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Once in royal Davids 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.

For He is our childhood's pattern;  
Day by day, like us, He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;  
And He cares when we are sad,  
And he shares when we are glad.

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.

**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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh  
appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

### Did you see...?

Did you see **The Nativity** on BBC1 this week? If you didn't, you missed a vivid portrayal which provoked some interesting questions while staying faithful to the Bible stories:

- why were Mary & Joseph looking for place to stay at the inn, in a town where they had lots of relatives?
- do we have the patience and faithfulness to watch and wait for many years, as the Magi did?

If you haven't seen it, find it on iPlayer on the BBC website, or find someone who's recorded it!



# The Catford Planet

Catford Community Church Sunday Bulletin

25/12/2010

Welcome to Catford Community Church

We hope you have a fantastic time with us this morning!

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!



It's great to see you here on Christmas morning! We hope you have a great time here celebrating the birth of Jesus. Whatever you're doing for the rest of the day, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### What to expect this morning...

Welcome to Catford Community Church!

This morning Ian is leading the service, and Mike is leading the carols.

Fiona is speaking this morning to help us think about the message of Christmas.

We hope you enjoy your time this morning and look forward to seeing you again in 2011.



- Welcome
- Carols
- Readings
- Record breaking
- Talk with Fiona
- More Carols

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**NEXT WEEK: same time, same place, different Planet!**

Sunday: 10.30am, Holbeach School.

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# Welcome to Catford Community Church

## A special welcome to you if you are a guest.

We are a modern family church that draws together a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and cultures - all of whom have a desire to find out more about living the Christian life to the full. Catford Community Church aims to be a place where people can grow and develop to reach their full potential with God's help.

Refreshments are available free after this morning's service; we'd love you to stay and chat.

Leadership Team, CCC.

## Regularly at CCC...

### Sunday mornings

We hold our main Sunday morning meeting at Holbeach School finishing by 12.15pm. There are groups for children, youth and a crèche for babies.

### Small groups

Many people at CCC are also part of one of our small groups, meeting at various times in the week. Every group is different - if you'd like to join one, ask one of the leaders.

### Youth

Our youth activities take place on Friday nights at The Point. Fiona Darbyshire is the contact for this group.

### All Stars

Our monthly club for all children in school years 1 - 6. Packed with fun, games, stories, prizes, music, crafts, drama... if you've not been, get along soon. Ask Ian Butcher for info, or call the CCC office.

## Coming up at CCC...

CCC is not about meetings, but we love to get together to meet God and help each other in our lives, work and families. Here's some of what's coming up in the next few weeks:

- Welcome the New Year - Sunday 2nd January 2011, 10.30am @ The Point
- "Battle of the Ages" starts - 9th January, 10.30am @ Holbeach School

*Note: we're not back at Holbeach now until 9th January. If you're able to help us clear away quickly by stacking some chairs at the end of this morning that would be much appreciated. Thanks!*

## Write for The Planet!

**Why not write a short book, CD review or thought for the day for the Planet?**

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## This morning's carols...

### Earth lies spellbound in darkness

Sin's oppressive night  
Yet in Bethlehem  
Hope is burning bright  
Mysteries are unfolding  
But the only sign  
Is a manger bed  
Where a baby cries

### Wake up wake up it's Christmas morning

*Christ's eternal day is dawning  
Angels sing in exultation  
Fill the streets with celebration  
Now to God on high be glory  
To the earth proclaim the story  
Ring the bells in jubilation  
Tell the news to every nation  
Christ has come*

Crowding stairways of starlight  
Choirs of angels sing  
Glory glory to God  
In the highest heaven  
Peace is stilling the violence  
Hope is rising high  
God is watching us now  
Through a baby's eyes

Weakness shatters the pow'rful  
Meekness shames the proud  
Vain imaginings  
Come tumbling down  
Ancient mercies remembered  
Hungry satisfied  
Lowly humble hearts  
Are lifted high

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### 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 giv'n;  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of His Heav'n.  
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 Emmanuel!