

**Please stand as the Bible is brought into Church.**

Welcome to our service of Remembrance this evening as we take time out of our Christmas preparations to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. We hope this service will bring comfort to those who are grieving and hope to those who feel surrounded by darkness. The words of the carols will be shown on the screens. If however you would prefer a Carol Sheet these are available in the Vestibule.

Opening Words.

Carol:            *"O Little town of Bethlehem"*            **Carol Sheet No 1**

Introduction and opening prayer.

We say together:-

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
Creator of light and darkness,  
To you be glory and praise forever,  
As evening falls, you renew your promise  
To reveal among us the light of your presence.  
May your word be a lantern to our feet  
And a light upon our path  
That we may behold your coming among us.  
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness  
And free our tongues to sing your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Bible Reading        Isaiah Chapter 9 Verses 2 to 7.  
                          *"The people walking in Darkness"*

Carol:            *"It came upon the midnight clear"*        **Carol Sheet No 14**

Bible Reading        John Chapter 1 Verses 1 to 5.

Poem.

Carol:            *"In the bleak midwinter"*            **Carol Sheet No 2**

Reflection.

Prayers            Responses shown on screen.

Carol:            *"See amid the winter snow"*            **Carol Sheet No 8**

Come among us God,  
There are three verses ending with all saying:-**Come God and meet us here.**

**Reading of names of those being remembered**

Music for reflection will be played while people come to light candles

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

**All: We remember them**

As long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us and we remember them

**All: We remember them**

**There follows a one minute silence.**

All our laughter, all our sadness        **Safe now in God's hands.**  
All our anger, all our gladness        **Safe now in God's hands.**  
All our stories, all our memories       **Safe now in God's hands**  
Those we remember, those we love   **Safe now in God's hands**

**The Lords Prayer**

Carol:            *"O come all ye faithful"*            **Carol Sheet No 12**

Blessing.

A very warm welcome to all attending worship this evening.  
Our thanks to our Minister, Revd. Julian Sanders for leading our Worship.  
Thanks also to our Organist Andrew Hamnett for the music,  
to Dorothy Luke for our flowers and to our Readers this evening.