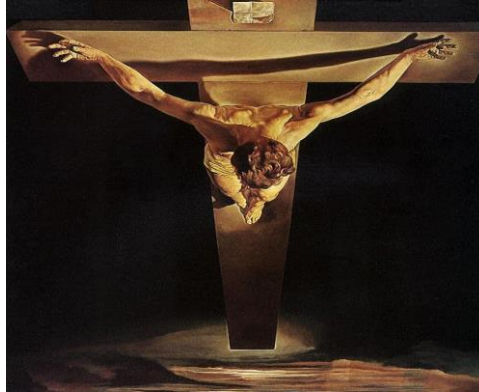


Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks
Order of Service: Sunday 2nd January 2022
Happy New Year

Call to Worship



Prayers of Approach
Lord's Prayer

New Year Celebration

Praise: CH4 300 The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

1.The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, (x 3)
And they say that His name was Jesus.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom. (x2)
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom. (x 2)

2.The angels sang when the baby born, (x 3)
And proclaimed Him the Saviour Jesus.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom. (x 2)
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

3.The Wise Men saw where the baby born, (x 3)
And they say that His name was Jesus.
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom. (x 2)
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

Christmas is for Kids

Praise: Crackers and Turkey

1. Crackers and turkeys and pudding and cream,
Toys in the window that I've never seen.
This is the Christmas that everyone sees,
But Christmas means more to me.

Chorus

*It's somebody's birthday I won't forget,
As I open the things that I get.
I'll remember the inn and the stable so bare,
And Jesus who once lay there.*

2. Everyone's out shopping late every night,
For candles and presents and Christmas tree lights
This is the Christmas that everyone sees,
But Christmas means more to me.
Chorus

3. Christmas morning, the start of the day,
There's presents to open and new games to play.
This is the Christmas that everyone sees,
But Christmas means more to me.
Chorus

The Word of God

Micah 5:2-5a

God Promises a Ruler from Bethlehem

2 The Lord says, "Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you I will bring a ruler for Israel, whose family line goes back to ancient times."

3 So the Lord will abandon his people to their enemies until the woman who is to give birth has her son. Then those Israelites who are in exile will be reunited with their own people. 4 When he comes, he will rule his people with the strength that comes from the Lord and with the majesty of the Lord God himself. His people will live in safety because people all over the earth will acknowledge his greatness, 5 and he will bring peace.

St Luke 1:39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. 40 She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? 44 For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. 45 How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!"

Praise CH4 296 While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around
"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind"

2. "To you, in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign"
"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid"

3.Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song
 "All glory be to God on high
 And on the earth be peace
 Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
 Begin and never cease"

What's Easter got to do with it?

Prayers for the World with responses

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World
All: Give us your light and your peace

Praise CH4 310 See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw

1.See Him lying on a bed of straw
 A draughty stable with an open door
 Mary cradling the babe she bore
 The Prince of Glory is His name
 Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
 To see the Lord appear to men
 Just as poor as was the stable then
 The Prince of Glory when He came

2.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
 Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
 To see the Lord appear to men
 Just as poor as was the stable then
 The Prince of Glory when He came

3.Angels sing the song that you began
 Sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
 Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
 Be the saviour of us all.
 Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
 To see the Lord appear to men
 Just as poor as was the stable then
 The Prince of Glory when He came

4.Mine are riches from Your poverty
 From Your innocence eternity
 Mine forgiveness by Your death for me
 Child of sorrow for my joy
 Oh now carry me to Bethlehem
 To see the Lord appear to men
 Just as poor as was the stable then
 The Prince of Glory when He came

Blessing

Take Home Suggestion

As we walked through advent together, we lit candles of hope, peace, joy and love. Like Jesus, these qualities are not just for Christmas, so this week light a candle each day and pray for one of these gifts. Then take that light into yourself and carry it with you into the world, continuing to share hope, peace, love and joy with those around you.

Notices

You are asked to take a lateral flow COVID test before attending church and to stay at home if it is positive. Thank you to all as we continue to care for one another at this time.

Sunday 9th January All Welcome

9.30am Tarves Kirk The Church will be laid out café-style and coffee will be served after worship. The service can also be accessed live on Zoom.

11.15am Barthol Chapel Gather from 10.45am. Bring your own coffee.

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and Contact and Trace. Please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom.

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