

Woden Valley Uniting Church and
Mary Help of Christians Parish, South Woden
Present



Monday 9 December 2024 / 7pm at the Pearce Shops

Master of Ceremonies: Genevieve Jacobs AM

The Resonants

Musical Director: Helen Swan **Pianist:** Helen Swan

The Canberra Chordsmen

Musical Director: Daniel Bennett

Sacred Heart's HeartSong Choir

Conductor: Elysia Riley **Pianist:** Mrs Hildegarde Palafox-Mendoza

Soloist:

India Cornwell

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Community Carols

Joy to the World.
(Watts / Mason)

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 heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, and wonders of His love.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Wesley / Mendelssohn)

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn 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.

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

Christ by highest heav'n 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 in human flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. **(Refrain)**

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings:
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more need die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. **(Refrain)**

Welcome

Janet Kay,
Chairperson, Woden Valley Uniting
Church Council

the Resonants

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High (16th Century
French arr. Wood)*

Carol of the Drum (Katherine K. Davis)

Community Carols

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night.
(Winchester Old/Tate)

While shepherds watched their flocks by
night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

Fear not, said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid.

Thus spoke the seraph: and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from heaven to earth
Begin and never cease.’

Once in Royal David's City.
(Gauntlett/Alexander)

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 through all his wondrous childhood,
day by day, like us, he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us, he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

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.



Sacred Heart's HeartSong Choir

Conductor: Elysia Riley
Pianist: Mrs Hildegard Palafox-Mendoza

I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas
(Rox)

Mary, did you know (Lowry and Greene).

A Candle is Burning (Dean and Simper)

Community Carol

Silent Night
(Gruber / Mohr / tr. Young)

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!

Soloist – India Cornwell

Pianist: Helen Swan

Mary's Boy Child (Jester Hairston)

Merry Christmas (Wheeler & James)

Community Carol

Carol of the Birds
(*Wheeler & James (third verse lyrics Brand)*)

Out on the plains the broilgas are dancing
Lifting their feet like war horses prancing
Up to the sun the woodlarks go winging
Faint in the dawn light echoes their singing
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas Day.

Down where the tree ferns grow by the
river
There where the waters sparkle and quiver
Deep in the gullies bell-birds are chiming
Softly and sweetly their lyric notes rhyming
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas Day

High in the trees the thornbills are calling
Moving through leaves, the woodswallows
soaring
Gang gangs are creaking, cockatoos
squawking
Fairy wrens waking and praising the
morning
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas Day!

Friar birds sip the nectar of flowers
Currawongs chant in wattle tree bowers
In the blue ranges lorikeets calling
Carols of bushbirds rising and falling
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas Day!



O, Holy Night (Adam & Cappeau)

Lo, How a Rose (Praetorius)

Community Carols

The Three Drovers
(*Wheeler & James*)

Across the plains one Christmas night
Three drovers riding blithe and gay,
Looked up and saw a starry light
More radiant than the Milky Way;
And on their hearts such wonder fell,
They sang with joy.

'Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!'

The air was dry with summer heat,
And smoke was on the yellow moon;
But from the heavens, faint and sweet,
Came floating down a wond'rous tune;
And as they heard, they sang full well
Those drovers three.

'Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!'

The black swans flew across the sky,
The wild dog called across the plain,
The starry lustre blazed on high,
Still echoed on the heavenly strain;
And still they sang, 'Noel! Noel!'
Those drovers three.

'Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!'

The First Nowell.
(*Trad. Willcocks*)

The first Nowell 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:

Refrain: *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*
born is the king of Israel.

When they looked up they 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:

(Refrain)

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:
(Refrain)

Now let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who has made heaven and earth from
naught,
And with his blood salvation bought.
(Refrain)



God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
(Trad – arr Dan Bennett)

Deck the Halls.
(Trad – arr. Dan Bennett)

Community Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful.
(Wade)

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.

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

True God of true God, light of light eternal
Lo he abhors not the virgins womb,
Son of the Father, begotten not created:
(Refrain)

Sing choirs of Angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven, above
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy
morning,
Jesus to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.
(Refrain)

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Sing Gloria (Wheeler & James)

Wasn't that a mighty day
(spiritual/arr.Shackley)

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer (Marks,
arr. Buckland)

Community Carols

Jingle Bells (Pierpont)

Dashing through the snow
On a one-horse open sleigh;
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.

Bells on Bob tail ring,
making spirits bright;
Oh, what fun it is to sing
A sleighing song tonight.

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas
(trad. / arr. Warrell)

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 I bring to you
And your kin,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year!

Blessing

Reverend Father Emil Milat
Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of
Christians Parish, South Woden



**Woden Valley Uniting Church,
and Mary Help of Christians
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those who appeared, joined in and
sang at tonight's Community
Carols @ Pearce.**

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Prize - 6 bottles of wine from Mount Majura Vineyard and a case of beer from Capital Brewing.

Tickets - \$3 or 4 for \$10.

All proceeds to the event costs.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

Woden Valley Uniting Church (WVUC) strongly supports the Christmas Bowl Appeal, which is a longstanding ecumenical initiative of the National Council of Churches in Australia. We ask you to donate to our collectors at the Carol Service tonight.



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the Resonants

The Resonants are one of Canberra's foremost adult choirs, formed in 1990 by Helen Swan. The Resonants were ABC Choir of the Year in 2006 and performed as part of the Centenary of Canberra Celebrations at Parkes Place in 2013. They have recorded four CDs, participated in the Canberra International Music Festival and competed successfully in multiple Australian National Eisteddfods. Some members have toured internationally to New York and London representing the choir. Performing a variety of historic and contemporary choral music, with a focus on supporting Australian composers, The Resonants produce a beautiful, blended sound and perform with great artistic flair.

<https://www.resonants.org/>



The Canberra Chordsmen is Canberra's premier men's barbershop chorus, established over 30 years ago. We are proud to have Daniel Bennett as our accomplished musical director. Please take a look at our website if you are interested in close-harmony singing and producing wonderful, full-harmony sound. We love welcoming new, potential, singers. We sing a variety of a cappella songs in close four-part harmony, mostly in the barbershop quartet style.

Our repertoire ranges from barbershop to doo-wop, love songs and spirituals, upbeat numbers and ballads. The Canberra Chordsmen have competed over many years at regional, national and international conventions, recently at the Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention in Auckland NZ and won a Bronze medal at the National Barbershop Championships at the Gold Coast this year. The Chordsmen perform at many gigs around Canberra so look out for our distinctive style.

<https://www.canberrachordsmen.org.au/>

India Cornwell - Soloist

India has been singing since she can remember, growing up in a musical household. Her passion for musical theatre was solidified at school performing in several productions, including playing the lead role of Tracy in Hairspray, Mackillop College (2017). This led her to pursue her passion by becoming an active member of the Canberra theatre community. In 2017 she won the Budding Theatre Youth Talent Contest. India's most recent shows include The Wedding Singer with the Queanbeyan Players (2018), We Will Rock You; The Arena Spectacular, Peewee Productions (2018), Beauty and Beast, Canberra Philharmonic (2019), Kinky Boots (Free Rain Theatre (2019), and Footloose (Queanbeyan Players (2023). India is delighted to be performing at the Pearce Community Christmas Carols in 2024 alongside her grandmother Helen Swan.

Helen Swan

Helen Swan is a well-known Canberra choral conductor, musician, music educator and opera singer. She studied at the Canberra School of Music, gaining her Bachelor of Arts (Music), followed by a Diploma of Education. She has performed as a singer and conductor, singing leading roles with Canberra Opera as well as being Chorus Master for several productions. Helen has also worked with Canberra Children's Choir, Canberra Choral Society, Oriana Chorale and Canberra Youth Music choirs. After many years teaching at Canberra Grammar School, Helen now keeps busy with her private singing studio, The Resonants, and the Warrani U3A Chorale.

Genevieve Jacobs AM

Genevieve Jacobs AM is the CEO of Hands Across Canberra, the ACT's community foundation. She was formerly a journalist for 30 years, working in print, radio and digital media as a longtime ABC Canberra presenter and more recently the Group Editor for Region Media. She is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Genevieve is a director of the Cultural Facilities Corporation, Regional Development Australia's Southern NSW board and the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

She chairs the Canberra international Music Festival and has an enduring interest in building and strengthening community engagement.

In 2021, she was made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her services to broadcasting and the community.
