# Thank you for joining us at our Light Up A Life service.

Farleigh Hospice provides care, free of charge, to people affected by life-limiting illnesses and bereavement across mid Essex.

#### **Hospice care**

We tailor our care and support to meet the needs of each of our patients, to help them live as well as possible to the end of their life. Whether they need specialist care to manage complex needs, or therapeutic support to improve the quality of their life, we are here to provide comfort and care when they need us the most.

#### **Bereavement support**

We are here for anyone in mid Essex who needs support following a bereavement. Through our Bereavement Help Points in the local community and online resources, we help people dealing with the emotional and practical impact of bereavement. Further support is available, if needed, through the Circle service for adults and the Yo-Yo Project for children and young people (aged 4-18).

#### Our Light Up A Life Appeal

At any one time, our doctors, nurses, counsellors and therapists take care of the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of over 500 people in mid Essex. It costs us over £21,270 every day to provide this care, completely free of charge.

Farleigh Hospice is a charity and we could not be there for everyone who needs us without the kind support of our local community.



If you would like to donate to our Light Up A Life Appeal, there are collection tins at this service, scan the QR code, or you can visit **farleighhospice.org/donate-lightupalife** 

Farleigh Hospice would like to thank our community, schools, churches and local groups who have contributed to and supported the Light Up A Life Appeal.





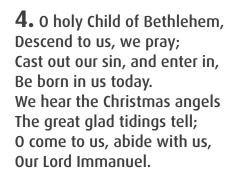
#### **Words of Welcome**

# O little town of Bethlehem

**1.** 0 little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

**2.** 0 morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth. For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love

**3.** How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his Heaven. No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.



#### **Shine Bright** by Emma Fryer

They can dazzle with radiance, Fill every room with brilliance. Wrapped in a cosy, warm glow, Glittering softly on the snow. Illuminating the road ahead, Banishing the dark and dread. A ray of sunshine cutting through rain, A flicker of warmth that eases pain. Some grow stronger as shadows descend, While others may twinkle and quietly end. They sparkle through memories, timeless and clear. Gleaming like stars, forever held dear. We come together to light up the night, Because every life shines bright.



#### **Music for Reflection**

#### **Celestial Serenade** by Maya Anthony

The stars shimmer, a chorus so fine,
The moon's gentle glow, they intertwine
A ballet of light, they gracefully sweep,
In night's embrace, they softly weep.
The moon, their conductor, bold and bright,
Guides their path through the velvet night.
Together they dance, in heavenly glee,
A spectacle for the world to see.
In their luminescence, dreams take flight,
Whispering tales of the enchanting night.
Their serenade, a promise kept true,
Of endless wonders the universe can imbue.

### A Thought for Today

#### **Music for Reflection**

As we listen to the music, you are invited to light your candles in memory of your loved ones.

### Remembering our loved ones

We give thanks for each of our loved ones remembered today, for all of the ways their lives have touched ours.

As we recall the difficult seasons, joy-filled days and everything in between, we remind ourselves that their light and their love continue to shine on in this world.

With depth of love and gratitude, we remember them.

Amen.

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## **Silent Night**

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in Heavenly peace!
Sleep in Heavenly peace!

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!



**3.** Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, Love's pure light radiant, beams from Thy Holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

John Freeman Young

# Fragments of Eternity by J.R Parker

In every moment, fragments of eternity we find, In the whispers of the wind, in the ties that bind, fragments of eternity we find.

In the stars that twinkle, in the sun that's kind, In nature's miracles, in the marvels signed, fragments of eternity we find.

In the eyes of the old, in the young mind, In laughter and tears, in all of humankind, fragments of eternity we find.

In every beat of the heart, in every thought lined, In the love we share, in the memories bind, fragments of eternity we find.

# Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**1.** Hark! the herald angels sing: Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled. Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the new-born King.

3. Hail the Heaven-born
Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King.

2. Christ, by highest Heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing: Glory to the new-born King.

Charles Wesley

# Blessing