



Lifeboats



RNLI Wells-next-the-Sea  
Lifeboat Station

# A CAROL SERVICE AT THE BOATHOUSE

SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 at 5.30pm

LEAD BY

The Reverend Neil Woodruff, Chaplain RNLI Wells,  
Minister of Wells Congregational Church

Accompanied by The Fakenham Town Band and Wells Churches Together Choir

– ORDER OF SERVICE –

## WELCOME

Chris Hardy, Lifeboat Operations Manager RNLI Wells

### **CAROL:** *I Saw Three Ships*

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| 1. I saw three ships come sailing in<br>On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;<br>I saw three ships come sailing in<br>On Christmas Day in the morning.           | 3. The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,<br>On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;<br>The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,<br>On Christmas Day in the morning. |
| 2. And what was in those ships all three,<br>On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?<br>And what was in those ships all three,<br>On Christmas Day in the morning? | 4. Then let us all rejoice again,<br>On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;<br>Then let us all rejoice again,<br>On Christmas Day in the morning.                 |

## READING

The Angel Gabriel Salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Luke 1 verses 26-35 & 38*

Read by Sarah, Countess of Leicester, Vice President of RNLI Wells

### **CAROL:** *Once in Royal David's City*

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| 1. Once in Royal David's city<br>Stood a lowly cattle shed,<br>Where a Mother laid her Baby<br>In a manger for His bed.<br>Mary was that Mother mild,<br>Jesus Christ her little Child.                         | 3. And through all His wondrous childhood<br>He would honour and obey,<br>Love and watch the lowly maiden<br>In whose gentle arms He lay.<br>Christian children all must be<br>Mild, obedient, good as He.      |
| 2. He came down to earth from Heaven,<br>Who is God and Lord of all,<br>And His shelter was a stable,<br>And His cradle was a stall.<br>With the poor, and mean, and lowly,<br>Lived on earth our Saviour Holy. | 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him,<br>Through His own redeeming Love,<br>For that Child so dear and gentle<br>Is our Lord in Heaven above;<br>And He leads His children on<br>To the place where He is gone |

## READING

St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

*Luke 2 verses 1-7*

Read by Sandra King, Chair of RNLI Wells Lifeboat Fundraising Guild

**CAROL: *Unto Us a Boy is Born***

1. Unto us a boy is born  
King of all creation,  
Came he to a world forlorn  
The Lord of every nation,  
The Lord of every nation.
2. Cradled in a stall was He  
With sleepy cows and asses  
But the very beasts could see  
That He all men surpasses.
3. Herod then with fear was filled:  
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"  
All the little boys he killed  
At Bethlem in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's Son, who came  
So long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame  
Unto the joys above us.
5. Omega and Alpha He!  
Let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee  
Doth rend the air asunder.

**READING**

St. Luke Tells of the Shepherds Visit to the Manger

*Luke 2 verses 8-16*

Read by Fred Whitaker ALB Crew RNLI Wells

**CAROL: *While Shepherds Watched***

1. While shepherds watched their flocks  
by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind,  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.'
3. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
And in a manger laid.'
4. Thus, spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, and thus  
Addressed their joyful song;
6. 'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven  
to men  
Begin and never cease.'









## READING

The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus

*Matthew 2 verses 1-12*

Read by Nicky King Coxswain Mechanic RNLI Wells

## POEM

little tree by E.E. Cummins

Read by Molly Frary

## THE ADDRESS

The Reverend Brenda Stewart St Nicholas Church, Wells

### **CAROL:** *As With Gladness*

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| 1. As with gladness men of old<br>Did the guiding star behold?<br>As with joy they hailed its light,<br>Leading onward, beaming bright,<br>So, most gracious God, may we<br>Evermore be led to thee. | 3. As they offered gifts most rare<br>At that manger rude and bare<br>So may we with holy joy,<br>Pure, and free from sin's alloy,<br>All our costliest treasures bring,<br>Christ, to thee our heavenly King. |
| 2. As with joyful steps they sped<br>To that lowly manger bed,<br>There to bend the knee before<br>Him whom heaven and earth adore,<br>So may we with willing feet<br>Ever seek thy mercy seat.      | 4. Holy Jesus, every day<br>Keep us in thy narrow way;<br>And, when earthly things are past,<br>Bring our ransomed souls at last<br>Where they need no star to guide,<br>Where no clouds thy glory hide.       |

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

The Reverend Neil Woodruff, Chaplain RNLI Wells,  
Minister of Wells Congregational Church

### **CAROL: *Hark the Herald Angel's Sing***

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| 1. Hark! The herald angels sing<br>Glory to the new born King,<br>Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br>God and sinners reconciled.<br>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br>Join the triumph of the skies;<br>With the Angelic host proclaim,<br>Christ is born in Bethlehem.<br>Hark! The herald angels sing<br>Glory to the new born King. | Hail the Incarnate Deity!<br>Pleased as Man with man to dwell,<br>Jesus, our Emmanuel!<br>Hark! The herald-angels sing<br>Glory to the new-born King,   |
| 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,<br>Christ, the everlasting Lord,<br>Late in time behold Him come,<br>Offspring of a Virgin's womb!<br>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  | 3. Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!<br>Hail the Sun of Righteousness!<br>Light and life to all He brings,<br>Risen with healing in His wings,<br>Mild, He lays His glory by,<br>Born that man no more may die,<br>Born to raise the sons of earth,<br>Born to give them second birth.<br>Hark! The herald-angels sing<br>Glory to the new-born King. |

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Peter Rainsford: *Chair Wells Lifeboat Station Management Group*

Thank you for joining us this evening and for your support throughout the year.  
Thank you to Fakenham Town Band, and the Holkham Estate for courtesy car parking,  
thank you to Del's Nursery of Sculthorpe for our Christmas Tree, and the Wells Churches  
Together Choir and PJH Sound Systems

Please keep this as a reminder of our 2022 Carol Service and a reminder of the service  
the Wells Lifeboats give all day, every day of the year. The RNLI is the Charity that  
Saves Lives at Sea, thanks to public generosity. Your gifts, bequests and prayers play an  
essential part in maintaining our service to those in peril on the sea.

A collection will be made this evening.



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