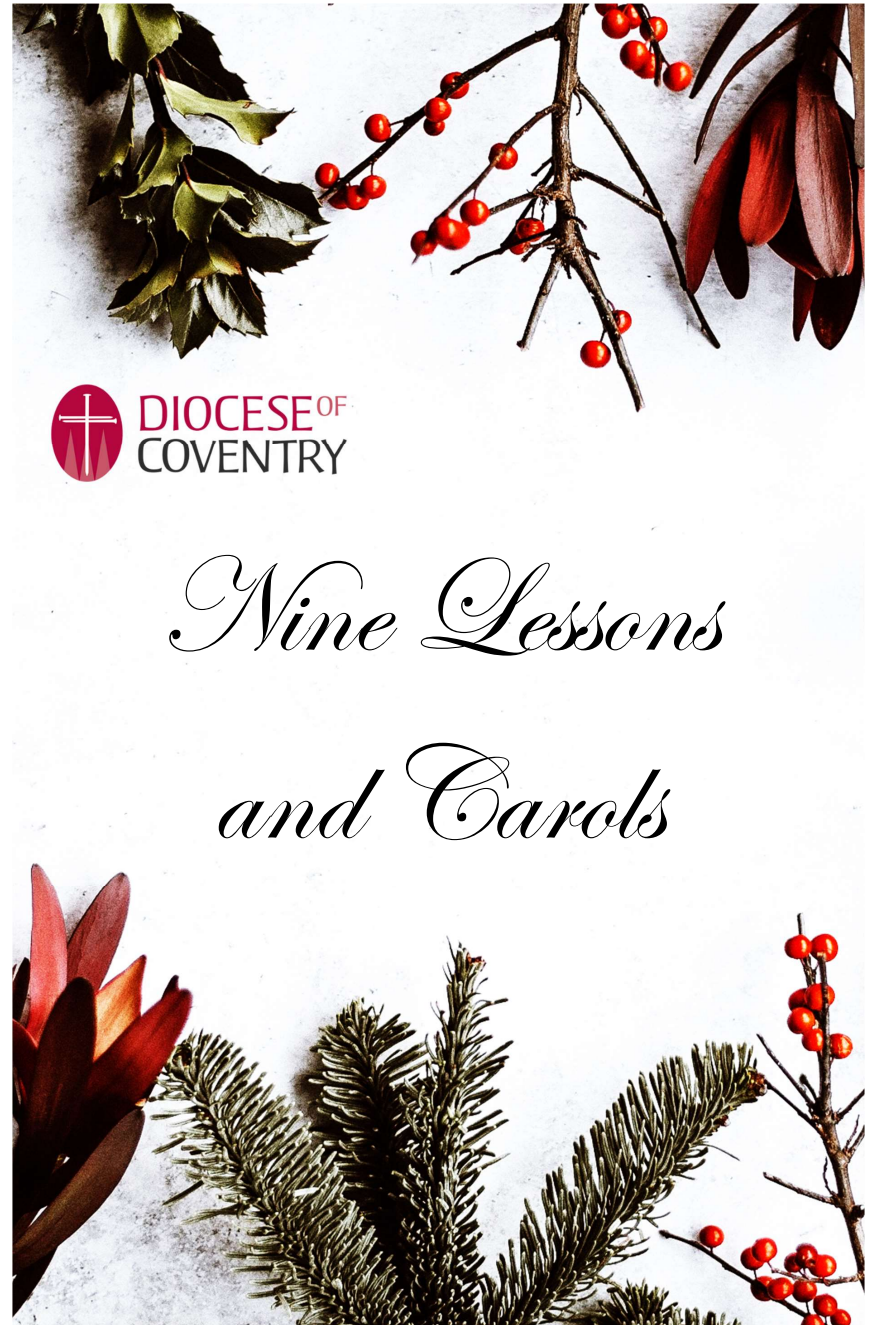


*Merry Christmas!*



*Nine Lessons  
and Carols*

# Welcome

**Reading: Genesis 3: 8–19**

## **Ding Dong Merrily on High**

In heav'n the bells are ringing  
Ding dong verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angels singing  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis

E'en so here below below  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And io io io  
By priest and people sungen  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis

Pray you dutifully prime  
Your matin chime ye ringers  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your eve time song ye singers  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis

George Ratcliffe Woodward | Thoinot Arbeau

**Reading: Isaiah 9:2,6-7**

## **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heaven  
adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to  
dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

## **Joy to the World**

the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him  
room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and  
nature sing

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

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

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Lowell  
Mason

## *Our Thanks to the Musicians*

Bedworth Parish Church, Edgehill Churches Festival Choir, Holy  
Trinity Coventry Choir, St Mark's Swanswell, One Family Church –  
St Peter's Hillfields and Simon Taylor.

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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

Franz Xaver Gruber | John Freeman Young |  
Joseph Mohr

**Reading: John 1:1-14**

### **O Holy Night**

the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear  
Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and  
error pining  
'Til He appeared and the soul  
felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary  
world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and  
glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born

Truly He taught us to love one  
another  
His law is love and His gospel  
is peace  
Chains shall He break for the  
slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression  
shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful  
chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy  
name

Christ is the Lord  
O praise His name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
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Adolphe Charles Adam | John Sullivan  
Dwight | Placide Cappeau

**Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of  
Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Charles Wesley | Felix Mendelssohn-  
Bartholdy

**Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

### **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  
pow'r  
When we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same

How that in Bethlehem was  
born  
The Son of God by name

*O tidings of comfort and joy*  
*Comfort and joy*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy*

And when they came to  
Bethlehem  
Where our dear Saviour lay  
They found Him in a manger  
Where oxen feed on hay  
His mother Mary kneeling  
down  
Unto the Lord did pray

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 others doth deface

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**Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

## O Come All Ye Faithful

Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to  
Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven  
above  
Glory to God  
Glory in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

His name shall be  
Wonderful counsellor  
His name shall be  
Everlasting Father

His name shall be  
Prince of peace, Mighty God  
His name shall be  
Emmanuel

We'll praise your name forever  
We'll praise your name forever  
We'll praise your name forever  
Christ the Lord

C. Frederick Oakeley | John Francis Wade |  
William Henry Monk

## Reading: Luke 2:1,3-7

**Once in Royal David's City**  
Stood a 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

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

And through all His wondrous  
childhood  
He would honour and obey  
Love and watch the lowly  
maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay  
Christian children all must be  
Mild obedient good as He

Not in that poor lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by  
We shall see Him but in heaven  
Set at Gods right hand on high  
When like stars His children  
crowned  
All in white, shall wait around

Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander | Henry  
John Gauntlett

## Reading: Luke 2:8-16

**The first Noel**  
the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields where they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping  
their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that  
was so deep

*Noel Noel Noel Noel*  
*Born is the King of Israel*

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east from afar  
And to the earth it gave great  
light  
And so it continued both day  
and night

The King is born  
The King is born  
Angels adore Him  
Bow down before Him  
The King is born

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## Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

**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 quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born