A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Church

6.30 p.m. 30th December.

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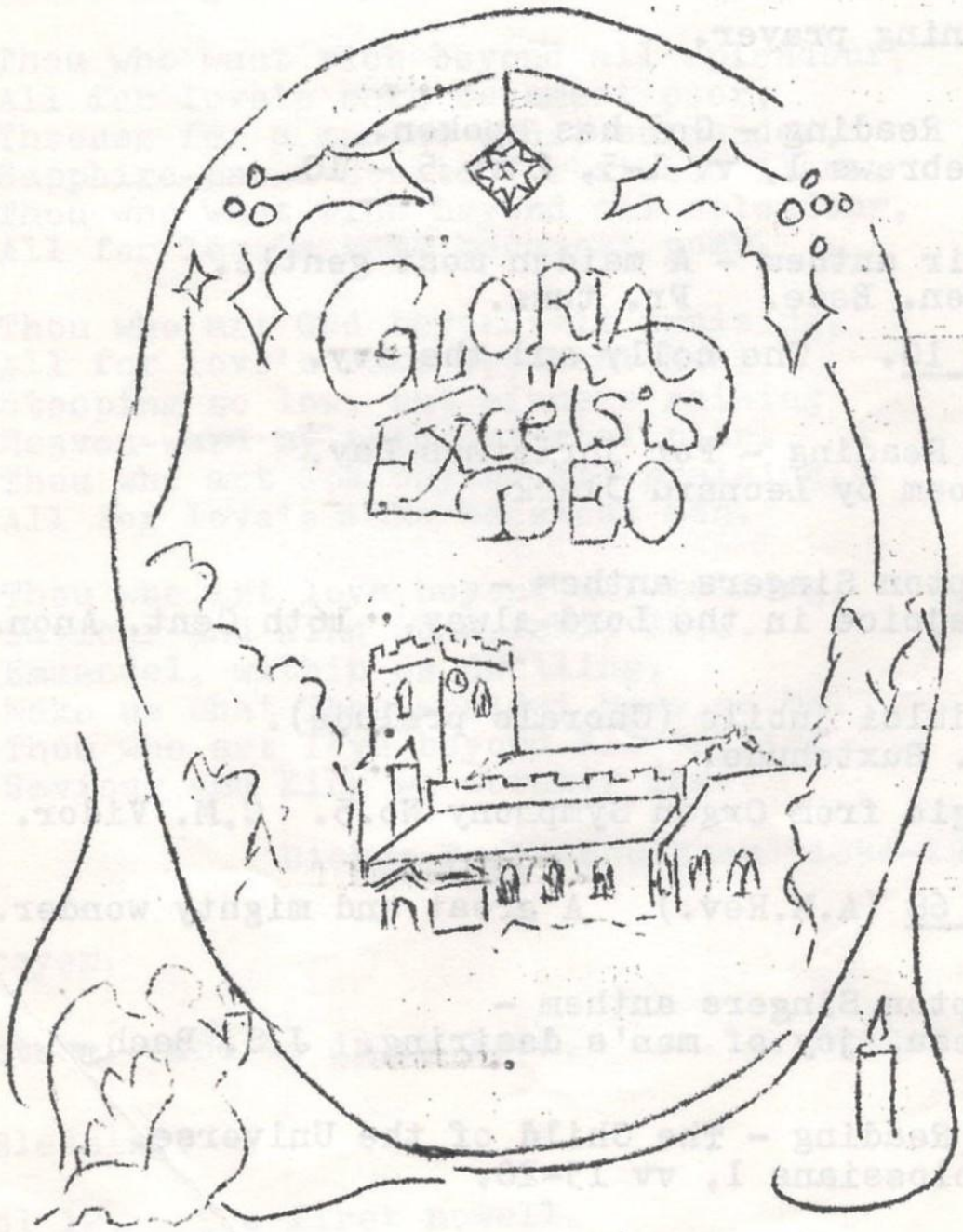

In this service tonight we are stepping outside of a traditional service of lessons and carols in order to 'hear' the message from a different perspective.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Carol 17. Hark the herald angels sing.

Opening prayer.

1st Reading - God has spoken.
Hebrews 1, vv 1-3, 2 vv 5 - 10.

Choir anthem - A maiden most gentle.
Ven. Bede. Fr. tune.

Carol 10. The holly and the ivy.

2nd Reading - For Christmas Day.
Poem by Leonard Clark.

Hampton Singers anthem -
Rejoice in the Lord alway. 16th Cent. Anon.

In dulci jubilo (Chorale prelude).
D. Buxtehude.

Adagio from Organ Symphony No.5. C.M. Vidor.

Carol 68 (A.M.Rev.) A great and mighty wonder.

Hampton Singers anthem -
Jesu, joy of man's desiring. J.S. Bach.

3rd Reading - The Child of the Universe.
Colossians 1, vv 13-20.

Carol The Calypso Carol (turn to the back).

Choir Anthem - The Nightingale Carol.
Mary Gair. Tune W. Dorfler.

4th Reading - Faith, Hope and Love.
Poem by Chandran Devanesen.

Carol 18. See, amid the winter snow(Collection).

Hampton Singers' hymn:

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest Man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heaven-ward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest Man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King we worship Thee,
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King we worship Thee.

Bishop Frank Houghton (1894-1972).

Prayer.

Anthem - God be in my head. arr. J. Rutter.

Blessing.

Carol 12. The first nowell.

Toccata from Organ Symphony No.5. C.M. Vidor.

The Calypso Carol:

See him lying on a bed of straw:
a draughty stable with an open door:
Mary cradling the babe she bore -
the prince of glory is his name.

O now carry me to Bethlehem
to see the Lord appear to men!
just as poor as was the stable then,
the prince of glory when he came.

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!

Angels, sing again the song you sang,
bring God's glory to the heart of man;
sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
be salvation to the soul.

Mine are riches, from your poverty;
from your innocence, eternity;
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,
child of sorrow for my joy.

We thank Les Smith, the Choir and the Musicians for their Christmas music, and Andrew Dicks and the Hampton Singers for sharing in this service.