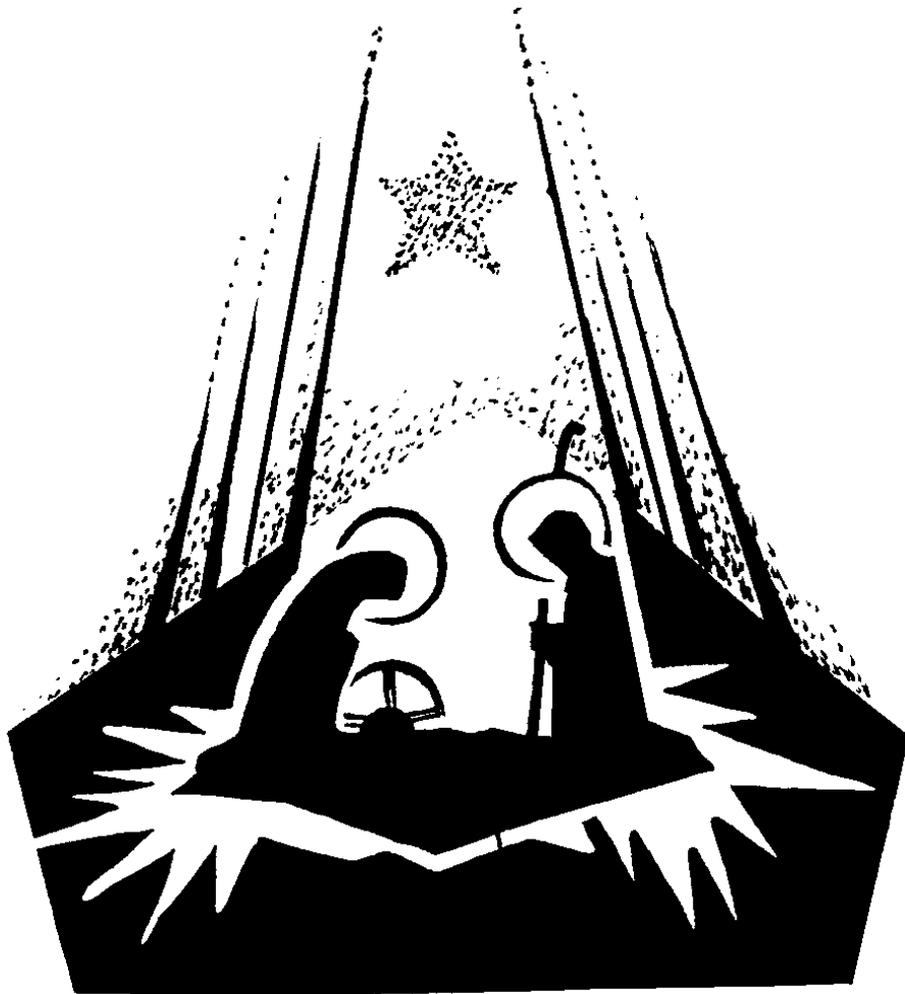


The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

Christmas Crib Service



(broadcast on Thursday 24th December 2020)

A very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us online via our YouTube channel.

Our Crib Service is an annual treat, but, obviously, this year we can't do things as we usually do. This year you are invited to join us from your homes as we see Mary, Joseph and Baarnabas the sheep arrive at the Vicarage in time for Christmas Day.

Many thanks to the children of our Church School (Yealand CofE Primary School) and our marvellous Junior Church who retell the story of the first Christmas for us.

Thanks, too, to Jill Kemp and Richard Gunther (www.lambsongs.co.nz) for generously sharing their creative talents.

All music is from the album 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas' (c) 2008 The Children's Choir

Music before the service

Ding, dong, merrily on high



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During the service we sing the following carols.

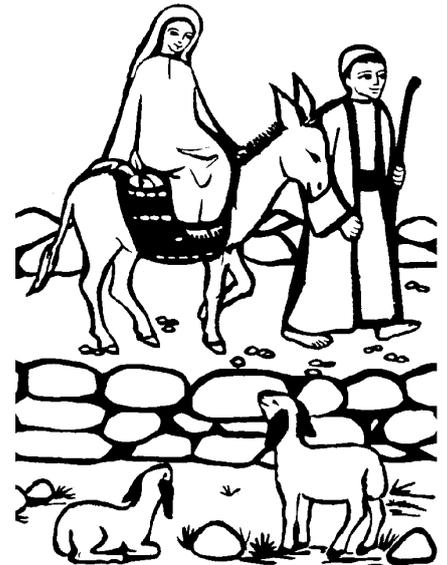
Carol Little donkey

Little donkey, little donkey, on the dusty road,
got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load.
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winter's night;
don't give up now, little donkey,
Bethlehem's in sight

*Ring out those bells tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Follow that star tonight,
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.*

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day.
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way.
Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way.

Eric Boswell (1921 – 2009)



Carol Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.



Traditional

Carol It was on a starry night

It was on a starry night
when the hills were bright,
earth lay sleeping,
sleeping calm and still;
then in a cattle shed,
in a manger bed
a boy was born,
King of all the world.



*And all the angels sang for him,
the bells of heaven rang for him;
for a boy was born, King of all the world.
And all the angels sang for him,
the bells of heaven rang for him;
for a boy was born, King of all the world.*

Soon the shepherds came that way
where the baby lay,
and were kneeling,
kneeling by his side.
And their hearts believed again,
for the peace of men;
for a boy was born,
King of all the world.



Major Joy Webb of the Salvation Army

Carol Come and join the celebration

*Come and join the celebration
It's a very special day
Come and share our jubilation;
There's a new King born today!*

See, the shepherds
Hurry down to Bethlehem,
Gaze in wonder
At the Son of God who lay before them
Come and join the celebration...



Wise men journey,
Led to worship by a star
Kneel in homage
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so
Come and join the celebration...

"God is with us"
Round the world the message bring
He is with us
"Welcome", all the bells on earth are pealing
Come and join the celebration...

Valerie Collison (b 1933)

Blessing

This Christmas
may we have the joy of the angels,
the wonder of the shepherds
and the giving hearts of the wise men;
and may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
rest on each one of us.

All **Amen.**



Music after the service

We wish you a merry Christmas

**We wish you all
a very happy and joyful
Christmas**



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