



# St Ives Uniting Church

24<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Christmas Eve

### Service of Lessons and Carols

**Welcome and opening prayer**

**Carol** - 265 O come, O come, Emmanuel

**First Lesson** - Genesis 3: 8-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

**Carol** - 322 The North wind

**Second Lesson** – Genesis 22: 15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

**Carol** - 313 Good Christians all rejoice

**Third Lesson** - Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.*

**Carol** - 316 O little town of Bethlehem

**Fourth Lesson** - Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

**Video** – Christmas Bowl

**Fifth Lesson** - Luke 1: 26-35; 38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the virgin Mary.*

**Carol** - 311 Silent night

**Sixth Lesson** - Luke 2: 1; 3-7

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**Carol** - 299 While shepherds watched their flocks

**Seventh Lesson** - Luke 2: 8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

**Carol** - 318 Away in a manger

**Eighth Lesson** - Matthew 2: 1-12

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

**Carol** - 314 As with gladness

**Ninth Lesson** - John 1: 1-14

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**Christmas message and blessing**

**Carol** - 303 Hark the herald angels

