

Order of Service

Please stand as the Bible is brought into church.

Advent Prayer.

Hymn: 164 *"Go, tell it on the mountain"*

We are joined by the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

We receive the flags.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer.

Lighting of first Advent candle.

Hymn: *"Advent Candles" 1*

Words opposite

Family Church Time.

Notices and Offering.

Reading.

Hymn: 139 *"The Angel Gabriel"*

Talk 1.

Hymn: *"O Christmas Tree"* (During the hymn we receive gifts)

Words opposite

Talk 2.

Children's Song: *"Oh I wish I was a Christmas Angel"* **Words overleaf**

Hymn: *"The Twelve Hours of Christmas"* **Words overleaf**

Prayer.

Blessing of the angels.

Hymn: 151 *"See him lying on a bed of straw"*

The Blessing with three fold sung Amen.

Please remain standing until the Bible has been taken out of Church and while the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers leave with their flags.

A very warm welcome to all visitors to our church this morning and especially to our uniformed organisations. We thank Mrs Margery Tate for leading our Worship today. Thanks also to our Orchestra for the music, and Mrs. Joan Landles for today's flowers.

Tea & Coffee will be served in the Hall upstairs after Worship. All are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at last Sunday's SENEA Area Service. It was great to see a full church, hear some rousing singing and sharing fellowship after the service.

Teresa Benkhabebe-House, Church Secretary

ALSO on Saturday 8th December The Ladies Coffee Club are holding their annual Sale of Christmas Goods and Coffee Morning upstairs in the Church Hall. Entrance by donation.

Floral decorations may be ordered for delivery before Christmas. There will be a cake & preserve stall, General Raffle & Christmas Cake Raffle

An excellent opportunity to combine this with a visit to the Tree Festival.

Notice for members of the Ladies Coffee Club and Flower Committee for the coffee morning on 8th December. If anyone is able to contribute home made mince pies for the coffee morning this would be much appreciated. Please bring on the morning. We will be setting up at 9am on Saturday morning. If you can please come along and help. Thanks Sarah Cleverley

Next Sunday 9th December at 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Revd Suzanne Hamnett with Celebration of Holy Communion.

Wednesday 12th December at 12.30 pm Midweek Service in South Transept. Tea & Coffee available from Noon.

Saturday 15th December Morpeth Methodist Church is holding a Christmas party from 2.00 pm onwards and MMC would love friends from St George's to join them. Please come along and enjoy fun and games for children and 'bigger' children, fellowship, carols, good food and meet a VIP (Very Important Person). A Faith tea of a Christmas variety would be appreciated please. Please let the church office know if you would like to come and it would be most helpful if you could tell us whether you will be bringing a sweet dish or a savoury one. Tel 01670 511078 or by E-mail to office@morpethmeth.org

Sunday 16th December at 10.00 am (St George's folk please note the earlier start time) Nativity Service joint with Morpeth Methodist Church at Howard Terrace.

ALSO At 6.00 pm here in St George's URC A Service of seasonal readings, sketches and carols with members of both churches taking part.

Monday 17th December Morpeth Community Carol Service at 6.00 pm led by Revd. Carla Grosch-Miller. The Mayor of Morpeth will be in attendance.

NOTICES

This Afternoon Sunday 2nd December The Morpeth Catholic Women's League invites members of St George's, both women and men, to their Advent Service at 2pm in St Robert's Church. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Wednesday 5th December at 12.30 pm Pre-Christmas Lunchtime Concert with Graeme Danby (Bass-Baritone) & Valerie Reid (Mezzo-Soprano) from English National Opera, London. Concert runs from 12.30 to 1.30 pm, Doors are open at Noon and tickets cost £3 at the door.

This being our pre-Christmas concert we shall be serving complimentary refreshments - non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies, tea, coffee and biscuits. There will be an opportunity to donate to the Children's Bone Cancer Charity "***Henry Dancer Days***".

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year's Multiple Sclerosis Research and Relief Fund Morpeth Christmas Tree Festival is being held in the Church Sanctuary during the coming week. The Church will be set up on Wednesday 5th Dec after the Lunchtime Concert and trees will be received and erected during Thursday 6th Dec.

Friday 7th December the Charity will welcome Schools, Nurseries, and Community Groups and on the Friday Evening there will be a special Event including Wine and Mince Pies, music, an opportunity to see the trees at their best and, of course, an opportunity to contribute to the M.S.R. & R. Fund.

Tickets for this Friday evening event only will be £5.00 and are available from Gillian Irvine.

Saturday 8th December The Church will then be open to the public throughout the day from 10.00 am until 8.00 pm after which some of the exhibits will be removed. Entrance is free.

Hymn

1 Light a candle in the dark;
All the people waiting
For the Lord of heaven and earth
Who comes to save the nations
(repeat last line in each verse)

2 Light a candle in the dark;
Read about the promise
Of the light to come on earth
And chase away the darkness.

3 Light a candle in the dark;
Let us all make ready,
Cleanse ourselves, prepare our lives
To meet the baby Jesus.

Advent Candles 1

4 Light a candle in the dark;
Like the Virgin Mary
Trust in God and do his will;
Accept the challenge bravely.

5 Light a candle in the dark;
Light is born Christmas morning.
Spread the flame throughout the
world
And darkness shall not conquer.

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O Christmas Tree

Chorus O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
The tree for every season,
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
The tree for every season

1 Your dress of green on summer morn
Is trimmed in white by winter storm.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
The tree for every season,
Chorus

2 Your star-lit boughs of candles bright,
Sing out with joy to our delight,
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
The tree for every season,
Chorus

3 Throughout the year, your lively green
Reminds us of the Christ unseen,
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
The tree for every season.
Chorus

4 You dress with God-like constancy,
The symbol of eternity,
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
The tree for every season.
Chorus

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Christmas Angel / Jolly Little Elf / Christmas Star

1 Oh, I wish I was an angel on the tree.
Oh, I wish I was an angel on the tree.
I'd give every girl and boy
Lots of Christmas peace and joy.
Oh, I wish I was an angel on the tree.

2 Oh, I wish I was a jolly little elf.
Oh, I wish I was a jolly little elf.
I'd help Santa make the toys
To give all the girls and boys.
Oh, I wish I was a jolly little elf.

3 Oh, I wish I was a sparkling Christmas star.
Oh, I wish I was a sparkling Christmas star.
Then my light would shine it's true
To guide Santa straight to you.
Oh, I wish I was a sparkling Christmas star.

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The Twelve Hours of Christmas

At the first hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay,
Our Saviour Jesus is born.

At the second hour of Christmas,
the world in darkness lay,
Sheltered in a stall,
Our Saviour Jesus is born.

At the third hour of Christmas,
the world in darkness lay,
In Bethlehem,
sheltered in a stall,
Our Saviour Jesus is born.

At the fourth hour of Christmas,
the world in darkness lay,
For on Christmas Day,
in Bethlehem,
sheltered in a stall,
Our Saviour Jesus is born.

At the fifth hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay, Peace on earth

Repeat following chorus in every other verse

*For on Christmas Day,
in Bethlehem,
sheltered in a stall,
Our Saviour Jesus is born.*

At the sixth hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay,
Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
Chorus.

At the seventh hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay
All heaven blazing, Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
Chorus.

At the eighth hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay,
With shepherds watching, all heaven blazing, Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
Chorus.

At the ninth hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay,
Many sheep are bleating, with shepherds watching, all heaven blazing,
Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
Chorus.

At the tenth hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay,
Local people dozing, many sheep are bleating, with shepherds watching,
all heaven blazing, Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
Chorus.

At the eleventh hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay,
Dawn's light has broken, local people dozing, many sheep are bleating,
with shepherds watching, all heaven blazing,
Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
Chorus.

At the twelfth hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay
Wise men are riding, dawn's light has broken, local people dozing, many sheep are
bleating, with shepherds watching, all heaven blazing,
Angels are singing "Peace on earth"
For on Christmas Day, in Bethlehem, sheltered in a stall,
Our Saviour Jesus is born.