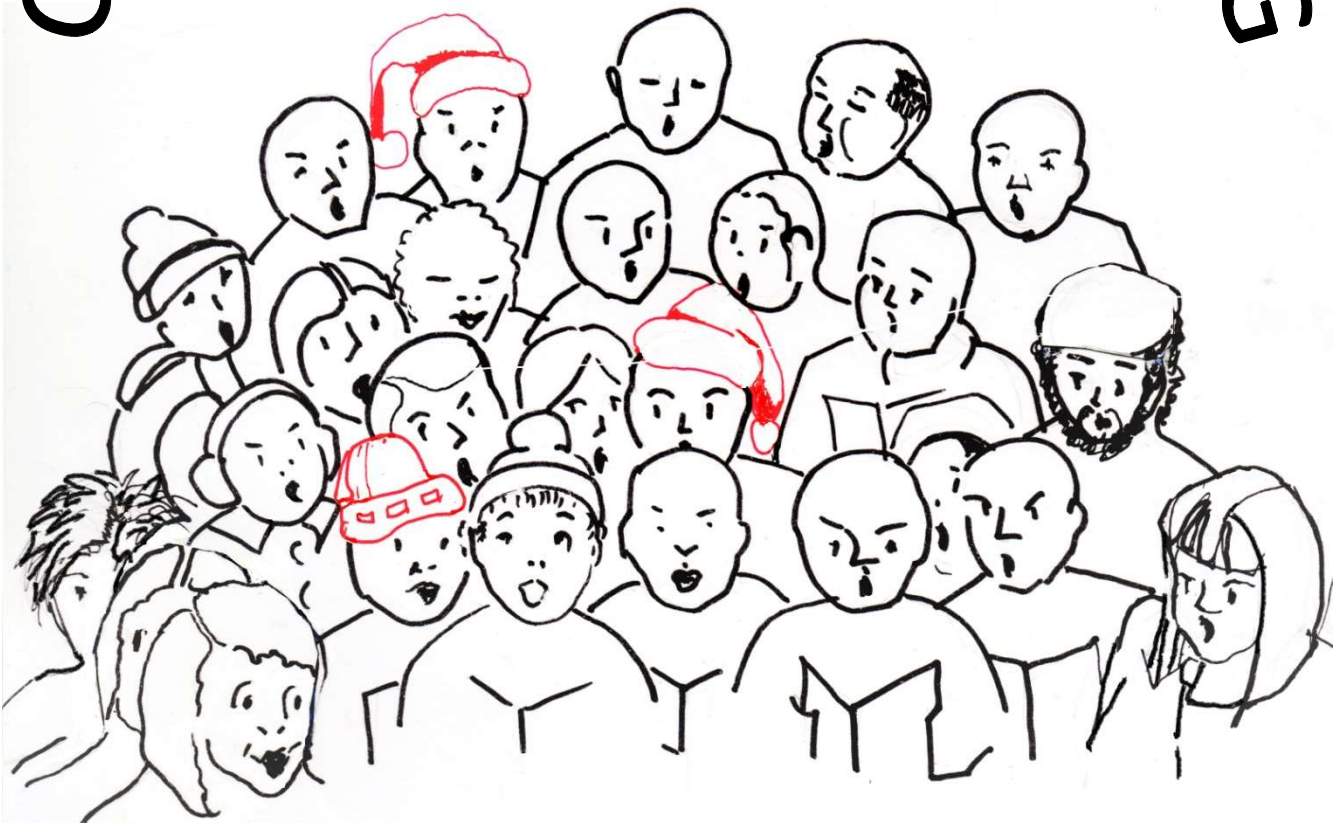




COMMUNITY CAROL SING



Carols in the Park – 19 December, McDonald Park

Christ is coming – Isaiah 9: 2, 6&7 & Isaiah 11: 1-5

Ding-dong Merrily on High

Verse 1.

Ding-dong! Merrily on high
in heaven the bells are ringing.
Ding-dong! Verily the sky
is riven with angels singing:
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Verse 2.

E'en so, here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen;
and *i-o, i-o, i-o,*
by priest and people sungen!
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Verse 3.

Pray you, dutifully prime
your matin chime, you ringers;
may you beautifully rhyme
your evetime song, you singers:
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

God rest ye Merry Gentlemen

Verse 1

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 2

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
O tidings ...

Verse 3

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoic-ed much in mind
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
This blessed Babe to find:
O tidings ...

Verse 4

But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this Infant lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings ...

Verse 5

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface:
O tidings...

Still the Night (Silent Night)

Verse 1

Still the night, holy the night!
Sleeps the world; hid from sight,
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
watch o'er the Child beloved and fair,
sleeping in heavenly rest,
sleeping in heavenly rest.

Verse 2

Still the night, holy the night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
heard resounding clear and long,
far and near, the angel-song,
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'
'Christ the Redeemer is here!'

3. Still the night, holy the night!
Son of God, O how bright
love is smiling from Thy face!
Strikes for us now the hour of grace,
Saviour, since Thou art born!
Saviour, since Thou art born!

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Christ Arrives – Luke 1: 26 – 35 & Luke 2:1-7

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in your streets is shining
the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight

Verse 2

O 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.

Verse 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.

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

See Amid The Winter's Snow

Verse 1

See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the Lamb of God appears
promised from eternal years.

Chorus

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

Verse 2

Lo! within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim

Chorus

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

Verse 3

Say, ye holy shepherds say,
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?

Chorus

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

Verse 4

'As we watched at dead of night,
lo! we saw a wondrous light:
angels, singing peace on earth,
told us of the Saviour's birth.'

Chorus

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

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See Amid the Winter's Snow continued

Verse 5

Sacred Infant, all Devine,
what a tender love was Thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!

Chorus

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

Verse 6

Teach, O teach us holy Child,
by Thy face so meek and mild.
Teach us to resemble Thee,
in Thy sweet humility.

Chorus

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

Adore

Verse 1

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly you came
God of all creation, here with us
In a star-lit manger, Emmanuel
Light of the world, here to save

Chorus

*Adore, come let us adore
Oh come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
Let all that is within us, adore*

Verse 2

*Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's king?
I will bring my life, my love, my all*

Chorus

*Adore, come let us adore
Oh come let us adore Him*

*The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
Let all that is within us, adore*

Bridge

*Angels sing, praises ring
To the newborn king
Peace on earth, here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall*

Chorus

*Adore, come let us adore
Oh come let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
Let all that is within us, adore*

Christ is welcomed – Luke 2: 8-14 & Matt. 2:1-2

Come and Join the Celebration

Chorus

*Come and join the celebration
it's a very special day.
Come and share our jubilation;
there's a new King born today!*

Verse 1

*See, the shepherds,
hurry down to Bethlehem.
Gaze in wonder,
at the Son of God who lay before them*

Chorus

*Come and join the celebration
it's a very special day.
Come and share our jubilation;
there's a new King born today!*

Verse 2

*Wise men journey,
led to worship by a star.
Kneel in homage,
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so*

Chorus

*Come and join the celebration
it's a very special day.
Come and share our jubilation;
there's a new King born today!*

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Come and Join the Celebration continued

Verse 3

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

Chorus

Come and join the celebration
it's a very special day.
Come and share our jubilation;
there's a new King born today!

Joy To The World (Joyful, Joyful)

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing

Chorus

We will sing sing sing
Joy to the world
We will sing sing sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world the Saviour 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

Chorus

(We will sing sing sing)
Joy to the world
We will sing sing sing

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 of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Chorus

(We will sing sing sing)
We're singing we're singing
Joy to the world
We will sing sing sing

Outro (*sung to Beethoven 'Ode to Joy'*)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above

Hark! The herald Angels Sing

Verse 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 hosts proclaim.
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born 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 the incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King'

Verse 3

Hail, the heav'n-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'

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We want to thank all the musicians, ministers and singers for taking the time to prepare and participate in this event. Thanks also to the Scouts for the use of their electricity providing power to our music and lights.

We also want to thank YOU for coming along to celebrate the birth of Jesus together in one voice.

We pray that you all will have a special Christmas and a blessed 2022.

Below is a calendar with the services that are happening in some of the churches in the town. (St Thomas' have advertised on their Facebook page). There are likely be other services in the town, but that information was not available at the time of printing. These events are subject to the rules in place due to covid.

<i>24th December</i>	<i>25th December</i>	<i>26th December</i>	<i>28th December</i>	<i>2nd January</i>
6pm West Kirk - <i>- Christingle</i>	10.30am St. Andrews - <i>family</i>	11am The Town Mission	6.30pm St. Andrews – <i>remembrance and thanksgiving</i>	11am West Kirk - <i>united service with St. Andrews</i>
6pm St. Vigeans - <i>Christingle</i>	11am West Kirk - <i>family</i>	11am St Andrews - <i>united service with West Kirk</i>		11am The Town Mission
6pm Salvation Army	11am Salvation Army			11am St. Vigeans
6.30pm St. Andrews – <i>Christingle</i>		11am Salvation Army		
11.15pm West Kirk - <i>Watchnight</i>		11.30am St. Vigeans - <i>family service</i>		9 th January
				All the churches return to usual services depending on Covid restrictions.