

OPENING PROCESSION (handbells)

OPENING PRAYER

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(A Prayer from Canada)

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THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

READING - Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL (all) Once in Royal David's City 128

PRAYER

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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A LIGHT OF PROMISE

READING - Isaiah 42:1-9

ADVENT CAROL (handbells+organ) – The holly and the ivy

PRAYER -The Lord's Prayer

CAROL (all) – It came upon the midnight clear 135

A LIGHT OF LIFE

READING - Ephesians 5:1-14

CAROL ("Singing for fun" ladies) - Hallelujah for Christmas

REFLECTION 1 (Yvette McLeod)

PRAYER

O God we are in great darkness
When we heard of Jesus we saw a light far off.
Do not let anything put out that light,
But lead us nearer to it. Amen
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CAROL (handbells+all) – 'Twas in the moon of wintertime 132

A LIGHT OF HOPE

READING - Apocalypse 21:1-7 and 21:22-22:5

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION (handbells only)

REFLECTION – (Pam Augier)

PRAYER

O God to whom we always look
Lighten our hearts
As the sun throws light upon the dark bushes around us.
May we always reflect your radiance
So that those who have not known you
May see you in us. Amen

CAROL ("Singing for fun" ladies) - Ding dong merrily on high

Retiring collection 50:50 for the Cabrini Children's Society and the Chobham Handbell Ringers Charity Fund

Please join us afterwards in the Hall for mince pies and mulled wine, and more singing from the Ladies

A LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

O Christ the Light of the World,
We thank you that your light shines among us.
Draw us ever closer to you
So that free from sin
We may show forth the light of your glory in the world. Amen
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CAROL O come all ye faithful (organ + all) 159

FINAL BLESSING

FINAL CAROL

**Hark! the herald angels sing
(organ and handbells + all) 155**



Parish of Our Lady and St
Dominic, Cove

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



Sunday 13th Dec 2009 4.00 p.m.

**with the St. Lawrence, Chobham
Handbell Ringers
and Lesley Evans' "Singing for Fun"
Ladies Choir**