



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Family Worship & Christingle Service
Tuesday 24th December 2024 at 2.00 pm

Minister: The Revd Scott M. Rennie MA BD STM FRSA
The lessons are read by William Henderson

**The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all
mankind. Titus 2:11**

Eternal God this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. Grant that we who have known the revelation of that light on earth may come to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

* Indicates where those who are able should stand

VOLUNTARY

WELCOME

A warm welcome to worship at Crown Court Church of Scotland – ‘*The Kirk of the Crown of Scotland.*’ Whether you are visiting for the first time or are with us occasionally or often - we are delighted to be able to welcome you today in person or online.

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on the minister and the front of the sanctuary. However, should you wish to ensure you are not included in the livestream, please may we ask that you sit to the rear of the sanctuary by the stained-glass windows.

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Lord of the dawn,
Where your people live in darkness

P: Let your light sweep in.

M: Lord of the noon,
Where your people are dazzled by evil

P: Let your light sweep in.

M: Lord of the evening,
Where your people fear the night

P: Let your light sweep in.

M: Lord of the night,
Where your people pray for morning

P: Let your light sweep in.

M: Lord of our lives,
As we grow into a new year of hopes and possibilities

P: Let your light sweep in.

Shine On, Star of Bethlehem, compiled by G.DUNCAN

* HYMN 292 It's rounded like an Orange

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-14 (p. 1027-1028)

* HYMN 305 In the bleak midwinter

CRANHAM

READING 'Inside Out' by Peter Trow

THE CHRISTINGLE

THE CHRISTINGLE DEDICATION

M: Will you take your Christingle as a symbol of the light of Christ coming into your lives and the life of the world?

P: We will.

M: Will you take the light of Christ within you, and seek to share that light in the places where you work, meet and share together?

P: We will, with the help of the Holy Spirit of God.

M: So let your light shine that others may see the light of Christ in you and give thanks to God.

**P: God of all, may we, to whom the Spirit gives light,
bring light to the world.
Alleluia, thanks be to God.**

* HYMN See amid the winters snow

1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on
 2 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the
 3 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der
 4 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly child, By Thy face so

4 earth be - low, See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears,
 star - ry skies, He who, throned in height sub - lime,
 love was Thine, Thus to come from high - est bliss
 meek and mild, Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee

Refrain

7 Promised from e - ter - nal years.
 Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim. Hail, O ev - er - blessed morn!
 Down to such a world as this!
 In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

11 Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn! Sing through all Je -

14 ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

M: Lord Jesus Christ, to a world filled with darkness,

P: bring your glorious light.

*HYMN God rest ye merry gentlemen

1. God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

3. From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

5. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks a feeding
In tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem
straightway
The blessed Babe to find

2. In Bethlehem in Jewry
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

4. Fear not then said the angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

6. And when they came to
Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay
They found Him in a manger
Where oxen feed on hay
His mother Mary kneeling down
Unto the Lord did pray

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

7. Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and
brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

*** THE BLESSING & SENDING***** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)****POSTLUDE**

We offer a warm welcome to any visitors. Please join us for refreshments in the Hall downstairs after the service. You will be very welcome.

INTIMATIONS:**Wednesday 25 December**

Christmas morning service with communion
at 11:15am with Rev Scott Rennie.

Sunday 29 December

Morning service at 11.15am with Rev Scott
Rennie.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday 12th January, 1pm-3pm

In November, the Kirk Session had a wide-ranging discussion regarding the future of our church. Following this, a decision was made by Session to move forward with major refurbishment of our building in 2025/2026, subject to approvals and funding. The details of the project will be presented at a congregational meeting on Sunday 12 January by members of the Futures Committee and our appointed architect. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. We will also discuss as a congregation how we can best use our unique building to further our Christian mission and connect with the life of the Covent Garden community on our doorstep. Please do put this important date in your diaries. All are welcome, and lunch will be provided!

Office Hours over Christmas

The Church Administrator is on holiday from 24 December until 2 January. She will have limited access to her emails. For any Pastoral Care queries please contact the minister Rev Scott Rennie (minister@crowncourtchurch.org.uk, 07967 736 865). For any other urgent queries please contact the Session Clerk Sheena-Jane Clark (clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk, 07954350899).

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.

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