

3. Gifts of perfumed oil, so rare,  
Tell that one day there'll be sorrow He must bear.  
*Follow the star.....*

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:- Unto us a boy is born**

Unto us is born a son, King of choirs supernal:  
See on earth his life begun, Of lords the Lord eternal, Of lords the Lord eternal.

2. Christ, from heav'n descending low, Comes on earth a stranger;  
Ox and ass their Owner know, Becradled in a manger. Becradled in a manger.

3. Of his love and mercy mild, Hear the Christmas story:  
O that Mary's gentle Child might lead us up to glory! Might lead us up to glory!

4. O and A and A and O, Cum cantibus in choro,  
Let the merry organ go, Benedicamus Domino. Benedicamus Domino

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:- O Come All Ye Faithful**

O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels;  
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with low--ly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *O come, let us adore Him...*

Lo! star led chieftains, magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer Him in--ce--nse, go--ld, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations. *O come, let us adore...*

Sing, choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,  
Si--ng, all ye citizens of Heaven above:  
"Glory to Go--d i--n th--e highest!" *O come, let us adore Him...*

## **SAPSMA Abbey Service 2025 – Children's Word Sheet**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL :- It came upon the midnight clear**

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not the love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing.

**CAROL :- Christmas has Started (Songs for Every Christmas)**

Have you noticed the Christmas trees? The mistletoe and the holly wreaths?  
Coloured lanterns for all to see? It's so pretty along our street.  
CHORUS Christmas has started, Presents and parties,  
Music and dancing into the night. Singing and laughter,  
Raising the rafters, Have yourselves a wonderful time!

Have you heard all the Christmas songs?  
The choirs and carols and church ding-dong?  
Festive favourites from ages gone? It's so lovely to sing along. CHORUS

Have you tasted the Christmas food? The deep mince pies and the figgy pud?  
Sweet satsumas and chestnuts too, Turkey dinner for me and you? CHORUS

Have you put on your Christmas hat? Pulled a cracker and said, 'How's that?'  
Played with presents that you've unwrapped  
Or watched the telly and had a nap? CHORUS x 2

Have yourselves a, Go have yourselves a,  
Have yourselves a wonderful time!

**CAROL:- Emmanuel (When is he coming?)**

1 When is he coming, when oh when is he coming the Redeemer?  
When will we see him, when oh when will we see him the Redeemer?

*Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there,  
from your kingdom up there above.  
Come, oh come to your people on earth,  
to your people on earth bring love.  
Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!*

2 Long years awaiting, many years here awaiting the Redeemer.  
Ready to greet him, always ready to meet him, the Redeemer.  
Come, oh come....

**CAROL:- Now tell us gentle Mary**

Now tell us gentle Mary, what did Gabriel say to thee?  
Now tell us of the tidings that he brought to Galilee.  
*He told me I was favoured, that I would be the one  
God chose to be the mother of Jesus, his own son. (repeat)*

Now tell us gentle Mary of the birth of Christ that morn.  
Now tell us of Christ Jesus, where it was that he was born.  
*Not in a palace glorious, not in a silken bed,  
But in a stable humble did Jesus lay his head. (repeat)*

Now tell us gentle Mary, was he to all people sent?  
Now tell us we beseech thee, was Christ Jesus for us meant?  
*Yes, God so loved his people He sent his only son,  
To be the friend and guide and hope of everyone. (repeat)*

**CAROL:- No Room at the Inn**

No room at the inn! All reservations were made in the spring.  
We're full to the brim, sorry we can't let you in.  
No room at the inn! We're fully booked and the party's in swing.  
Please, pardon the din! Sorry we can't let you in.  
*Mary, Joseph, tell me what you're gonna do?  
There is no way you'll be getting bed and breakfast for two.*

No room at the inn! I'd say your chances are probably slim,  
We've not got a thing, sorry we can't let you in.  
No room at the inn! Just take a look at the state that you're in!  
Say, where have you been? Sorry we can't let you in. *Mary, Joseph...*

No room at the inn! Everyone's saying the very same thing.  
We'd take anything, somebody please let us in.

We've room at the inn, it wouldn't exactly be fit for a king!  
Here, give me your things, hope you don't mind mucking in!

**CAROL:- Down to Bethlehem**

1. Down to Bethlehem the shepherds run in celebration  
Of the birth of him whose life means hope for every nation.  
*Ay! Ay! Ay! With the pipe and the drum,  
And guitar is merrily strumming, the shepherds happily running.*
2. Soon they come down to the manger which Christ was born in,  
Greeting him with songs and dancing on that happy morning.  
*Ay! Ay! Ay!.....*
3. From that day the word of Jesus has been penetrating  
Through the world, which has so long for love and hope been waiting.  
*Ay! Ay! Ay!.....*
4. Come and join us in this dance and fill the world with singing.  
Jesus calls the tune that changes us, a new life beginning.  
*Ay! Ay! Ay!.....*

**CAROL:- Follow the Star**

*Follow the star! Follow the Star!  
Let its light shine before you through the darkest night.  
Follow the star no matter where it may lead  
Till the end of your journey is in sight!*

1. Gifts of precious gold I bring;  
Gold, to signify that one day He'll be King. *Follow the star....*
2. Gifts of frankincense confess  
That his life shall be a life of Godliness. *Follow the star.....*