



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Advent 4

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Carolynn Croisdale Appleby

Organist: Edward Cross

*We have a Loop System – to access please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.
Please stand, if you are able, for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (*)
Prelude - Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr: Vincent Lubeck (1654-1750)*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn 145:** O little town of Bethlehem

During which the bible is taken to the pulpit

Opening Responses

Minister: When all seemed dark,

All: God sent us a Great Light.

Minister: In Jesus Christ

All: God's Joy was born among us.

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

All: On them the light has shone

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer *back cover of hymn book*

Candle Ceremony



Minister: We light this fourth candle rejoicing
in the gift of the Christ child born at Bethlehem.

All: **In our watching and waiting we recall
the gifts of all who knelt by the manger,
and we offer the gift of our lives to God.**

The fourth candle is lit

Minister: The gift of God is
All: **eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
O come, O come, Emmanuel**

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 151:** See him lying on a bed of straw

Readings: Luke 1.46-55 NT p.48

Luke 2. 1-7 N.T. p.49

this morning's reader is David Watson

Reader: In this is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

All Age Nativity 2024

*** Hymn 146:** Away in a Manger



Talk: Christmas Detective

OUR RESPONSE



* **Hymn 153:** On Christmas night all Christians sing

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* **Presentation of the Offering**

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.** *Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

We remain standing to sing * **Hymn: 159:** Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen *All Standing*

*Postlude - Praeludium in G: J.S.Bach (1685-1750)
Join us for Morning Coffee in the Alfred Ellis Hall*

