

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES



24th Dec Christmas Carols Celebration,
8pm Service
25th Dec Christmas Day 9:30am Service
For more information please call 0408 094 868



24th Dec Kids Christmas, 5pm Activities and
BBQ, followed by 6pm Service
25th Dec Christmas Day Service,
8am and 10am
For more information please call 9482 3282



25th Dec Christmas Day 10:30am Service
For more information please call
Pastor Michael on 0421 286 088



24th Dec Lessons and Carols 7:30pm
Traditional Service
24th Dec Christmas Eve 5 - 6pm Kids Carols
with RFS Truck and Santa
25th Dec Christmas Day 9am Family Service
For more information please call 0412 819 433



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WELCOME TO
CAROLS
AT ASQUITH OVAL

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A
WONDERFUL EVENING AND A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

ASQUITH Church of Christ | CROSSLIFE CHURCH | St John's Asquith

Mt Colah Uniting Church | SYDNEY MANNA CHURCH 시드니 만나 교회

The poster features a dark blue background with a large, glowing orange candle in the center. The text is in white and yellow, with 'CAROLS' in large, bold, white letters. The bottom of the poster has a black bar with the logos of the five churches mentioned in the text.

THE *Peace* OF CHRISTMAS

We owned 2 black Labradors, and they never really grew up. One of their favourite 'tasks' was to chew things... shoes, socks, toys and more.

One day we bought them a new bed, and the next morning the garden looked like it had snowed – there was white fluff everywhere! Sad, innocent-looking puppy eyes gazed up at us as if to say they knew it was wrong.

What should we do? It's cruel to cage them or tie them up and not let them have freedom. We had to take responsibility and learn the best way to love them and yet teach them that this destruction wasn't their best decision.

God is the same with us, He knows we get it wrong, and so he decided to take to the task of teaching us a better way, and at the same time, reminding us of His love. God took steps on our behalf to make things right... to bring peace between us and Him.

Too often, people think the Church's role is to point out people's sin, but in fact it's not! It's to point out the Saviour and let Him and you do what needs to be done in love and learning together with God.

You may discover, that by sorting out peace between you and God it could also mean, that He will start sorting out other areas of your life as well.

John's Gospel chapter 3, verses 17-18a give us a promise from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ, as he spoke of Himself in the third person, saying: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned."

Folks, Christmas is a celebration of the coming of the Way of Peace, when God sent His Son into the world. God wants peace with all of humanity and He welcomes you this Christmas to discover His Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Rev Nich Cole
Minister
Mt Colah Uniting Church

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head,
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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 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.

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 Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, 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.

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THE FIRST NOEL

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:
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

Chorus

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

Chorus

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS

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!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with men to dwell;
Jesus, our Immanuel!

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 the sons of Earth;
Born to give them second birth.

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

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas gives us a chance to pause and reflect on joy—something we deeply crave, yet often find elusive in the midst of life's challenges. Among the trees, lights and get-togethers, we can find a deeper, more lasting joy beyond those fleeting pleasures. At the heart of Christmas is the birth of Jesus, a gift that brings profound joy, along with the assurance of God's love, salvation and presence.

The Christmas story starts with joy. When the angel appeared to the shepherds, he proclaimed, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10, NIV). This message wasn't for the privileged few or for those who had life all together; it was for everyone—ordinary, broken, and searching. The joy of Jesus is for all who seek Him. The peace, hope, and love from Jesus extend far beyond today; they are eternal.

This joy isn't confined to Christmas. Relationship with Jesus offers a sustaining joy—a source of strength through life's deepest valleys and during those peaks. Unlike happiness, which changes from day to day, the joy that Jesus offers is unshakeable, rooted in the knowledge

that we are seen, loved, and valued by God. That in Jesus, we find our true home, meaning and value.

My invitation to you this Christmas is to rediscover this joy, to consider afresh what it means to know and be known by Jesus. For those who feel worn out or weighed down, His presence brings rest. For those feeling lost, His light brings guidance. And for those feeling alone, His love reminds us that we are never abandoned.

I pray that we all take time to connect with the wonder and joy of Jesus' arrival, letting His love renew our hearts. Joy is more than a feeling—it is a peace and comfort that grows in us, given by the God who wants good things for us. This year, I encourage you to get to know Jesus better, draw nearer to Him, and be open to the joy and changes He can bring to you and your family in this world and into eternity.

Joy to the world!

Rev Jaime Dickson

Interim Minister
St John's Anglican Church, Asquith

THE HOPE OF CHRISTMAS

When a young Carpenter named Joseph learned the news that his beloved, Mary, was with child, he was devastated. He knew he was not the baby's father. But God, in His kindness and mercy, sent an angel to him with the incredible news that this child was none other than the Son of God, coming to Earth in the body of a baby boy. The angel said "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

Feelings of desperate hopelessness for Joseph were transformed with the news that Mary had not been unfaithful – rather, the long-awaited Redeemer was about to make His appearance on earth. And so, the night that baby Jesus was born in the Bethlehem stable was when divine hope, like never before, entered the world.

The hope of Christmas is God's gift to us. More than a miraculous event, the Hope of Christmas is a person: Jesus. The damage caused by mankind's personal rebellion against God was about to be corrected by one solitary life – the baby boy, Jesus, God in a human body. He was prophesied to save His people from their sins and disobedience, and 33 years later, Messiah Jesus - the Anointed One of God - willingly went to the cross and died in our place so that we could be cleansed, forgiven and granted eternal life in heaven after we die.

It is at Christmas that the world looks back and celebrates the coming of God to Earth. He came, not to be served, but to serve us by lovingly dying in our place, to give us rescue from sin and to turn our hopelessness into an everlasting Hope.

Embrace Jesus and you embrace the Hope of Christmas.

Rev Andrew Maxwell
Senior Pastor
Asquith Church of Christ

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

Chorus:

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

Chorus

Yea Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory given
Word of the father,
now in flesh appearing

Chorus

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the World! The Lord has 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.

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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