



## **St. Matthew's Church**

### **December 20<sup>th</sup> – A Service of Lessons and Carols**

**1. O come, all ye faithful**

**The Bidding Prayer**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7: Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah**

**2. Away in a manger – St. Matthews School, 2nd Class**

**Isaiah 11:1-9 The peaceful Kingdom**

**3. O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Luke 1: 26-38 The birth of Jesus foretold**

**4. Silent Night**

**Matthew 1:18-23 The birth of Jesus the Messiah**

**5. Calypso Carol- St. Matthews School, Senior infants**

**Luke 2: 8-16 The shepherds and the angels**

**6. Once in Royal David's City**

**Matthew 2:1-11 The visit of the Wise Men**

**7. God rest ye Merry Gentlemen – St. Matthews School, 5th class.**

**John 1:1-14 The Word became flesh**

**8. Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

**The Collect Prayer and the Blessing**

*Tom Maxwell, organist at St Brigid's Church, Stillorgan, with the support of the Rev'd Jack Kinkead (Chair of Church Music Dublin) has successfully led a Christmas Carol Collaboration in the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, whereby today's carols were recorded remotely by members of choirs. This has enabled the playing of rights free carols at this service. Also thanks go to St Matthews National School, Senior Infants, Second and Fifth classes for their carols.*