



## 1<sup>st</sup> Teddington Scout Group Carol Service

Everyone enters and the service leader gives a welcome.

**Carol:** *Oh Come, Oh Come Emanuel*

**Narrator:** There are 3 candles in a room. These candles are Peace, Love and Faith.

*A Scout walks in and sees the first candle*

**Narrator:** This is the Candle of Peace.

**Candle 1:** I am the Candle of Peace. However, there is not much peace left in the world and I am getting weaker.

**Narrator:** With this there is a small breeze and the candle blows out.

*The Scout turns to the second candle*

**Candle 2:** I am the candle of Love. There is not much love between the peoples and nationals of the worlds and I am getting weaker.

**Narrator:** With this there is a small breeze and the candle blows out

*The Scout looks worried and unhappy.*

**Candle 3:** What is the matter?

**Scout:** I am sad because I have seen the candles of Peace and Love extinguished.

**Candle 3:** Do not worry as I am the candle of Hope and as long as I am still burning there is still hope for Peace and Love.

**Narrator:** With this the Scout was able to light the candles of Peace and Love.

*As the narrator says this, the Scout relights the candles.*

**Narrator:** In this time of advent we are looking forward to the celebration of Christmas. Despite there being conflict, war and famine all around the world we still hope that Christmas will be a peaceful one and a time of hope.

**Scout:** Let us pray:

Creator God,  
As we Journey through this season of Advent  
Give us the grace to allow your holly spirit  
To work though us as we prepare for Christmas  
With honesty and compassion  
To celebrate all that is life giving,  
To restore hope where it has been lost  
And to bring about change where it is needed.

All: **Amen**

**Carol 2** *Once in Royal David City*

**Narrator:** Christmas 1914 looked like it was going to be a time of little hope with neither side on the Western Front preparing to stop the fighting for Christmas. However, on Christmas Eve the German Soldiers started singing Silent night. With this both sides went into no mans land and exchanged small Christmas gifts. As well as this both sides were involved in a football match in No mans land and whilst nobody really knows who won one thing had become clear that even when surrounded by death and despair peace was still possible. The carol written almost 100 years before had created an atmosphere of peace and friendship.

**Carol:** *Silent Night*

**Scout:** Let us pray:

Once again  
There is excitement in the air  
Holly and Mistletoe  
Christmas trees and fairy lights  
And cards from forgotten friends  
Streets and shops possess a different feeling  
Help us to remember those who are not as lucky as us at Christmas  
And that there will be hope for all

All: **Amen**

**Carol:** *Oh come all ye faithful*

**Scout:** It came to pass that a decree was sent out from Caesar Augustus, the emperor in Rome, that all the World should be taxed. This taxing was first made when the Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

Everyone went to be taxed, each to his own city. And Joseph went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, of Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be taxed with Mary his wife who was soon to have a child.

So it came to pass that while they were there the day came for their child to be born. She brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in Swaddling bands and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

(Reading From Luke 2:1-7)

**Carol:** *The Calypso Carol*

### **Talk from Carol Service Leader**

**Scout:** In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ]

(Reading Luke 2:8-14 (15-20))

**Carol:** *Whilst Shepherds watched flocks their by night*

### **Cubs read out prayers they have written themselves**

**Narrator:** Thank you for joining us at our Christmas Carol Service we hope you have a very peaceful and happy Christmas and we hope that you will join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**Carol:** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*