

**Brymore**  
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# LOWER SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



at St. Mary's Church, Cannington

4.00pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Welcome:** Reverend Alison Waters

**Introduction:** Head Boy, Deputy Head Boys and Assistant Head Boys

Our lives, country and world are far from perfect. There are always challenges and struggles we face both personally and collectively. The good news of Christmas is that even when the world or our circumstances change - the message of Christmas is timeless. Because Christmas is about the birth of God's Son - Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. That message doesn't change from year to year. When there is so much bad news and devastation in the world, this is good news worth celebrating.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ is more than a Christian holiday or Christian festival. It is more than an occasion to decorate our houses. It is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope and joy found in Jesus. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift that we are loved, are never alone and can have hope for the future.

The true meaning of Christmas doesn't depend on the number of gifts under a tree or the type of food on your table. The message of Christmas doesn't change if you are surrounded by family, missing loved ones for the first time or on your own. It is not affected by the house you live in - or don't live in.

God's love is for everyone- everyone is loved, and can feel hopeful and joyful. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Carol:** **Come and join the celebration**

*Come and join the celebration  
It's a very special day;  
Come and share our jubilation,  
There's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds hurry down to Bethlehem;  
Gaze in wonder  
At the Son of God who lay before them.

*Come and join the celebration  
It's a very special day;  
Come and share our jubilation,  
There's a new King born today!*

Wise men journey, Led to worship by a star,  
Kneel in homage,  
Bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so,

*Come and join the celebration  
It's a very special day;  
Come and share our jubilation,  
There's a new King born today!*

"God is with us" round the world the message bring,  
He is with us,  
"Welcome", all the bells on earth are peeling

*Come and join the celebration  
It's a very special day;  
Come and share our jubilation,  
There's a new King born today!*

**Please remain standing for the lighting of the candles**

Boy 1: Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth;

**All: Jesus was born King.**

Boy 2: Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

**All: His brightness guides our Way.**

Boy 3: With Jesus even dark places are light;

**All: We rejoice in the joy he brings.**

Boy 4: We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. For he dwelt among us

**All: And we beheld his glory.**

Boy 5: I bring you good news of great joy: a Saviour has been born to you.

**All: Alleluia.**

Boy 6: Unto us a child is born,

**All: Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.**

Boy 7: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

**All: A light no darkness can quench.**

Boy 8: The shepherds kept watch by night

**All: And your glory shone round about them.**

Boy 9: The darkness is not dark to you,

**All: The night is as bright as the day.**

Boy 10: Let your light scatter the darkness

**All: And fill your Church with your glory.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**Prayer:**

Dear Lord,  
As we enjoy the light and joy of Christmas,  
Help us to share it with everyone around us  
Thank you, that you want us to do this, and help us to continue this throughout  
the coming year.  
In Jesus' name

**All: Amen**

[Brymore Christmas Story - Part 1]

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Song:**

**Little Tractor**

Little Tractor  
Little Tractor  
On a dusty road  
Got to keep on moving onwards  
With your precious load

Been a long time little tractor  
Since you saw the farm  
Don't give up now, little tractor  
Engines going like a charm

Toot on your horn tonight  
Red diesel, red diesel,  
Follow that track tonight  
Red diesel, red diesel

Little tractor, little tractor  
Had a heavy day  
Little tractor, carry hay bales,  
Safely on their way

Little tractor, little tractor  
On the dusty road  
There's the farmer waiting for you  
To safely bring the load

Do not falter, little tractor  
There's a light ahead  
It will guide you, little tractor  
To your comfy shed

**Bible reading:** Luke 2, Verses 4-5

[Brymore Christmas Story - Part 2]

**Bible Reading:** Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 8 & 10

**Poem:** Christmas is forever - *Norman W Brooks*

[Brymore Christmas Story - Part 3]

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 2, Verse 2  
Matthew 2, Verses 8-10

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Carol:** O Come All Ye Faithful

**Boys:** Adeste fideles  
Laeti triumphantes  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;  
Natum videte  
Regem Angelorum

**Venite adoremus  
Venite adoremus  
Venite adoremus  
Dominum**

**All:** God of God,  
Light of Light  
He who abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God  
Begotten, not created

***O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O Come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest

***O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O Come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.***

PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**Song: Calypso Carol**

See him lying on a bed of straw:  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
the prince of glory is his name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
to see the saviour of the world!

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came*

Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
be the saviour of us all.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came*

Year 11 Rugby choir: Stand by me

**Poems: Winners of the Winter Poetry Competition**

PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

**Song:**

**Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer**

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it  
You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say  
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee  
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
You'll go down in history"

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**Poem:**                    *My Christmas Wish for You - Kristen M. Saccardi*

**PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Song:**                    **We wish you a Merry Christmas**

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a happy new year

Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a happy new year

Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
And bring some out here

Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a happy new year

We won't go until we've got some  
We won't go until we've got some  
We won't go until we've got some  
So bring some out here

Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
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**Bible Reading: Romans Chapter 12, Verse 8**

**Final Prayer:** Father God,  
We pray at this time for all those who are not as fortunate as we are.  
They live in terrible poverty; hungry & afraid.  
They live amongst war and bombs, hunger & bloodshed.  
They live with illness and disease, starvation and death.  
Help us to do all we can to help them, and show your love to others in the world.

**All: Amen**

**Benediction: Reverend Alison Waters**

The school would like to thank Reverend Alison Waters and the wardens of St. Mary's for allowing us to use the Church.

Closing words from the Headteacher, Mr McHale.

Brymore would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, hopeful New Year.