



STROUD VALLEYS CYCLING CLUB

CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 7th December at 1:30pm at

St Matthew's Church, Cainscross

Organist Christopher Boodle

Bidding Prayer Rev'd Mathew Page

Carol 1: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, 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. Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Lesson 1 – Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Brian Hewlett, Stonehouse Wheelers

Carol 2: In The Bleak Midwinter

1. In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone

Snow had fallen snow on snow
Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago

2. Our God heav'n cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ

3. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air
But His mother only
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss

4. What can I give Him
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him
Give my heart

Lesson 2 – Luke 2: 1-7 – Hugh Marshall,
Bristol

Carol 3: Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in royal David's city
Stood 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.

Lesson 3 – Luke 2: 8-16 – Deryk Pavey,
Cheltenham CTC

Carol 4: The First Nowell

1 The first Nowell the angel 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They lookèd 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

3 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.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

4 This star drew nigh to the north-west:
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

Lesson 4 – Matthew 2: 1- 11 – Clare
Smith, SVCC

Reading 1 – High Flight by John Gillespie
Magee Junior – Paul Rothwell, SVCC

Carol 5: Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world - the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her king,
Let every heart
Prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

2 Joy to the earth - the saviour reigns!
Let songs be heard on high,
While fields and streams
And hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and
grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of
His righteousness,
The wonders of His love,
The wonders of His love,
The wonders, wonders of His love.

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**Reading 2 – Twass the Night Before
Christmas** by Sam Jones, with thanks to
Clement Moore – Daphne Edwards, SVCC

Carol 6: Here We Come A-Cycling
(to the tune of *Here We Go A-Wassailing*)

1. Here we come a-cycling
Along the lanes round here
Here we go a-peddalling
Wearing all our gear!
*Love and joy come to you,
And to all the cycling crew!
And God bless you and send you
A Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.*

2. Here we come a-cycling
Up and down each hill
Stopping at the cafes
We drink and eat our fill!
Love and joy come to you,

*And to all the cycling crew!
And God bless you and send you
A Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.*

3. We are not delivery riders
That go from door to door
But we are jolly cyclists
That you have seen before.
*Love and joy come to you,
And to all the cycling crew!
And God bless you and send you
A Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.*

4. Good master and good mistress
While sitting in the warm
Pray think of us poor cyclists
Who are riding through a storm.
*Love and joy come to you,
And to all the cycling crew!
And God bless you and send you
A Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.*

5. Good master and good mistress
If we are in your way
Make sure you pass us nice and wide
And we'll wish you a good day.
*Love and joy come to you,
And to all the cycling crew!
And God bless you and send you
A Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy New Year.*

Blessing Rev'd Mathew Page

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and a SAFE JOURNEY HOME**

