

Brymore
experience to last a lifetime

UPPER SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



at St. Mary's Church, Cannington

10.30am

Saturday 14th 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

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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]

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

[Brymore Christmas Story - Part 4 & 5]

Year 11 Rugby choir: Stand by me

Poems: Winners of the Winter Poetry Competition

[Brymore Christmas Story - Part 6]

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"

BREAK IN MUSIC

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[Brymore Christmas Story - Part 7]

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

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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
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So bring some out here

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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.