

Woking United Reformed Church



Crib Service 2024

**All are welcome at family-friendly Services
every Sunday at 10.30am**

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Many Years Ago

In a stable far away
Christ the Lord was born
What a joyful day
Singing filled the air,
glory shone around
Shepherds on the hillside were,
astonished by the sound. Oh!

*Have no fear! Have you heard?
Christ is born today
Go and see him lying there
In a manger filled with hay. Hey!*

*Then the sky came alive
angels everywhere
Singing hymns of joyful praise
to the God who sent them there.*

On to Bethlehem
In a most exciting way,
Shepherds went to see
Christ the Lord that day.
When they saw him there
they were filled with joy.
On their knees they worshipped him.
God's special baby boy. Oh!

Little Donkey, little Donkey

On the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onward
With your precious load.
Been a long time little donkey
Through the winter's night.
Don't give up now little donkey
Bethlehem's in sight.

*Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem,
Bethlehem
Follow that star tonight Bethlehem,
Bethlehem*

*Little Donkey, little Donkey had a heavy
day.*

*Little donkey carry Mary safely on her
way.*

Little Donkey Little Donkey
journey's end is near
There are wise men waiting for a
sign to bring them here
Do not falter little donkey,
there's a star ahead,
It will guide you little donkey,
to a cattle shed.

Ring out those bells....

Away in a manger,

no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down
where He lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
And little Lord Jesus, some crying He
makes;

I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from
the sky

And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray!

Bless all the world's children in Thy
tender care,

and fit us for heaven to live with Thee
there.

Calypso Carol

See him lying on a bed of straw,
draughty stable with an open door,
Mary cradling the child she bore;
the Prince of Glory is his name:

*Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord of love again
just as poor as was the stable then,
the Prince of Glory when he came.*

Star of silver sweep across the skies,
show where Jesus in the manger lies;
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor
rise
to see the saviour of the world!

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
God's great glory and redeeming
plan
sing that Bethlem's little baby can
be the Saviour of us all:

Mine are riches from your poverty
from your innocence, eternity
mine, forgiveness by your death for
me;
Child of sorrow for my joy:

Prayer Time

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you
were born into this world

Help us to love you and to serve you.

We thank you that you came to show
us how much you love us.

Help us to love you and to serve you.

We thank you that you showed us that
all are welcome and important to God

Help us to love you and to serve you.

This Christmas time may we be bold in
telling your story

May we share the joy of your presence
in this world.

**Help us to journey to Bethlehem in
our hearts.**

**May we know the peace of Christ
child in our hearts and homes. Amen**



The offering during this Service will be for the Christian Aid Christmas appeal which this year focusses on Sudan.

There is still conflict across the whole country. Christian Aid is working alongside its partner, Smile Again Africa Development Organisation, at the Wedweil Refugee Settlement, providing vital financial assistance to families.

You can donate via the Dona card machine in the forum, by using the Christian Aid envelopes also available in the forum, or via the Church website—www.wokingurc.org.uk

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin, mother and child;
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quail at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
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And they said that His name was Jesus

He come from the glory
He come from the glorious kingdom
He come from the glory
He come from the glorious kingdom
Oh, yes! believer
Oh, yes! believer
He come from the glory
He come from the glorious kingdom

The angels sang when the baby was
born...
And they said that His name was Jesus
He come from the glory...

The wise men saw where the baby was
born...
And they said that His name was Jesus
He come from the glory...



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