

Service of Lessons and Carols 10/12/2017

Welcome and Opening Prayer **Rev. Paul Wilson**

Introduction to theme of 'Journeys.' **Jean Rothery**

1. God's Journey to His World

Reading: 'Here it Is Merry Christmas' pg. 57 *The Light of the Word* **Tim Corke**

Bible: John 1:1-5, 14, 18. *Read version from Joyce Hugget* *Approaching Christmas* **Stella Banks**

Carol: Love Came Down at Christmas (CMP451)

2. Mary's Journey from the annunciation to visiting Elizabeth

Bible: Luke 1: 26-45

Reading: The Visitation pg. 69, *Haphazard by Starlight* **Jean Rothery**

Picture: 'Virgin of the rock'

Reading: 'John and the Infant Christ' pg. 69 *Christmas Poetry* **Janet Newcombe**

3. Journey to Bethlehem and the Birth of Jesus Christ

Carol: Little Donkey (PPT)

Bible: Luke 2: 1-7 **Margaret Frame**

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem (BCS03 verses 1-3)

4. Journey of the Shepherds to the Stable

Bible: Luke 2: 8-20 **Ronnie Melhuish**

Reading: 'Stable Door' December 24th, *Through the Year* by *Patience Strong* **June Bennett**

Carol: Come Now with Awe (CMP98)

5. Journey of the Wisemen

Bible: Matthew 2: 1-11. **Don Cox**

Picture: 'Three Kings'

Reading: 'Journey of the Magi' T.S. Eliot *Haphazard by Starlight* pg. 134 **Cheree**

Carol: We Three Kings (BCS06)

Prayer: Prayer from Cologne Cathedral - 'Lord and God' **Marie?**

6. Our Journey to Christ

Picture: 'Children'

Reading: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* **Tony Harris**

Carol: Good Christians All Rejoice (BCS24)

Reading: 'The longer we live...' pg. 50 *My Christmas Book* T. Boreham **Malcolm Hardie**

Benediction: **Alan Mitchell**

Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful (BCS13 omit last verse)