

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon

# THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – First Sunday after Christmas

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## Service of the Word

### Hymns

226 Hark the herald angels sing  
964 Gloria  
370 Joy to the world  
740 When our God came down to Earth  
409 Lord for the years

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own  
image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our  
humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

*A reading – Sue*

### Carols of Christ – Robert Hedrick

Though I enjoy some of the jingle bell music  
we hear in the Christmas season,  
My favourites are those carols that tell the  
world of the true season's reason.  
The ones that put Christ in Christmas and  
year after year they keep Him there,  
For the devil tries to take Him out and there  
are many who have joined his lair.

Some tell of the miracle God performed  
when Jesus came on Christmas morn,  
For this would be the one and only time that  
to a virgin a child would be born.

Telling us that He was born in a lowly stable,  
for there was no room at the inn,  
Then of wise men who came bringing gifts to  
the special baby that lay within.

There are carols telling about angles in  
heaven praising this new born King,  
When they joined together and lifted up  
their voices to honour Him as they sing.  
Others proclaim Christ to be the Savior that  
the old prophets had written of,  
Who someday would willingly give His life for  
our sins, doing so through love.

If not for these old carols, some would never  
hear what Chrisymas is all about,  
Because all too often when Christmas is  
celebrated, Christ has been left out.  
Then my prayer is that they are still being  
sung as Jesus appears in the sky,  
Reminding us, He's the reason for the season  
and it was for us He chose to die.

### ***Psalm 148***

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!  
<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!  
<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.  
<sup>6</sup> He established them for ever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be  
passed.  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost,  
 stormy wind fulfilling his command!  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
 fruit trees and all cedars!  
<sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle,  
 creeping things and flying birds!  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers of the earth!  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike,  
 old and young together!  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 for his name alone is exalted;  
 his glory is above earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
 praise for all his faithful,  
 for the people of Israel who are close to  
 him.  
 Praise the LORD!

*A reading – Pam*

### **If you look for me at Christmas**

If you look for me at Christmas,  
 You won't need a special star.  
 I'm no longer just in Bethlelem,  
 I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of me  
 Amid the celebrations.  
 You'll have to look beyond the stores  
 And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment  
 From your list of things to do  
 And listen to your heart, you'll find  
 I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,  
 You're the reason that I came,  
 And you'll find me in the stillness  
 As I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

*A reading from the Gospel – Chris*

### **Luke 2: 41 - 52**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 according to St John*

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem  
 for the festival of the Passover. And when he  
 was twelve years old, they went up as usual for  
 the festival. When the festival was ended and  
 they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed  
 behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not  
 know it. Assuming that he was in the group of  
 travellers, they went a day's journey. Then  
 they started to look for him among their  
 relatives and friends. When they did not find  
 him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for  
 him. After three days they found him in the  
 temple, sitting among the teachers, listening  
 to them and asking them questions. And all  
 who heard him were amazed at his  
 understanding and his answers. When his  
 parents<sup>®</sup> saw him they were astonished; and  
 his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you  
 treated us like this? Look, your father and I  
 have been searching for you in great  
 anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you  
 searching for me? Did you not know that I  
 must be in my Father's house?' But they did  
 not understand what he said to them. Then he  
 went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
 and was obedient to them. His mother  
 treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in  
 years, and in divine and human favour.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, O Christ.***