

St Mary's Lapworth
Carol Service

Sunday 20th December 2020
6.30pm and 7.30pm



CHOIR - Once in royal David's city

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**Heavenly Father,
we have gathered to remember
the birth of your Son.
May this ancient building remind us
of your eternal promises.
May we, the people gathered,
be a sign of your kingdom.
May the church flowers remind us
of the beauty of your love.
May the choir's singing
draw us into the angels' song.
May the candles point us
to your light and truth.
As heaven comes to earth in the baby Jesus,
so, by your grace,
may our earthly lives be raised to heaven,
for the glory of your name.
Amen.**

1st LESSON The prophet Micah foresees a
great king of peace arising from Bethlehem.
Micah 5: 2-5

CHOIR - O little town of Bethlehem

2nd LESSON The Angel Gabriel brings news to
Mary. Luke 1: 26-35&38

CHOIR - Past three o'clock

3rd LESSON Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
Luke 2: 1-7

CHOIR - In the bleak mid-winter

4th LESSON Angels proclaim the good news
to shepherds. Luke 2: 8-16

CHOIR - Lully, Lulla, Lullay – The Coventry
Carol arranged by Philip Stopford

PRAYERS, concluding with the Lord's Prayer
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

CHOIR - O come, all ye faithful
The Collection is taken

Please stand

5th Lesson John unfolds the mystery of the
incarnation. John 1: 1-14.

Final Prayer & Blessing

CHOIR - Hark! the herald angels sing