

10:00 a.m. Tsang Shiu Tim School
Wo Che Estate, Shatin

SHATIN ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Service of CAROLS & READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday 23rd December, 2007



Welcome and announcements

Dale Hanson

We welcome everyone to this morning's service of Carols and readings. In this service we celebrate the coming of Christ, and our Children will be taking a special part. Please stand for all the songs except Silent Night.



Jesus, You are my best friend
I could sing of Your love forever
Majesty
O come all ye faithful

Jon Keelty

Greeting & Invitation: This morning we open the scriptures to read the earliest account of the need of men and women for forgiveness from sin. We hear some of the prophecies from ancient times of God's intention to send his Servant King to save all humanity from eternal death. We hear the accounts of the birth of the child of Bethlehem. God revealed that He was the one who would die to make a way for us to enjoy eternal life.



As we listen and worship, let us pray for all the peoples of the world, that they may be drawn to Jesus, the Lord and Saviour of us all.

The Theme: "God does what He has promised"



The Prayers: Leader: Jesus is coming to us
All: **Thank you Father.**



Leader: Let us pray

**All: Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your
Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of
this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All: The Lord's Prayer

The First Lesson: Genesis 3 v8 - 15 **John Del Favero**
*God announces in the garden that the seed of the woman will
crush the Serpent's head.*

How deep the Father's love for us



The Second Lesson: Isaiah 40 v1 - 11 **Armilyn Lawas**
The Prophet speaks of the coming of the Lord.

It came upon a midnight clear



The Third Lesson: Micah 5 v2 - 5 **Mike Moulders**
*The prophet foretells the glory of Bethlehem and the coming
deliverance.*

O little Town of Bethlehem



The Fourth Lesson: St. Luke 2 : 1-7 **Wendy Hui**
St. Luke tells of the birth of the Christ Child.

Away in a Manger

The Children's Nativity Play & Songs

The day when Christ was born
Busy Little Town
Song of a Wise Man


The Children and Leaders go to their Christmas Party

The Fifth Lesson: St. Luke 2 : 8-12
The Shepherds are told of the birth of Jesus.

Brent Hauser

While Shepherds Watched



The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2 v13-20
 *The angels proclaim peace and the shepherds go to the manger.*

Linda Tse

Hark the Herald Angels Sing



The Seventh Lesson: Titus 2 v11 – 14 & 3 v 4 -7 Dale Hanson
Paul declares the purpose of Christ's coming in our life.

Sermon

“Can it be true?”

Dale Hanson

Silent Night

A Time of Silent Prayer



Please Stand.

Greeting of Peace

Dale Hanson

Offertory Hymn Joy to the World



Offering Prayer

The Blessing & Grace

Reprise



❧❧❧ Maranatha: Come Lord Jesus ❧❧❧



The Children's Nativity Songs



The day when Christ was born

Time moves on, goes so fast;
Another year will soon be past.
Christmas time comes, and so
Thoughts turn to that day so long ago.
The day when Christ was born,
The day when Christ the Lord was born.
The day when Christ was born,
That glorious day when Christ was born.



Busy Little Town

In the busy little town
Caesar's tax they've come to pay
People rushing up and down
They all need a place to stay
Joseph and his wife are there
They must find a place somewhere
The baby is expected soon
But there is no room



They must find a place somewhere
But there's none available
Just a stable vacant now
Every other place is full.
Jesus came from heaven to earth
That stable was his place of birth,
The best that they could offer Him,
No room at the inn, no room

Song for a Wise Man

Wise men searched in the night
Saw a star, shining bright.
New king born, this the sign,
They must go and find Him.
From afar came wise men,
And the star did guide them.

Gold they have for the king,
Frankincense and myrrh they bring.
First they kneel, then they bow,
See them worship Jesus.
From afar came wise men,
And the star did guide them.

If we too wise would be,
We must seek Him earnestly.
He alone gives true life
To all those who trust Him.
From afar came wise men,
And the star did guide them.

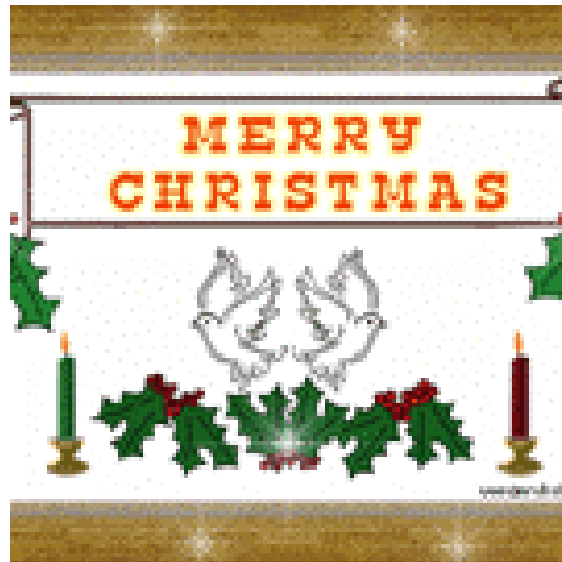




**You are invited to
A Christmas Celebration**

“For Unto us a child is born”

Tuesday 25th December 2007 10am



In Honour Of Jesus