

St. Paul's Heaton Moor

Part of the Heatons Team

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion



Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn

Christmas Day 2022

'Christians awake! Salute the happy morn' is not sung as often as other carols, but it has been a tradition to sing it at St Paul's and St John's on Christmas morning.

The tune is known as 'Stockport' and was composed by John Wainwright who was appointed organist at Manchester Cathedral in 1767. He died and was buried in Stockport in 1768.

The words are from a poem by John Byrom and the original manuscript sits in Chetham's library.

The first time it was sung was by a group of men and boys under the direction of John Wainwright himself, in 1750.

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above;
with them the joyful tidings were begun
of God incarnate and the Virgin's son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard th'angelic herald's voice: "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
to you and all the nations on the earth:
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

He spake, and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
the praises of redeeming love they sang,

and heav'n's whole orb with alleluias rang;
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
peace on the earth, and unto men good will.

To Bethl'hem straight the happy shepherds ran,
to see the wonder God had wrought for man;
and found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,
her son, the Saviour, in a manger laid;
amazed, the wondrous story they proclaim,
the earliest heralds of the Saviour's name.

Today's Hymns

Numbered hymns are in the English Hymnal (green book)

Once in Royal David's city **34**

Away in a manger **22**

O Come all ye faithful **30**

The first Nowell **36**

Hark the herald angels sing **26**

Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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Today's Gospel

John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

We are praying for...

In memoriam

We pray for those whose anniversaries fall this week

Mary Linda Wilson	25 th December 2019
Keith Booth	26 th December 2011
Sam Knowles	26 th December 2019
Graham Thomas	27 th December 2008
Glyn Davies	28 th December 2011
Frances Kirkpatrick	31 st December 2006
Philip Robert Fleming	31 st December 2010
Cynthia Mellor	31 st December 2020

'May they rest in peace, and rise in glory'

In our prayers

We are thinking of all those who are spending Christmas without a loved one particularly if this is the first Christmas without them. Christmas is a time when grief is more poignant and we hold you in our prayers.

Raymond; Jeremy; Jean; Rev Canon Marcia; Derek; Peggy; Sandra; Pam.

Our neighbours

In December we are praying for Shaw Road, Green Lane, Heaton Moor Road, and all our local shops and businesses.

Services this week

There are no services of Morning Prayer this week.

Monday 26th December 1.30-3.30pm St John's
Coffee and Conversation.

Sunday 1st January 2023 at St John's 10.30am
Joint service of Holy Communion led by Revd Janet Butterworth.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th January 2023 St John's Morning Prayer followed by Bible Study and breakfast at St John's

Every Wednesday (starting 11th January 2023) 'Brew in a Pew' 10.30-12.00 Tea, coffee and cake following Holy Communion, with quizzes, piano and singing, or just enjoy a 'Warm Space'.

Every Monday at St John's 1.30-3.30 Coffee and Conversation in a 'Warm Space' Light-hearted conversation and friendly company every Monday.



I would like to thank everyone who has sent me a Christmas card. Ged and I do not send cards, preferring to donate to charity but we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Peace be with you,
Revd Liz

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Please take this sheet home with you for reflection and prayer and another one for someone who may like it.

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