

# IPC Ealing, 31 December, 18:00

## Call To Worship

**O little town of Bethlehem,**  
how still we see you lie!  
Above the deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in your dark streets shining  
is everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in you tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell –  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel.

*Phillips Brooks (1835-93)*

## **Prayer for God's blessing**

### **Reading Of God's Word – Psalm 34 (p463)**

**As with gladness men of old**  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
ever more your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to your lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Christ whom heaven and earth adore:  
so with ever-quickenning pace  
may we seek your throne of grace.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at your cradle plain and bare,  
so may we, with holy joy  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King...

Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds your glory hide.

In the heavenly city bright  
need they no created light —  
you its light, its joy, its crown,  
you its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.

*William C Dix (1837-98)*

## Prayer

## Offering

There will be an opportunity to give to support the ministry at IPC through the offering bag and through the Givt app. Details about how to give tax-efficiently can be found in the foyer. **If you are visiting**, please do not feel under any obligation to contribute.



**Silent night! Holy night!**

All is calm, all is bright  
round the virgin and her child:  
holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace;  
sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glory streams from heaven afar:  
heavenly hosts sing, "Hallelujah,  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born!"...

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light:  
radiant beams your holy face  
with the dawn of saving grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) Trans John F Young (1820-85)*

**Preaching Of God's Word – Andrew Kueh**

**Angels from the realms of glory,**  
wing your flight through all the earth;  
heralds of creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth!

*Come and worship  
Christ, the new-born King!  
Come and worship,  
worship Christ, the new-born King...*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching by your flocks at night,  
God with man is now residing:  
see, there shines the infant light!

Wise men, leave your contemplations!  
Brighter visions gleam afar;  
seek in him the hope of nations,  
you have seen his rising star:

Sinners, brought to true repentance —  
doomed, for guilt, to endless pains;  
justice now revokes the sentence,  
mercy calls you: break your chains!

Though an infant now we view him,  
he will share his Father's throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down:

*James Montgomery (The Christmas Box 1825); Linda Mawson (2006)*

# Benediction

# Notices

## **Week of Prayer - January**

- Tuesday 2: Prayer after Lunchtime Service
- Wednesday 3: 20.00 at the church
- Thursday 4: 6.30 at the church  
16:00 Children's and Youth Prayer
- Friday 5: Day of Prayer and Fasting - Meal together at 18.00,  
Prayer and the Lord's Supper at 19.00

## **Hope Explored - 19.00 supper, 19.30 start on 10, 17 and 24 January**

- We're looking forward to running Hope Explored on 10, 17 and 24 January - 19.00 supper, 19.30 start.

## **Adult Sunday School Stream - "Membership Matters"**

- We'll have Membership Matters Course looking at what it means to be a member of IPC Ealing. There are 3 sessions 14, 21, 28 January which will run from 10.00-10.40.