A SERVICE of READINGS and CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 6.30pm

Christ Church, Ipswich

Minister: The Revd Neil Coulson

Organist: Mr Stephen Hogger

The Christ Church Choir is conducted by Jenny Jones

The service proceeds without announcement

- please stand with the choir as the organ plays the introduction to each congregational hymn

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 181 Of the Father's love begotten

(verse 3 ladies, verse 4 men)

tune: Divinum Mysterium

Prayers of Praise, Confession and The Lord's Prayer

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Choir: In the bleak mid-winter Words: Christina Rossetti

Music: Harold Darke

Hymn 126 O come, O come Immanuel

(omit verses 2 and 8)

tune: Veni Immanuel

Second Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn 138: Come thou long expected Jesus tune: Cross of Jesus

Third Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

Hymn 167 Once in royal David's city tune: Irby

Fourth Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Choir: There is no Rose Words: Anon, 15th Century

Music: Stephen Hogger

Hymn 145 O little town of Bethlehem tune: Forest Green

Fifth Reading: Luke 2:1-16

Hymn 155 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

tune: Winchester Old

Sixth Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Choir: Noel! Text: Harold S. G. Wiffen

Music: Harold S. G. Wiffen

Seventh Reading: John 1:1-14

Hymn 160 O come all ye faithful tune: Adeste Fideles

(verses 1, 2 and 5 only)

David Stainer: Christmas Bells Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Music: John Gorka

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 159 Hark! The herald angels sing tune: Mendelssohn

(Verse 3, line 7 restored to the original 'Born to raise the sons of earth')

Benediction

Organ music:

Chorale Fantasia on 'In Dulci Jubilo' Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

We welcome everyone to join us for seasonal refreshments in the Church Hall following the Carol Service

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Day Service:

Christmas Day 25th December at 10.45 Christmas Day Services with families and children in mind