

St Mary the Virgin Church Great Brickhill



Review of 2025 Christmas Services and Events

All the Christmas services went well, bringing to life the real meaning of the Christmas story.

Thank you to the many who contributed to any, or all, of the events and services.

THE VILLAGE NATIVITY

Our start to the Christmas celebration began with the Village Nativity on Sunday 21st December, moved this year to a slightly different location, the Parish Hall car park. Over 30 people contributed to this enactment of the Christmas story.



**Part of the much larger crowd than
other years - we ran out of Carol Sheets
quite early. This year featured children
accompanying the adult characters**



**The duet of
Daisy and
Rupert who
started the
carols with the
first verse of
“Once in Royal
David’s city”**

The musicians Andrew & Margretta



Sophia & Lewis who led the singing



The narrator & readers – John, Julia & James





With “No Room at the Inn”, Mary and Joseph are sent to the stable



**Jesus is born and soon after the
Angel Gabriel appears**

The
shepherds
approach
with their
sheep





The Kings
arrive with
their gifts
of gold,
frankincense
and myrrh



The scene is complete. With many thanks to all who took part or contributed in any way.

CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE:

We had two very successful evenings carol singing round the village, covering all of the planned route in the limited time available. There were a good number of singers of all ages. Thank you to all the singers and collectors for their help over both weeks.



**The carol singers for the first evening
on Pound Hill**



Thank you to the Cricket Club for their
hospitality at the end of the first evening



**The carol singers on the second evening,
thankfully it was dry and mild again**



**In The Old Red Lion at the end of the final evening. The total raised over both days was £902, an all-time record.
Thank you to all who gave so generously.**

THE CHURCH DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS:

The church looked as wonderful as ever for our Christmas services, thanks to the skill and dedication of the small band of flower arrangers. We are truly thankful to have such talented at St Mary's.

And, thank you to John and James Hunter for providing the lovely Christmas tree which adorned the entrance to the church and the wreath on the Advent window.

The flowers above the altar



The displays in the windows on the north wall



The displays in
the porch to
welcome all
our visitors



The Children's Corner window and the three Kings





The crib
on the
font

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE:-

There was standing room only on Christmas Eve for our Carol Service. The singing by the choir and congregation was wonderful - many thanks to the choir, and especially to Jerry Breslin for all his hard work in the preparation of the music content of the service.

An
atmospheric
approach to
the church



**Rupert sings the first verse of “Once in Royal ...”
from the Lady Chapel and the choir then**





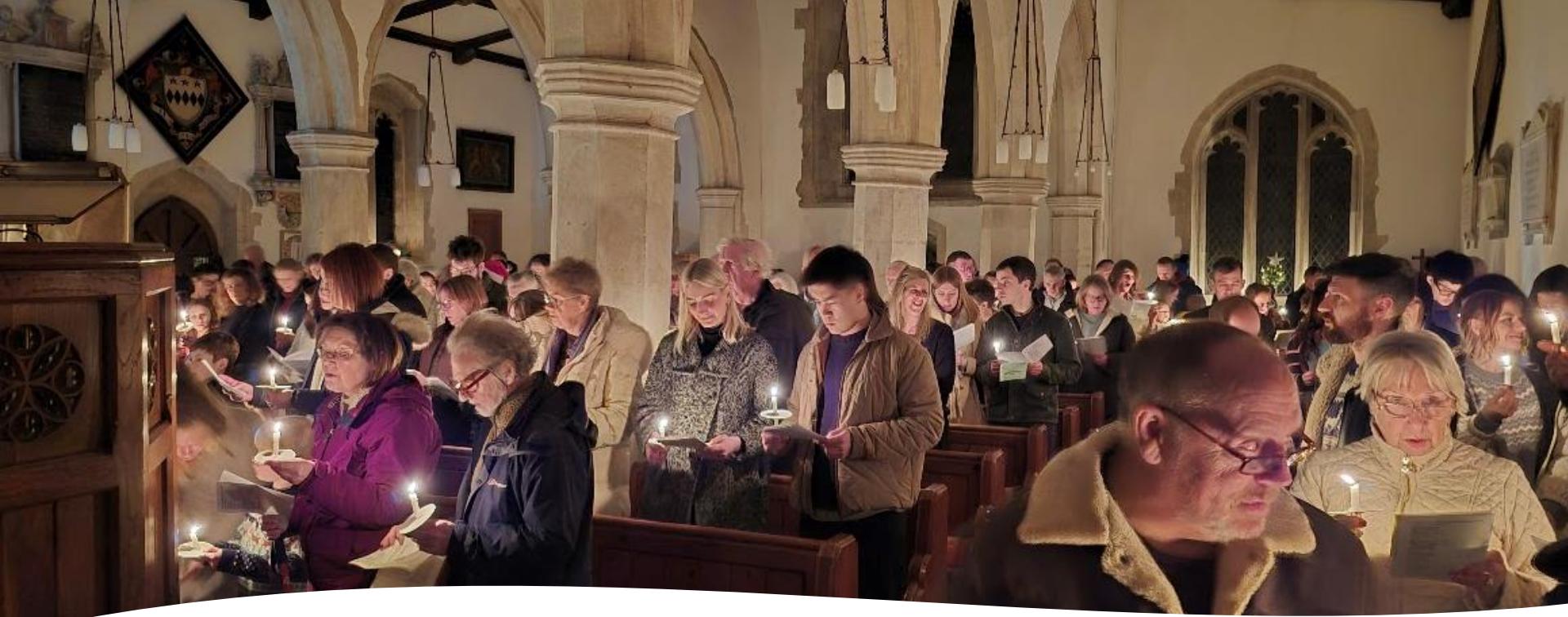
..... process to the choir stalls



**Some of the children come forward to sing the
first verse of “Away in a Manger”**



**Andrew &
Margretta
provide the
music for the
choir piece
“Mary did you
know”**



**The lights are dimmed for the last part
of the service,**



.... and the service ends by candle-light



.... with the final carol “Hark the
Herald Angels Sing”

CHRISTMAS MORNING HOLY COMMUNION:-

The Holy Communion service on Christmas Day was well attended, and the singing was led by an all-male choir



The altar prepared for Christmas

The all-male choir end the service with a wonderful rendition of Gaudete



THE ADVENT WINDOWS:-

The first Advent Window was lit on Sunday 1st December and a new window was lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. They again created a lovely walk around the village over the festive season.

Thank you to Claire Pincott for again co-ordinating the windows.

One of the
Advent
windows that
were lit each
day from 1st
December,
.... No 18 in
daylight



..... and No 18 lit up at night



Window Number 13





The final
window lit
at the
church on
Christmas
Eve

**AND WE NOW LOOK FORWARD
TO 2026**

Happy New Year!