

## WHAT'S ON?

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St Peter's Barge  
London's Floating Church



### CHRISTMAS IS NOT CANCELLED!

#### Carol services\*

Dec 24: 21:00\*\*

Dec 25: 11:00

#### Other services\*

Dec 27: 11:00 – Year End (Psalm 103)

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

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

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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 during that time please contact Marcus at [m.nodder@stpetersbarge.org](mailto:m.nodder@stpetersbarge.org) (Dec 25-27) and Callum at [c.elwood@stpetersbarge.org](mailto:c.elwood@stpetersbarge.org) (Dec 31-Jan 3)

## Christmas Carol Service

### WELCOME

#### 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 – Luke 2:1-16

**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.



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.

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.

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 Immanuel.

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

**VIDEO** – A very different Christmas

**READING** – John 1:1-14

**O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,**

It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night when Christ was born!

Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,  
Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.  
True Son of God, yet bearing human feature,  
He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.  
In towering grace, He laid aside His glory,  
And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night when Christ was born!

Come, then, to Him Who lies within the manger,  
With joyful shepherds, proclaim Him as Lord.  
Let not the Promised Son remain a stranger;  
In reverent worship, make Christ your Adored.  
Eternal life is theirs who would receive Him;  
With grace and peace, their lives He will adorn.  
Fall on your knees! Receive the Gift of heaven!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night when Christ was born!

Songwriter(s): Kevin Hartnett  
by Sovereign Grace Music

**READING** – 1 John 4:7-14

**TALK**

‘We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son  
to be the Saviour of the world’ (1 John 4:14)

**SON:** the Father has sent his Son

**SAVIOUR:** to be the Saviour of the world

**SEEN:** we have seen and testify

**Joy to the world,** the Lord is come!  
let Earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and Heaven and nature sing,  
and Heaven and nature sing,  
and Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the Earth, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
the wonders of his love,  
the wonders of his love,  
the wonders, wonders of his love.

I.Watts (1674-1748)  
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