

# **Welcome** to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**  
**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
This act of worship has been prepared to allow us to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

We thank all the team involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

This order of service is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. Others may wish to listen, and even join in with the singing: just click on the links.

If you want to join in the whole service, follow the link which you'll find on our website: [www.stmungos.freeuk.com](http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com) or Video <https://youtu.be/A8D1eHbzaeY>

If you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial **01968 700121**. There will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

## **INTROIT Even in the strangest times**

Watch video at [https://youtu.be/LEORRN\\_3avU](https://youtu.be/LEORRN_3avU)

Well... this just isn't the Christmas we ordered.

It's not what we expect.

We want our winter wonderland.

Our party plans are wrecked!

But don't we know we're not the first

to have our world turned upside down?

Joseph and Mary must have felt this way,

out of place in an unknown town.

*Through the joy, through the pain,*

*Christmas coming near again.*

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel will come to you.*

Well... no-one wants to be having a baby

in such a random way.

They're all stressed out in Bethlehem.

Just want a normal day!

Still, even in the strangest times,

there's good news to be found.

What are the things that we're thankful for

when we stop and we look around?

*Through the joy, through the pain,  
Christmas coming near again.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel will come to you.*

Even in the strangest times  
there's good news to be found.  
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*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel will come to you.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel will come to you,  
to everyone, to everyone, to everyone,  
to everyone, to everyone, to everyone.*

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**WELCOME** to St Mungo's to our Nativity Service. Let us worship God

**HYMN: Once in royal David's city**

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/ECjo2ZQa4P4>

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 our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above:  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Music: HJ Gauntlett; Descant: David Willcocks*

*Sung by a virtual choir of members and friends of Ferryhill Parish Church*

### **LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: JOY**

Almighty Father,  
your light shines in our darkened world  
through the birth of our Saviour.  
Help us to gaze on his bright glory,  
so that we might reflect it in the world,  
and become more and more like our glorious Lord,  
and so be prepared like Mary, his mother,  
for the coming of your Son. **Amen.**

### **HYMN: It was on a starry night**

Watch video at <https://vimeo.com/477970307>

It was on a starry night when the hills were bright,  
Earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still.  
Then in a cattle-shed, in a manger-bed,  
a boy was born, king of all the world.

*And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him  
for a boy was born, king of all the world.*

*And all the angels sang for him,  
the bells of heaven rang for him,  
for a boy was born, king of all the world.*

Soon the shepherds came that way, where the baby lay,  
and were kneeling, kneeling by his side.  
And their hearts believed again for the peace of men,  
for a boy was born, king of all the world.

*And all the angels sang for him....*

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## **VIDEO Welcome to Our World (3 characters from the Nativity)**

with Agnes Ovenstone, Neil Cape, David Hogg and Christine Jackson

### **HYMN: Love Shone Down (I had a dream)**

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/XbqyAX5JKCs>

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside,  
and all the lights of town were shining far below,  
when up in the air beautiful voices:  
sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh, and Love shone down  
over the hills and over the valleys.*

*Oh, and Love shone down  
over the world.*

Somebody spoke to me, I knew it was an angel.  
He said: 'There's something that I think you ought to know.'  
Then he just smiled, said: 'Don't be afraid now;  
sing a new song, let everyone know.'

*Oh, and Love shone down...*

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,  
how to find him, where exactly I should go.  
Then he was joined by millions of others:  
sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh, and Love shone down...*

Well, did I dream or was I really on that hillside,  
on that Christmas night so very long ago?  
When he was born, Jesus our Saviour:  
sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh, and Love shone down...*

*Words & Music: Andy Piercy & C.S. de Whalley; Sung by the NMCGB singers & children's choir  
Piano & programming: Matt Beckingham; Alto Sax: Hayley Head; Bass: Simon Kennard  
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Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea when Herod was king. After Jesus' birth, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the one who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star rising and have come to worship him."

When King Herod and all Jerusalem heard about this, they became disturbed. He called together all the chief priests and the experts in the Scriptures and tried to find out from them where the Messiah was supposed to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this:

*Bethlehem in the land of Judah,*

*you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah.*

*A leader will come from you.*

*He will shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod secretly called the wise men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. As he sent them to Bethlehem, he said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you have found him, report to me so that I may go and worship him too."

After they had heard the king, they started out. The star they had seen rising led them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were overwhelmed with joy to see the star. When they entered the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary. So they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they left for their country by another road.

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## **SHORT ADDRESS**

### **HYMN: The Angels Say**

Watch video at: <https://youtu.be/VSDn8m0Rhas>

Anger of the prophets, longing for a change.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

Centuries of waiting before a Christmas day.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say.*

A priest called Zechariah felt fear and doubt that day.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

John your son will tell us: 'God is on the way.'

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say. (Rpt)*

Mary, she was willing to raise God's little boy.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

Through the years he brought her sorrow and great joy.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say. . (Rpt)*

Heavy-hearted Joseph finds courage in a dream.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

A different kind of family, love is still the same.

*Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say. . (Rpt)*

Shepherds on the hillside, choirs in the skies.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

Ordinary people, frightened and surprised.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say. . (Rpt)*

Wise men search and study, follow shifting stars.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

Caught up in the danger of other people's wars.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say. (Rpt)*

Sharing Christmas stories, both human and divine.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

In the light and darkness, in our changing times.

*'Don't be afraid,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

*'You're not alone,' the angels say.*

## **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES**

Father God,

Come to those who are lonely  
and help them to feel that they are not alone.

Come to those in deepest despair,  
and bring them your compassion.

Come to those who find themselves in the middle of conflict  
and fill them with your consolation and hope.

Come to those who are in sorrow  
and cause them, in time, to know your joy.

We ask these things in the name of your Holy Child,  
Jesus the Messiah, in whose words we now pray together:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**

### **HYMN: It came upon the midnight clear**

Watch video at <https://youtu.be/ukGi-jx5S2M>

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
'Through all the earth, goodwill and peace  
from heaven's all-gracious king!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

With sorrow brought by sin and strife  
the world has suffered long  
and, since the angels sang, have passed  
two thousand years of wrong:  
the nations, still at war, hear not  
the love-song which they bring:  
O hush the noise and cease the strife,  
to hear the angels sing!

And those whose journey now is hard,  
whose hope is burning low,  
who tread the rocky path of life  
with painful steps and slow:  
O listen to the news of love  
which makes the heavens ring!  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing!

And still the days are hastening on  
by prophets seen of old  
towards the fulness of the time  
when comes the age foretold:  
then earth and heaven renewed shall see  
the prince of peace, their king;  
and all the world repeat the song  
which now the angels sing.

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## **THE BLESSING**

May the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you. **Amen**

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**Coming up: Christmas Eve – 11.45pm, Watchnight Service (*online only*)  
Christmas Day – 11am, Welcome the Newborn King**