



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10.30am EVERY SUNDAY**  
**in the Lodge, unless there is Family Church in the afternoon.**  
**Sunday School returns on 8th January at 10:30**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION 11.15pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am WITH CAROLS AND COMMUNION** Children are invited to bring one of their presents

**PARISH DIARY**

**Sunday 15th Jan 12.00** ST MICHAEL'S PLAYERS IN "THERE CAME THREE SOLDIERS"

**Sunday 23rd Jan 3.45pm** PARTY CHURCH IN ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RECTORY**

Ann and Peter would like to thank everyone for their friendship and support last year. It has been a very exciting year with the building and opening of our new Lodge with all its new opportunities for outreach in the community with our children and young people's work, Alpha course, social events etc.

Please introduce yourselves if we haven't met and fill in a welcome leaflet in the pew if you are new

Rector – Revd Ann Templeman [anntempleman@live.co.uk](mailto:anntempleman@live.co.uk)

01772 448515

The Rectory, 69 Liverpool Old Road Much Hoole, PR44RB

[www.hooleparishchurch.com](http://www.hooleparishchurch.com)

St Michael and All Angels, Hoole

Crib Service

The Nativity Story

4pm 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only  
Son..."*

## Welcome and Introduction

### The Nativity Story including:

#### Carol No 1 O Little Town of Bethlehem

##### Carol See him lying on a bed of straw

See him lying on a bed of straw:

a draughty stable with an open door;

Mary cradling the babe she bore

the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem*

*to see the Lord of love again:*

*just as poor as was the stable then,*

*the prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,

show where Jesus in the manger lies;

shepherds, swiftly from your stupor

rise

to see the saviour of the world!

*O now carry me...*

Angels, sing again the song you sang,

sing the glory of God's gracious plan;

Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can

be the saviour of us all.

*O now carry me...*

Mine are riches, from your poverty,

from your innocence, eternity;

mine, forgiveness by your death for

me,

child of sorrow for my joy.

*O now carry me...*

#### Carol No 6 Away in a manger

##### Talk

*A collection for the work of the church will be taken in the next hymn*

*Please use the yellow envelopes if you are a taxpayer*

##### Carol

##### From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

From the squalor of a borrowed  
stable,

By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;

To the anguish and the shame of  
scandal

Came the Saviour of the human race.

But the skies were filled with the  
praise of heaven,

Shepherds listen as the angels tell

Of the Gift of God come down to  
man

At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of  
sinners,

Humble servant in the Father's  
hands,

Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,

Filled with mercy for the broken  
man.

Yes, He walked my road and He felt

my pain,

Joys and sorrows that I know so well;

Yet His righteous steps give me hope  
again –

I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's  
betrayal,

He was lifted on a cruel cross;

He was punished for a world's  
transgressions,

He was suffering to save the lost.

He fights for breath, He fights for  
me,

Loosing sinners from the claims of  
hell;

And with a shout our souls are free –  
Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of  
honour,

Crowned with glory on the highest  
throne,

Interceding for His own beloved

Till His Father calls to bring them  
home!

Then the skies will part as the

trumpet sounds

Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;

But the Bride will run to her Lover's  
arms,

Giving glory to Immanuel!

##### Prayers & Lord's Prayer

##### Carol No —O Come all ye Faithful (omitting last verse)

##### Blessing.