



## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Friday 24 December 2021

Christmas Eve

Tarves 7.00pm

**Call to Worship** (lighting of Advent Candles)

**Opening up the light**

**Carols (both sung seated)**

301 Hark the Herald Angels sing  
323 The First Nowell

**Prayers of Approach**

Sung Response Chorus of 543 Christ be our light

*Christ be our light  
Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light  
Shine in the world  
Now and always*

**The Christmas Story St Luke 2:1-20**

*2In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there*

*was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
<sup>14</sup> 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
 and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

**Carol 302** It was on a starry night

### **Christmas Message**

**Carol 309** Still the night

### **Prayers for others around the manger**

**Carol 312** Away in a manger

### **Benediction**

**Carol 306** O come all ye faithful - **Taking the light out into the world**

### **Notices**

**Sunday 26 December** Service of lessons and carols

**9.30am Tarves** The Church will be laid out café-style. The service can also usually be accessed live on Zoom.

**11.15am Barthol Chapel**

Please note that certain restrictions still apply, viz, hand-sanitising, a negative lateral flow test before coming to Church, 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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