



St Mary's Ewell

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St Mary's welcomes you this Christmas

The Arrival at Bethlehem



Children at St Mary's



St Mary's has a wide range of activities and services for children and their families.

Toddler Groups Thursdays 10:00-11:30am (starts 6th Jan) in Ewell Hall, London Road, Ewell, opposite the Church.

For more information contact Jenny 020 8393 4804

Children's Hour - All Children Welcome. Sunday Mornings 9:30am to 10:30am in Ewell Hall, St Mary's church hall (starts 9th Jan). Fun, music, activities and story time. For children aged from 3 to 9 years.

For more information contact childrenshour@stmarysewell.com

Guides and Brownies

Guides and Brownies meet on a Thursday evening during school term in Ewell Hall, the church hall, opposite the Church.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

For further information about the above groups please get in touch through the parish office on 020 8393 2643.

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

Adeste Fideles

1. O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
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,
O 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
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

3. See how the Shepherds
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw near with
lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

4. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in a manger,
Fain we embrace thee,
with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

5. Sing, choirs of Angels
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Sit

A Girl Named Mary

Hymn

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1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

2. God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

Sit

Joseph's Dream

Hymn

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*
3. O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward
road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*
4. O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Sit

Journey to Bethlehem

Hymn

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
3. 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.

Forest Green

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
4. 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 Emmanuel.

Sit

The Arrival at Bethlehem

Hymn

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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.
2. He came down to earth from 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.
3. And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.
4. 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 stars his children
crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Sit

Shepherds and Angels

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| <p>1. While shepherds watched their
flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.</p> | <p>2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tiding of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.</p> |
| <p>3. 'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:</p> | <p>4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'</p> |
| <p>5. Thus spake the seraph; and
forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:</p> | <p>6. 'All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'</p> |

The Christ Child is placed in the Manger

Sit

The parish choir sings:

'Away in a manger' during which the Christ Child is place in the Manger.

Prayers

Jesus, Saviour

Response **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father

**God grant us the light of Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.**

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The children are invited to gather around the Crib during the following hymn:

Hymn

London Carol Melody

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| <p>1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
<i>O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!</i></p> | <p>2. 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:
<i>O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!</i></p> |
| <p>3. 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:
<i>O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!</i></p> | <p>4. 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 other doth efface:
<i>O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!</i></p> |

Blessing of the Crib

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

Lord, we ask you to bless and hallow this crib, which gives us a picture of the truth of your becoming man. May all who look on it learn the lessons of your humility and love, so that all may be filled with your heavenly light and peace. May our wills be made strong to glorify you by our deeds, so that we may shine as your lights in the world; through him who lives and reigns with you Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Congregation

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

St Mary's wishes you and your families a very Happy Christmas

There is a retiring collection for the work of St Mary's,
and our Christmas charity, The Children's Trust



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with brain injury; giving children with brain injury the
opportunity to live the best life possible.

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as you leave church today.