THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL, LIVERPOOL



CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 11th December 2002 7.30pm

SCHOOL CHAPEL



CONGREGATION PLEASE STAND

Procession:

Once in Royal David's City

Solo:

1. 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

ALL

Choir Only:

- **2.** He came down to earth from **3.** And through all his wondrous 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.
- 4. For he is our childhood's pattern Day by day like us he grew, He was little, weak and helpless, Is our Lord in heaven above; Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he leads his children on And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.
- Mild, obedient, good as he. 5. And out eyes at last shall see him,

He would honour and obey,

In whose gentle arms he lay:

Christian Children all must be

Love and watch the lowly Maiden,

childhood

- Through his own redeeming love, For that child so dear and gentle, To the place where he is gone.
- 6. 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; Where like starts his children crowned All in white shall wait around

Welcome and Prayer

The Reverend Janet Eastwood

THE CONGREGATION ARE SEATED

Choir:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus/John Stainer

Lesson 1:

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Choir:

The Boar's Head Carol

Isaiah 9 **Traditional**

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

1. Lo, He comes with clouds descending.

Once for favoured sinners slain; Thousand thousand saints attending

Swell the triumph of His train:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God appears on earth to reign.

3. Now redemption, long expected 4. Yea Amen: let all adore See in solemn pomp appear All His saints, by men rejected Now shall meet Him in the air Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! See the day of God appear.

2. Every eye shall now behold Him Robed in dreadful majesty;

Those who set at nought and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to

the tree. Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.

High on Thine eternal Saviour tale the power and

> glory; Claim the Kingdom for thine own.

O come quickly, O come quickly

Everlasting God, come

down.

Thee

throne

Lesson 2: The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Virgin Mary.

Luke 2

Sing a Joyful Song of Christmas

R. Kouffmann

Lesson 3:

St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus.

Luke 2

Choir:

Choir:

Away in a Manager

David Willcocks arr.

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

While Shepherds Watched

1. While shepherds watched their 2. "Fear not", said he (for mighty flocks by night All seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came

And glory shone around. MEN

3. "To you in David's town this day

Is born of David's line And this shall be the sign".

ALL

5. Thus speaks the Seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:

LADIES

dread Had seized their troubled mind): "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind".

ALL

4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,

And in a manger laid".

ALL

6. "All glory be to God on high, And on the earth be peace, Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease".

Lesson 4: The shepherds go to the Manager.

Luke 2

Choir: Let There be Peace on Earth

Miller/Jackson and Ades

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

- 1. Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled: Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies, With th'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new born King.
- 2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored Christ, the everlasting Lord Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the God head see. Hail th'incarnate Diety! Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the new born King.
- 3. Hail the heav'n 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 new born King.

Lesson 5:

The Wise Men are led by a star

Matthew 2

Choir:

Mid-Winter

Bob Chillcott

Choir and Congregation: ALL STAND

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

- clear,
 That glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near
 the earth
 To touch their harps of gold:
 'Peace on the earth, goodwill
 to men
 From heaven's all-gracious
 King!'
 The world in solemn stillness
 lay
 To hear the angels sing.
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled; And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its babel sounds The blessèd angels sing.
- Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow; Look now, for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:

 O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.
- 4. For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold When the new heaven and earth shall own The prince of peace their King, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

Choir:

The Little Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head

Lesson 6:

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

John1

Choir:

O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

Choir and Congregation:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

- 1. O come, all yea faithful
 Joyful and truimphant
 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,
 Come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
- 2. God of God,
 Light of Light,
 Lo, He abhors not the virgin's
 Womb

Very God, Begotten not created:

- 4. Child, for us sinners
 Poor and in the manger,
 Fain we embrace Thee, with
 awe and love;
 Who would not love Thee,
 Loving us so dearly?
- 3. See how the shepherds, Summoned to His cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; we too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:
- 5. Sing choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of
 heaven above;
 Glory to God
 In the highest:

Closing prayer and blessing

The Reverend Janet Eastwood

The Choir will process out

Retiring collection in aid of Zoe's Place.

A charity to provide hospice care for terminally ill babies