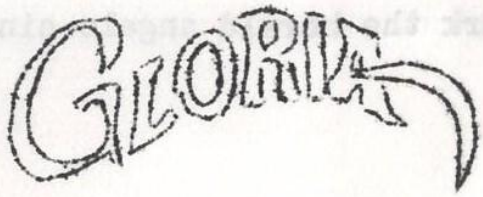
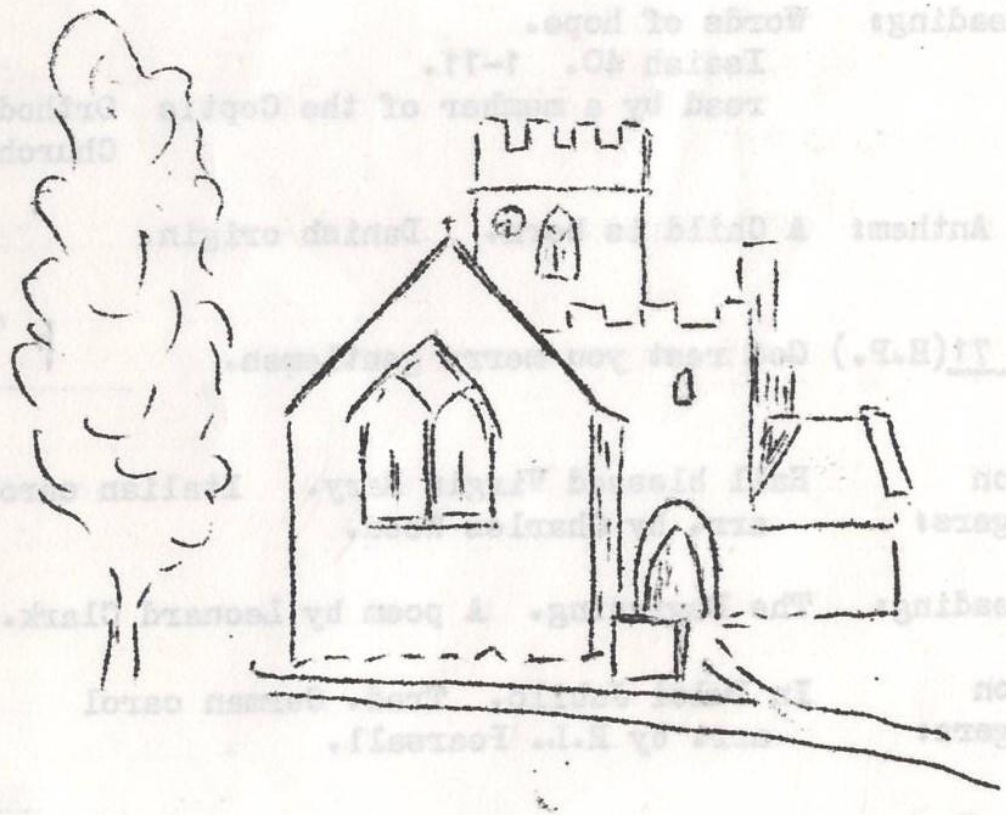
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Hampton-in-Arden Parish Church

6.30 p.m. December 29, 1985





In this service tonight let us particularly think how 'international' Christmas has now become. Our songs, carols and readings come from all over the world.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Carol 60(A. &.M.) Hark the herald angels sing. p 39

Opening Prayers.

1st Reading: Words of hope.
Isaiah 40. 1-11.
read by a member of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Choir Anthem: A Child is born. Danish origin.

Carol 71(H.P.) God rest you merry gentlemen. p 29

Hampton Singers: Hail blessed Virgin Mary. Italian carol arr. by Charles Wood. ×

2nd Reading: The Beginning. A poem by Leonard Clark.

Hampton Singers: In Dulci Jubilo. Trad. German carol arr. by R.L. Pearsall. p 42

Carol 68(A. & M.) A great and mighty wonder. German. p 1

Organ: Minuet and Tambourin from 'Alcina'
G.F. Handel arr. by H.A.Bate.

3rd Reading: The Word of Life.
1 John 1. 1-5 and 4. 7-16.

Hampton Singers: King Jesus hath a garden.
Dutch tune harmonised by Charles Wood.

Carol 81(H.P.) See him lying on a bed of straw. W. Indies.

Choir Anthem: Angels from heaven.
Polish origin.

4th Reading: Faith, Hope and Love.
A poem by Chandran Devanesen.

Solo: The first mercy. Bruce Blunt.

Carol 62(A. & M.) O little town of Bethlehem. U.S.A.
(Collection taken during this carol).

Hampton Singers: Ding dong! 16th Cent. French tune
arr. by M. Williamson.

Prayer.

Blessing.

Carol 84(H.P.) The First Nowell.

Organ voluntary. Carillon de Westminster.
Louis Vierne

Hark, hark, the wise Eternal Word
Like a weak infant cries:
In form of servant is the Lord,
And God in cradle lies.

Thomas Pestel (1584-1659).

Christmas Day

Good news: but if you ask me what it is, I know not;
It is a track of feet in the snow,
It is a lantern showing a path,
It is a door set open.

G.K. Chesterton.

We thank Les Smith and the Choir, Andrew Dicks and the Hampton Singers for this Christmas Celebration.