



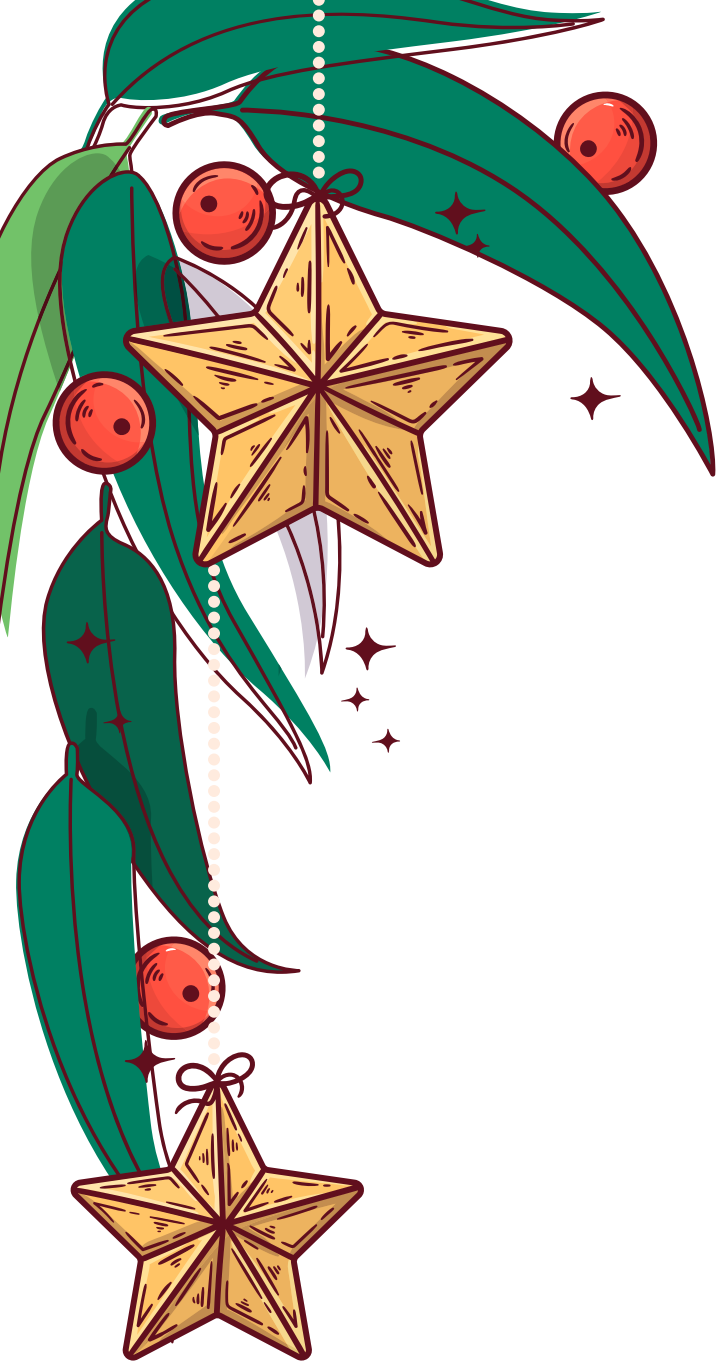
Traditional Christmas Carols

by Candlelight

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BROOME'S COMBINED CHURCHES
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A message from Broome Catholic Church:

CHRIST OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION

When we think of Christmas, we think of celebration, joy, gifts, family, decorations etc. These are certainly some of the things that bring people together during this festive season. Still, as we begin our preparation for this Christmas season, let us remember the deep meaning of the word Christmas and how it invites us to a Christ centered celebration.

Christmas is a time in which we are called to turn our eyes towards God who sent his Son, our Light, into the world: ***"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned" (Isaiah 9:2).*** Let us therefore rejoice and lift our voices with the angels in a song of praise to him who comes for our salvation.

"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, 'the Lord.' This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!". Luke 2:10-14

The beauty of our faith is a gift to be shared. As we share this gift, through the witness of our lives and the practical care we show for those in need, we will be together the living sign of the Lord's ongoing presence in the world. In this way too we will experience that true peace that only God can give.

Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. As he once came to Bethlehem so long ago he comes again today. We will celebrate his coming at Christmas. May our eyes be open to recognize his face. May our ears be open to hear his voice. May our hearts be open to welcome him with love.

Let us pray that the joy of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Mary, Joseph and Jesus may reach our hearts and bring the warmth of the Love of God our Father, that we can celebrate a very Happy and family oriented Christmas.

A message from Broome Anglican Church:

Lately a lot of Western Australians are talking about borders. We'd like to know when our loved ones can visit us / when we can visit them (at least without having to quarantine)

You could say that Christmas is also about a border. Before the arrival of Jesus, there was a hard border between humanity and the Kingdom of God. And that border existed because we're contaminated, not with a virus, but with an attitude toward God called 'sin'.

But the arrival of Jesus meant the hard border would be opening. Because he came to deal with our sin. He died on a cross to pay the penalty for that sin. Then he rose from the dead and announced God's forgiveness for everyone who re-orientes their life towards him.

Whatever happens with WA's borders, I'm happy to let you know that the border to the Kingdom of God is OPEN for everyone who wants to enter and dwell with God in eternity.

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A message from Broome Uniting Church:

Let me begin by wishing you and your families a very happy and blessed Christmas.

During the Christmas season we celebrate love, joy, peace, and hope. Sadly, these are not the topics that dominate most of our nightly news bulletins. And yet without love and joy, peace and hope, life would surely be more of a trial. Taken to the limit we would find ourselves without any hope or things that bring us joy.

Fortunately, there are many things that bring love, joy, peace and hope into our lives. One of those is our families, celebrating the love we share together and of course the hope we have each time a new baby is born. Our lives focus on what we call that "little bundle of joy." We share with the parents the happiness of nursing and playing with the new child and talk about the hopes we have for him or her.

We also find happiness in the adventures of life. It could be that we like to find peace in a quiet place, or perhaps we like to test ourselves against new challenges. We can find joy in fishing and in cheering for our favourite football team.

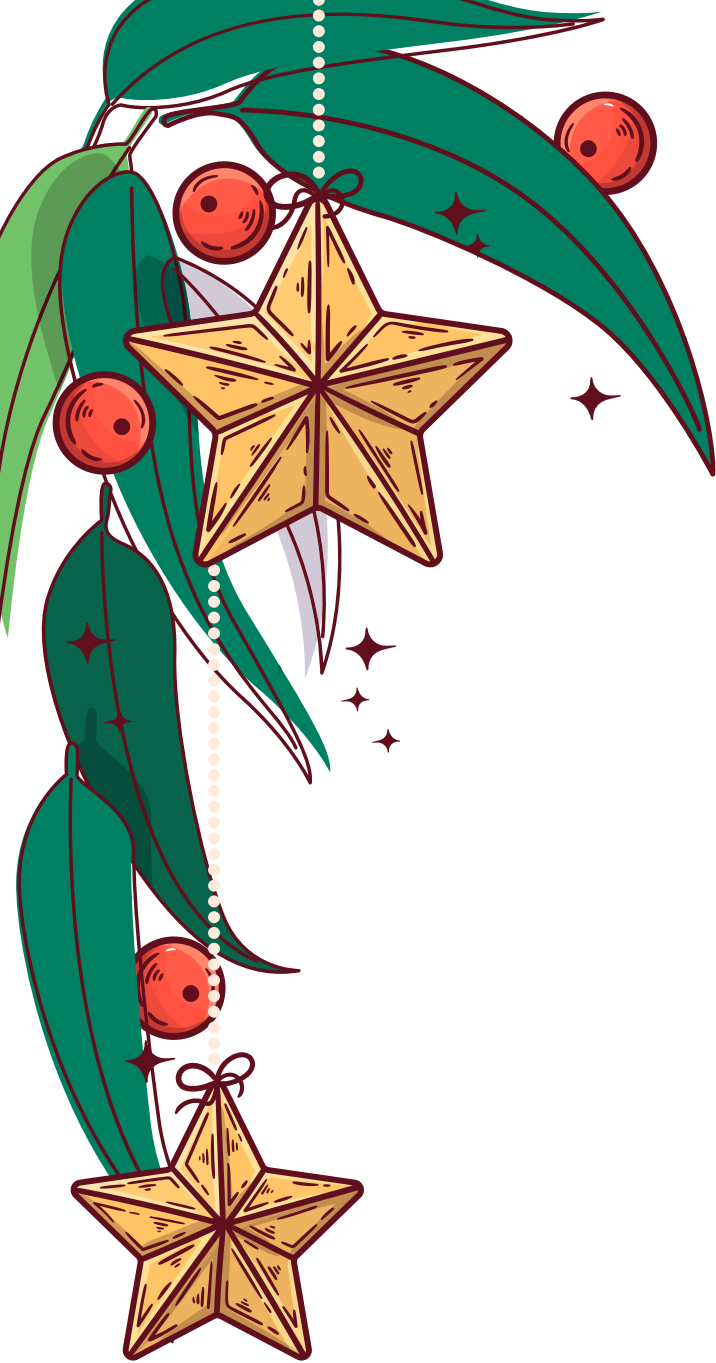
When you think about it, all these things that bring us love, joy, peace, and hope are also wrapped up in the birth of Jesus which we celebrate at Christmas. No wonder the angels sang about peace on Earth and good will to all, as they welcomed the birth of Jesus. For in Jesus, we find the love of God reaching out to us through the gift of Jesus so that we should be united with God.

We find joy in Jesus because we know we are loved by God, and we know our lives can have a fuller meaning as we seek to follow Jesus. We also find peace. Our world is not condemned to only bad news. There is always hope in God, and even when the events of life seem overwhelming, we can still find peace in God. Indeed, knowing Jesus gives us hope for a future better than today, and for what God can do for our lives.

The love, joy, peace, and hope we celebrate at Christmas will not only lead us on our adventures in life but will also take us on adventures in faith which can be just as thrilling. Why not use this Christmas to join in the adventure of faith!

May love, joy, peace, and hope, be yours,

Rev. David King
Uniting Church Minister.



A message from Broome Shire President Harold Tracey:

What a year it has been, with many achievements to be celebrated over the course of 2021.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas Carols with your family, friends and community as we celebrate the season with festive spirit.

Broome's amazing community spirit has been thoroughly on show in 2021 and I know that this event will be another occasion for us to come together.

For those who will head out of town for Christmas, I wish you a safe return. For those who are staying at home, please enjoy Broome at this special time of the year.

On behalf of Broome Shire Councillors and staff, I look forward to having our community back together, happy and healthy, in 2022.

Harold Tracey,
Shire of Broome President

Once in Royal David City

*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.*

*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 Saviour holy.*

*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 is gone.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars
His children crowned,
All in white shall be around.*

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh

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 take us to Heaven
To live with Thee there

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The First Noel

*The first Noel the angels 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
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*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
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*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 angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

*Hail! the heaven-born
Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son 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 us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

O Come All Ye Faithful

*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;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;
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, Glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Silent Night

*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.*

Angels We Have Heard On High

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly swinging o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo*

*Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria In Excelsis Deo
Gloria In Excelsis Deo*

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*

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Thank You

for attending the Community Christmas Carols in 2021.

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