

**CHRISTMAS IS NOT CANCELLED!**

**Carol services\***

Dec 20: 11:00 & 18:00\*\*

Dec 24: 21:00\*\*

Dec 25: 11:00

**Zoom events**

Dec 20: 15:00 Children's Interactive Nativity

**Other services**

Dec 27: 11:00 – Year End (Psalm 103)

Jan 3: 11:00 & 18:00 - Working Life

*\*carol services on the Barge will be COVID-secure. You will need to pre-register and follow the safety guidelines.*

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**ZOOM NATIVITY:** Sun Dec 20th (15:00) on Zoom. The story of Christmas told like you've never heard it before! All welcome. For more info email the Barge office.

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**LIFE EXPLORED:** a 7-session DVD-based course on Zoom for anyone wanting to explore the big questions of life. A new course is beginning on Tues Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to sign up for this course, email Callum on [c.elwood@stpetersbarge.org](mailto:c.elwood@stpetersbarge.org)

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**ZOOM BREAKOUT:** today, straight after the service, for those watching online, there is a chance to meet one another in breakout rooms. Meeting ID: 858 6551 9614/ Passcode: 576459

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**BARGE OFFICE:** the office is closed from Dec 25-Jan 3 inclusive. For anything urgent please contact Callum at [c.elwood@stpetersbarge.org](mailto:c.elwood@stpetersbarge.org)

**St Peter's Barge**  
London's Floating Church



**Christmas**  
**Carol Service**

**WELCOME** *Marcus Nodder*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,**

'Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on Earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.'

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

Christ, by highest Heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

Hail, the Heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of Earth,  
born to give them second birth.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**READING – Isaiah 11:1-9**

**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.



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.

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.

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;  
when like stars his children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

## READING – Luke 1:26-38

## VIDEO – Are you ready for Christmas?

### O come, O come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.

O come, Thou, Dayspring from on high  
And cause Thy light on us to rise  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, true prophet of the Lord  
And turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's side  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall by His Word our darkness dispel

O come, our great High Priest, and intercede  
Thy sacrifice, our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear  
Thy precious blood has brought us near  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Has banished every fear of hell

O Come, Thou King of nations, bring  
An end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease  
And reign now as our Prince of Peace  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

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## READING – Luke 1:46-56

## TALK Callum Elwood

## PRAYERS

**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.*

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...*

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...*

Latin, 18th century  
\* tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)

\* CCL No. 1980180

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