**SERVICE OUTLINE**

**THEME – LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS**

Play video ‘Love Came Down at Christmas’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssKkP78kFiM>

Carol – ‘O little town of Bethlehem’

<https://samusicindex.com/celebrating-christmas-at-home/carol-accompaniments>

Reading – Luke 2:1-7

**Script – Joseph: They were my neighbours**

Carol – ‘While shepherds watched their flocks’

<https://samusicindex.com/celebrating-christmas-at-home/carol-accompaniments>

Reading Luke 2:8-18

**Script – The Shepherds: They became my neighbours**

‘Breath of Heaven’ by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton - video

<https://youtu.be/jI3F4438kg4?si=NRidgRBmassdHgSD>

OR

<https://youtu.be/6CzgN8F52Bc?si=94tb1WkMC0lHj-TW>

**Script – Mary: They are my neighbours**

Talk/Sermon Outline – Jesus stepped into the neighbourhood

Carol – ‘Joy to the world’

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**Benediction Prayer**

May the love of God, shown in the birth of Jesus Christ, fill our hearts this Christmas.

May we share the love of God with one another as neighbours here on earth.

May the joy of the angels resound in Heaven and on earth as we join in celebration at the birth of Jesus.

May we love one another as God has loved us, outstretching our hands to our neighbours in kindness, forgiveness and compassion.

May the love God be with us, today and for evermore, we pray.

Amen.

Video – Times Square Billboards taken over by Nativity Scene: Christmas Surprise

<https://youtu.be/OOg6pQjhvrI?si=IUIEMg2M4_xk447W>