

Reflections

Please do not feel the need to wait until the concluding music has finished before leaving.

Please leave quietly.

If you would like someone to pray privately with you, please walk round to one of the side aisles.

Please take this sheet home with you.

Please join us for our next Reflections on 1 February at 6pm, which will be about unconditional love.

If you would like to be part of the Reflections team – please let one of us know.

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**A quiet contemplative service
lasting about 40 minutes**



WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM?

**Sunday 4 January
6pm**

**The Parish Church of
St Andrew and St Cuthman,
Steyning**

REFLECTIONS

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WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM?

ENTRY MUSIC

Gregorian Chants Honour and Praise
God - Rite of Prayer, God in the
Monastery

MUSIC

In the Bleak Mid Winter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind
made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a
stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow
on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.
Our God, Heaven cannot hold him, nor
earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when
he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place
sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Enough for him, whom cherubim,
worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full
of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels fall
before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.
Angels and archangels may have
gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the
air;
But his mother only, in her maiden
bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC

The Gift of Each Day

The gift of each day
Rising out of the darkness
The promise of light
And the birth of new life
The dawn of new hope
And a new beginning
If we turn to the light
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The gift of each day
Stirring all around us
The sights of the earth and sea and sky
Forever fresh as the day we first saw
them
Forever new as creation's first day

Domine gratias agimus tibi
Lord we give you thanks
Blessing and praise
Behold creation so filled with miracles
Benedictus es, benedictus es Domine

The gift of each day has been freely
granted
The gift of creation in glory revealed.
We thank you Lord for all its blessings
We thank you Lord for the gift of each
day
Your good gift of each day
We thank you Lord for the gift of each
day

*Performed by The Choir of Clare College
Cambridge, conductor: Graham Ross
By John Rutter (b1945)*

PRAYERS

Heavenly father,
As we bid farewell to the past year,

All: **We thank you for your
faithfulness through every
season.**

Thank you for the blessings, the
lessons, and your presence in both
our joys and challenges.

As we step into this new year,

All: **We place our hopes and plans
in your hands.**

Help us to lean not on our own
understanding, but to be guided by
your Word and your Holy Spirit
living in us. Fill us with peace and
purpose; guide us by your wisdom
and love.

Thank you that every day is a new
day in creation where we can learn
to seek you and learn to follow
your way. Help us to trust you in all
that lies ahead

All: **Knowing that you promise to
walk with us every step of the
way.**

In Jesus' name

All: **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a
lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my
part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.
Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

POEM

Ring Out, Wild Bells

Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful
rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

BIBLE READING

Like good stewards of the manifold
grace of God, serve one another with
whatever gift each of you has received.
Whoever speaks must do so as one
speaking the very words of God;
whoever serves must do so with the
strength that God supplies, so that
God may be glorified in all things
through Jesus Christ. To him belong the
glory and the power for ever and ever.

1 Peter 4:10-11

MUSIC INTO REFLECTION

Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est

*(Where charity and love are found,
God is there)*

*From a text attributed to Paulinus of
Aquileia (c796)*

*Performed by the Songs of Taizé Session
Singers*

*Music: Jacques Berthier © 1979, Les
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PERIOD OF SILENT REFLECTION (10-15 minutes)

Please feel free to move to different
areas of the church, if you wish, to
reflect and pray.

MUSIC OUT OF REFLECTION

Ubi Caritas (Taizé) as before

MEDITATION ON BIBLE VERSES

Matthew 14:23 - After dismissing the
crowds, he went up to the mountain
by himself to pray. When it was
evening he was there alone.

Acts 2:46 - Day by day continuing
with one mind in the temple, and
breaking bread from house to house,
they were taking their meals
together with gladness and sincerity
of heart.

Matthew 28:19 - Therefore go and
make disciples of all nations, baptising
them in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should
chase whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as faithful
stewards of God's grace.

Proverbs 11:25 - A generous person
will prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.

1 Cor 10:31 - So whether you eat or
drink or whatever you do, do it all
for the glory of God.