



CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER

The Carol service at St Faiths this year, led by reader Mary Brenchley was very well attended and went with the enthusiasm we have come to expect at St Faith's.

The choir sang a variety of carols from different periods and styles, each reflecting the message of the previous or following lesson being read and the congregation lustily joined in with the singing of appropriate hymns as the service proceeded.

It's a cliché to say we made the rafters ring but we are well endowed with rafters at St Faiths and I'm sure I heard a slight ringing sound during the last hymn!

After the blessing the service was rounded off by a stirring rendition of *La Rejouissance* from *Fireworks Music* written by G F Handel and played by the organist, Tim Mitchell.

Delicious mulled wine and 'nibbles' were kindly laid on afterwards by the ladies of the congregation. **Dennis Webb**



Editors note: Originally this beautiful service was instituted by Archbishop Edward Benson at Truro Cathedral in England. It is based on a medieval vigil liturgy. The service has become well known throughout the world as many parishes, chapels, and cathedrals sing their own service of Lessons and Carols. To mark the Christmas Season, lessons are read by laity and clergy, with carols and hymns sung by the choir and congregation. The scriptures and hymns all combine to express the fulfilment of God's promise in the good news of great joy for all people, which is the birth of Jesus, who is the Messiah, the Lord.