



# Carol Service

Sunday

15 December 2024

at 11.00 am

Saint Stephen's Anglican Church  
Tala, Paphos

**Carol 539**      **Once In Royal David's City**

*Welcome*

*Lighting of the Third Advent Candle*

**Carol 493**      **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*Bidding Prayer*

*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. 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, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

**Carol 491**      **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (verses 1-3 only)

**Reading**      **A Prophecy Of The Messiah's Birth** Isaiah 9:2, 6&7

**Reading**      **The Messiah's Kingdom Of Peace** Isaiah 11:1-9

**Reading**      **The Glory Of The Messiah** Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

**Song 1086**      **Light Of The World**

**Reading**      **The Birth Of Jesus** Luke 2:1-7

**Reading**      **One Solitary Life** Revd James Allan Francis

**Reading**      **The Shepherds Go To The Manger** Luke 2:8-16

**Carol 644**      **The First Nowell**

<b>Reading</b>	<b><i>A Christmas Carol</i></b> (extract 'Marley's Ghost') Charles Dickens
<b>Talk</b>	<b><i>The God Of The Second Chance</i></b> Revd Paul A. Carr
<b>Music</b>	<b><i>Christmas Song For All Year Round</i></b> Randy Stonehill

### *A Christmas Creed*

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town, and whose spirit still brings life to people all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Him from my life today.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people; whose welcome came from people with hungry and open hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed God's love to be invincible. I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms: whose modest home in Nazareth had love as its only wealth; who had compassion on people because he saw God in them; who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of our heavenly father.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: the need of forgiveness for my selfishness and greed; the need of new life for empty souls; the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem on Christmas night, for me and for the whole world. AMEN.

*Original source unknown – revised and adapted by P.A. Carr*

**Carol 503      *O Little Town Of Bethlehem***



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## *Prayers*

### **Response**

Leader: Maranatha:  
**All AMEN. Come Lord Jesus.**

**All Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**Carol 211 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**  
(An offering will be taken during the singing of this carol )

## *Offertory Prayer*

**Reading Poem For a Carol Service** Paul A. Carr

## *Closing Prayer & Blessing*

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom. **AMEN.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. **AMEN.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love. **AMEN.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

## *Dismissal*

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. AMEN**

**Carol 393 Joy To The World**

Thank you for joining with us for our Carol Service today. May we wish God's richest blessing on you, your family and friends, this Christmas season and in the year to come.