTMAS EVE*

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

10pm - Mass During the Night  
*(Sometimes called Midnight Mass)*

## *CHRISTMAS DAY*

11am - Mass of Christmas Day  
*Bring your toys and favourite presents to be blessed*



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