

Carols on the Green Song Book



*Oh
come
let us adore
Him*



NORTHLIGHT
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Welcome to our Community Carols Night

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

What a joy it is to welcome you to our Community Carols Night! On behalf of NorthLight Anglican church, thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate together.

There's something truly special about gathering as a community during this season, we're delighted you're here with us. Tonight, we set aside the busyness of December to share in the timeless carols that have brought comfort and joy to generations.

These familiar songs tell the greatest story ever told—of a God who loves us so much that He came to dwell among us. In the Christ child born in Bethlehem, we find hope for our weary world and peace for our restless hearts. Christmas for Australians can mean many things and our hope and prayer is that we can help you put Jesus at the centre of it - come let us adore him!

As we sing together tonight, may you experience the warmth of community and the wonder of Christmas. Thank you for being here and please feels free to join us at church anytime you like.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Antony". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Antony Barraclough
Senior Minister

Program

6:00 pm Food Stalls, Face Painting, Games

6:45 pm Kids Carols with Johnny Burns and Ruby

7:00 pm Traditional Carols

- Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7
- Joy To The World
- Bible Reading: Luke 2; 1-4
- Once In Royal David's City
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Bible Reading: Luke 2; 5-6
- Silent Night
- Bible Reading: Luke 2; 8-16
- An Aussie Christmas
- Away In A Manger
- Bible Reading: Matthew 2; 1-5a, 7-11
- The First Noel
- Hark The Herald Angels Sing
- O Holy Night
- Bible Reading: John 1:1-5 NIV
- Angels From The Realms of Glory
- O Come All Ye Faithful
- Bible Reading: John 8:12 NIV
- We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Bible Reading:
Isaiah Chapter 9
Verses 6-7

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace will never end.

Joy To The World

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord
is come
Let earth receive her
King
Let ev'ry heart prepare
Him room
And heav'n and nature
sing
And heav'n and nature
sing
And heav'n and heav'n
and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the earth the
Savior reigns
Let men their songs
employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the
sounding joy

Verse 3

He rules the world with truth
and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His
righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His
love

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Watts*

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Bible Reading:
Luke Chapter 2
Verses 1-4

1 At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

2 (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

3 All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

4 And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

Once In Royal David's City

Verse 1

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

Verse 2

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy

Verse 3

Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness

Verse 4

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 1

O 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

Verse 2

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace upon the earth
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love

Verse 3

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

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Bible Reading:
Luke Chapter 2
Verses 5-7

5 Joseph took Mary with him, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.

7 She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Silent Night

English

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

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

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

Chinese Simplified

平安夜，圣善夜！
万暗中，光华射，
照着圣母也照着圣婴，
多少慈详也多少天真，
静享天赐安眠，静享天
赐安眠。

平安夜，圣善夜！
牧羊人，在旷野，
忽然看见了天上光华，
听见天军唱哈利路亚，
救主今夜降生，救主今
夜降生！

平安夜，圣善夜！
神子爱，光皎洁，
救赎宏恩的黎明来到，
圣容发出来荣光普照，
耶稣我主降生，耶稣我
主降生！

Bible Reading: Luke Chapter 2 Verses 8-16

8 That night, there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

9 Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified,

10 but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.

11 The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

12 And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.



Christmas:

Why ^{The} Fuss?



Why The Fuss?

Christmas is a time of family, food and fun.

Sometimes we mix in a little bit of Jesus, but for the most part, he is an optional extra.

Some kid, born in a barn 2000 years ago, hardly seems relevant today.

So, why the fuss?

Something exceptional happened.

Sometimes we can think that this is all there is.

But at Christmas 2000 years ago, God arrived.

He came to our world as a baby.

His appearance was heralded by angels, a bright star and prophecies.

It was as though there was a huge signpost over Bethlehem announcing: "I'm God, I'm here"



Why The Visit?

Jesus came on a rescue mission. Whether we feel it or not, we had become isolated from God, going our own way, cut off from the source of life. Jesus came to reconnect us.

**Connect with god,
connect with family.**

Family is big at Christmas. So it should be, because God sees family as important. When we come to know Jesus, we join God's family. God is our Father. He listens to us through prayer and directs our lives. This family lasts beyond this life, into eternity.

So the next step
What's on the Journey?

A Prayer

It's one thing to know about God; it's another to have a relationship with Him. Reconnecting with God begins by responding in prayer. Here is an example below:

Heavenly Father,
I'm sorry for going
my own way.

Thank you for
reconnecting and
welcoming me.

Please show me the right
path and help me to
live your way.

Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, then
congratulations!
You're now a child of God.

What's
next?



Start praying

You can talk to God about anything. He's now your Heavenly Father.



Start reading

If praying is talking to God, then reading His Word is the best way to hear His responses!

Ask us for a copy of the gospel of Luke, you can read a page a day.



Start meeting

Meeting with God's people each week at church is one of the best ways to dive deep and explore your new faith side by side with your new family!

Come and join us at one of our Sunday service

Away In A Manger

Verse 1

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He
lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Verse 3

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

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Bible Reading: Matthew Chapter 2 Verses 1-5a, 7-11

1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time, some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,

2 “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said,

7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared.

8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

9 After this interview, the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped at the place where the child was.

10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!

11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The First Noel

Verse 1

The First Noel the Angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus 1

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Verse 3

So let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought

Chorus 2

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

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Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Please as man with man to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of
Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n 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 newborn King
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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O Holy Night

Verse 1

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
A yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Chorus 1

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Verse 2

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Chorus 2

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

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Chorus 1 repeat

Bible Reading:
John Chapter 1
Verses 1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Angels from The Realms Of Glory

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus

Come and worship
Christ the newborn King
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Verse 2

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant-light

Chorus repeat

Verse 3

Though an infant now we view Him
He will share His Father's throne
Gather all the nations to Him
Every knee shall then bow down

Chorus repeat

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Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

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Bible Reading:
John Chapter 8
Verse 12

12 When Jesus spoke again to the people he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Chorus

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

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Services

As usual, we are having a range of services across both sites on Christmas Eve & Day. We would love for you to join us as we explore how the birth of Jesus brings such great peace to our world, even in times like these! See below to find out a bit more about the different Christmas services we are offering:

CHRISTMAS EVE- WEST PYMBLE

Wednesday Dec 24th

4:00 pm - Kids & Family Service

8:00 pm - Contemporary Lessons & Carols Service

This service will be live-streamed

11:00 pm - Contemporary Lessons & Carols Service

CHRISTMAS DAY- WEST PYMBLE

Thursday Dec 25th

8:30 am Traditional Christmas Communion

This service will be live-streamed

10:00 am Contemporary Christmas Service

CHRISTMAS DAY- WEST LINDFIELD

Thursday Dec 25th

10:00 am - Contemporary Christmas Service

This service will be live-streamed

Thank you for joining us at our Carols event. These are some of the regular things we do at NorthLight:

- Sunday Church Meetings for all ages (8.30am, 10am & 6:00pm) with kid's church at the 10am service.
- MINI's Playgroups for 0-5 year olds on Wednesdays at West Pymble .
- SMASH kids club on a Friday afternoon for kids in year 3 to 6 at primary school.
- Youth Group for anyone of high school age on a Friday evening.
- Weekly Bible Study Groups in homes around the local area.
- Easy English classes (ESL) on Friday mornings at West Pymble and Tuesday mornings at West Lindfield
- We also provide Scripture (SRE) at West Pymble public school, Gordon West public school and Beaumont Road Public school

We'd love to see you again at any of the above events that work for you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Merry Christmas on behalf of us all at NorthLight

Antony Barraclough
Senior Minister



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