

St Peter's Church Darwen



'Comfort & Joy' Readings & Music for Christmas Sunday 20th December 2020 6.30pm

Welcome

The Bidding Prayer *ending with*
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Reading 1 – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The prophecy of the Messiah's Birth

Advent Approach

Song – He shall feed his sheep by G. F. Handel

Reading 2 – Luke 1:26-38 The Annunciation to Mary

Music – In Dulci Jubilo by J.S. Bach

Reading 3 – Luke 2:1-7 The birth of Jesus

Song – The Virgins Slumber Song by Max Reger



Reading 4 – Luke 2:8-16 The shepherds go to the manger

Music – Variation on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Reading 5 – Matthew 2:1-11 the Magi are led by a star to Jesus



Song – O Holy Night

Gospel Reading – John 1:1-14

Music - The Holly and the Ivy by Sumsion

Poem – Maybe

Reflection

Prayers & Blessing

Music – O Come all ye faithful by Eric Thiman

Thank you to our organist Karen Au and our singer, Sarah Louise Briggs for the beautiful music we have had as part of our service this evening and also to our readers for

taking part and telling the Christmas story
once again

May we wish you all a very happy
Christmas and New Year

