



# Carols Around the Christmas Tree



## Opening Prayer

### 1. O Come All ye Faithful

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!*

God of Gods,  
 Light of Light,  
 Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
 Very God,  
 Begotten, not created:  
 Sing, choir of Angels,  
 Sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of  
 Heaven above:  
 'Glory to God  
 In the highest':



### A short Christmas Reading

*Followed by*

### Blessing of the Tree

### 2. Once in Royal David's City

ONCE in royal David's city,  
 Stood a lowly cattle-shed,  
 Where a mother laid her Baby,  
 In a manger for His bed,  
 Mary was that mother mild,  
 Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
 Who is God and Lord of all,  
 And His shelter was a stable;  
 And his cradle was a stall.  
 With the poor and mean and lowly,  
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern;  
 Day by day, like us, He grew;  
 He was little, weak, and helpless,  
 Tears and smiles, like us He knew;

And He cares when we are sad,  
 And he shares when we are glad.

### The children of Shrivenham School will now sing "My King"

A collection, for village  
 good causes, will take place  
 during the next carol

### 3. The Holly and the Ivy

THE holly and the ivy,  
 When they are both full grown,  
 Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
 The holly bears the crown:  
*The rising of the sun,*  
*And the running of the deer,*  
*The playing of the merry organ,*  
*Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a berry,  
 As red as any blood,  
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
 To do poor sinners good:

The holly bears a prickle,  
 As sharp as any thorn,  
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
 On Christmas day in the morn:

The holly bears a bark,  
 As bitter as any gall,  
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
 For to redeem us all

### 4. Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my true  
 love sent to me  
 A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas my true love  
 sent to me  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas my true love  
 sent to me

Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true  
 love sent to me  
 Four calling birds  
 Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.



On the fifth day of Christmas my true  
 love sent to me  
 Five gold rings  
 Four calling birds  
 Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true  
 love sent to me  
 Six geese a-laying  
 Five gold rings  
 Four calling birds  
 Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of  
 Christmas my true love sent  
 to me  
 Seven swans a-swimming  
 Six geese a-laying  
 Five gold rings  
 Four calling birds  
 Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.



On the eighth day of  
 Christmas my true love sent  
 to me  
 Eight maids a-milking  
 Seven swans a-swimming  
 Six geese a-laying  
 Five gold rings  
 Four calling birds  
 Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.



On the ninth day of  
 Christmas my true love sent  
 to me  
 Nine ladies dancing  
 Eight maids a-milking  
 Seven swans a-swimming  
 Six geese a-laying  
 Five gold rings  
 Four calling birds  
 Three French hens  
 Two turtle doves and  
 A partridge in a pear tree.



On the tenth day of Christmas my true love  
sent to me  
Ten Lords a-leaping  
Nine ladies dancing  
Eight maids a-milking  
Seven swans a-swimming  
Six geese a-laying  
Five gold rings  
Four calling birds  
Three French hens  
Two turtle doves and  
A partridge in a pear tree.



On the eleventh day of Christmas my true  
love sent to me  
Eleven pipers piping  
Ten Lords a-leaping  
Nine ladies dancing  
Eight maids a-milking  
Seven swans a-swimming  
Six geese a-laying  
Five gold rings  
Four calling birds  
Three French hens  
Two turtle doves and  
A partridge in a pear tree.



On the twelfth day of Christmas my true  
love sent to me  
Twelve drummers drumming  
Eleven pipers piping  
Ten Lords a-leaping  
Nine ladies dancing  
Eight maids a-milking  
Seven swans a-swimming  
Six geese a-laying  
Five gold rings  
Four calling birds  
Three French hens  
Two turtle doves and  
A partridge in a pear tree.



*The Ringers from  
St Andrew's Church will  
now play "Good King  
Wenceslas"*

## Final Blessing



### 5. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

**H**ARK! the herald-angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the Angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail the Incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heavenly Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild, He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Father Christmas visits  
with sweets for the  
children*



S A D S  
presents  
**Cinderella**

*Shrivenham Memorial Hall*



**3rd, 4th, 5th January**  
**7.30pm (Sat Matinee 2pm)**  
*Tickets from: Hardware, IV Florist, Post  
Office, Prince of Wales*

## The Woozel Hunt

**An opportunity for all  
the family to walk off the  
Christmas dinner**

Dress up as huntsmen, bring  
mince pies for bait and have a  
corny joke to hand....or dress  
up as a saboteur and bring a  
placard!

**- Boxing Day -  
at 10.15am**

Meet at the  
Village Christmas Tree  
**HOUND RACES**  
**MULLED DRINKS**  
**MINCE PIES**  
**PRIZES**

£1 adults or 50p children



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for supporting this event:*

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*Shrivenham Village Fete Committee wish everyone  
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

