

Welcome to Smyrna Welsh Baptist Chapel
W Bro The Rev'd Alistair E J Swinford PSGD AsstProvGM

Introductory Address

W Bro C Hugh Thomas JP OStJ PGStdB
on behalf of The Trustees of the Bridgend Masonic Lodges Charitable Trust.

Opening Hymn: No 19 "Once in Royal David's City"

The Bidding Prayer

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Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purpose of God from the first days of our disobedience unto glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all His people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build.

And because this would rejoice His heart, let us remember, in His name, the poor and helpless, the cold and hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love Him not, or who by sin have grieved His heart.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

The Lord's Prayer

The Invitatory Carol: No 2 "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"

1st Lesson: God declares in the garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head: *Genesis 3. v 13-15*
The Master of Penybont Lodge 6743: W Bro Mike Flanagan
Carol: No 14 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

2nd Lesson: God promises to Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: *Genesis 22. v 15-18*
The Master of Llangeinor Lodge 4194: W Bro David Gamage-Dawkins
Carol: No 9 The Holly and The Ivy

3rd Lesson: Christ's birth and Kingdom are foretold by the prophet. *Isaiah 9. v 2, 6, 7*
The Master of Dewi Sant Lodge 9067: W Bro Arwyn Reynolds (Eng & Welsh)
Carol: No 20 On Christmas Night the Angels Sing

4th Lesson: The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown *Isiah 11*
The Master of Morganwg Lodge 5084: W Bro Corin Morgan Armstrong
Carol: No 1 O Little Town of Bethlehem

5th Lesson: The Angel Gabriel Visits the Blessed Virgin Mary *Luke 1. v 26-33,38*
The Master of Ogmores Lodge 1752: W Bro Jim Underhill
Carol: No 18 Angels From The Realms Of Glory

6th Lesson: St. Matthew tells of Christ's Nativity *St. Matthew 1. v 18-23*
The Master of Adare Lodge 9247: W Bro Keith N Williams
Carol: No 8 See Amid the Winter Snow

7th Lesson: The Shepherds Go Unto The Manger *St. Luke 2. v 8-16*
The Master of Ewenny Lodge 8485: W Bro Richard Stephens
Carol No 7 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night.

8th Lesson: The Wise Men Are Led By The Star To Jesus *St. Matthew 2. v 1-11*
Assistant Provincial Grand Master: W Bro William Jenkins PSGD AProvGM
Carol No 4 As with Gladness Men of Old

ALL PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

9th Lesson: St John Unfolds The Mystery Of The Incarnation: *St. John 1 v 1-14*
Provincial Grand Chaplain: W Bro Rev'd Edward Dowland-Owen PrGChap
Carol No 12 O Come All Ye Faithful

A collection will be taken for Smyrna Chapel and the Provincial Samaritan Fund during the singing of this Carol

Collect & Blessing: W Bro Rev'd Edward Dowland-Owen *Provincial Grand Chaplain*

Minister: The Lord be with you:

All: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray:

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thine Only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

All: Amen.

Minister:

Christ, who by His Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Closing Carol: No 10

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing