

Every grace and blessing to you today, of the coming of Christ to our world. And may the joy and love of your family and those dear to you, which are perhaps more directly expressed in these festival days than at other times, remain with you throughout the year to come. Our prayers these days should be full of joy with Christ and with other people, and of gratefulness and thanksgiving to God for all His gifts to us, in what happened at Bethlehem long ago and in our lives today. As we look in wonder at the image of the crib, or those Christmas-card pictures of the Bethlehem scene, shepherds and stars and wise-men, let's raise our thoughts and prayer to God today in the music of Christmas songs, old and new. For at the centre of Christmas is the mystery of Mary - Joseph and their new-born son, Mary's

Boy Child

MUSIC (Mary's Boy Child)

PRAYER (Christmas Prayers 2)

Christmas was the beginning of a journey, for Mary - Joseph, for Jesus Himself, for all mankind. Like the shepherds who found Him with others, we find He is for all of us. Listen to this new folk-song, "The Wind in the Willows" MUSIC

PRAYER

The mystery and wonder of the first Christmas brought freshness, new hope, good news to the world - something to be glad and noisily joyful about, as in [2:55] His version of the well-known "The First Noel" MUSIC (London Brass)