

# St Michael and All Angels Galleywood

*Jesus, teach us all to love*

## Messy Christingle

**Christmas Eve 2021**  
**4pm**

**Welcome** (Revd David Cattle)

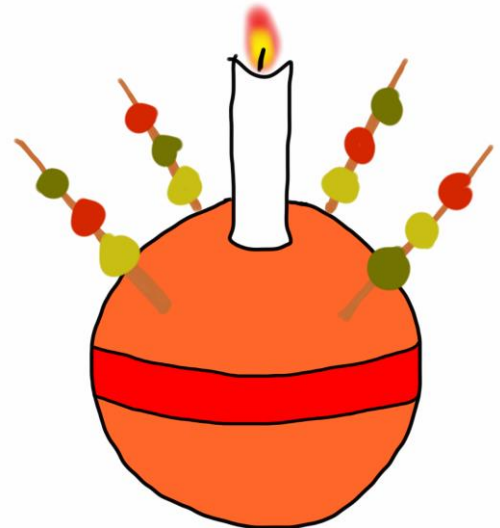
### Prayer

**All:** Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in this place.**

**All:** Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in our hearts.**

**All:** Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in our lives.**

**All:** Jesus, Light of the World,  
**Shine in all the earth.**  
**Amen.**



### **Carol: See him lying on a bed of straw**

<sup>1</sup>See him lying on a bed of straw  
A drafty stable with an open door  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
The Prince of Glory is his name.

*Chorus: O now carry me to Bethlehem  
To see the Lord of love again  
Just as poor as was the stable then  
The Prince of Glory when he came.*

<sup>2</sup>Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
Show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
To see the Saviour of the world.

<sup>3</sup>Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
Bring God's glory to the heart of man;  
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can  
Be salvation to the soul.

<sup>4</sup>Mine are riches, from thy poverty,  
From thine innocence, eternity;  
Mine, forgiveness by thy death for me,  
Child of sorrow for my joy.

Michael Perry.

### **Prayer of forgiveness**

Father God,

We are sorry for the things we say and do which make you sad,  
and for not thinking of others before ourselves.

We are sorry for times when we have seen people in need  
and ignored them and walked on by.

Please forgive us and help us to love you and other people,  
so we may bring light and hope to the world.

Amen.

### **Reading: Luke 2:1-7**

### **Carol: Away in a manger**

<sup>1</sup>Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

<sup>2</sup>The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

<sup>3</sup>Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Sometimes attributed to John Thomas Macfarland (1851-1913), *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs* (1892 Louisville), *Little Children's Book: For Schools and Families* (1885 Philadelphia).

## Reading: Luke 2:8-20

### Making our Christingles!

#### Talk

#### Prayers

#### Carol: Silent night

<sup>1</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child;  
holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

<sup>2</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

<sup>3</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*John Freeman Young (1887) based on Joseph  
Mohr (1818)*

#### The Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **Carol: O little town of Bethlehem**

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>O holy Child of Bethlehem  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born to us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

*Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)*

## **Blessing**

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Every year at our Christingle service, we have a collection to raise money for The Children's Society. This is a charity that works hard to support vulnerable children and create a better life for them. Their aim is to "build a society where hope is alive in every child." They help children who are caught up in things like abuse, neglect, exploitation, poverty, substance misuse, missing from home, homelessness; and those children who care for others. This is vital work, so please consider making an online donation now via their website: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

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## **Our services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

**Christmas Eve, 11.15pm – Midnight Communion** (in-person – no tickets, just turn up – and live-streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Michaels-Church-Galleywood-224907067678624>).

**Christmas Day, 10am – Family Communion** (in-person and live-streamed). Children can bring a present to show us!