

CHRISTMAS EVE

# Children's Crib Service

4 pm • 24 December 2024

St Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide



*Narrators: Jenny Wilson and Chris McLeod*

Children are asked to sit with their families  
until called to play their part in the Nativity scene.  
Lost children will be taken to the baptismal font near the main door.

Toilets are available at the northern side of the car park.

You are welcome to take photos. If you are sharing photos of your own children on social media, please make sure that there are no other children in the images you share.

### **PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

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 mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.



*Joseph and Mary,  
Innkeepers,  
Cows and Donkeys  
come forward*

### **PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

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,  
Glory streams from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia,  
Christ our Saviour is born,  
Christ our Saviour is born.'



*Angels and Stars  
come forward*

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

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 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 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.*



*Shepherds and Sheep  
come forward*

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the 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 meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid.'



*Kings, Pages  
and other children  
come forward*

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
Gold I bring, to crown him again -  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign:

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*



**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid 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 until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

*All are invited to be part of a Grand Procession around the Cathedral.  
Feel free to take photos as the Procession passes you.  
Please join in singing the final carol.*

**PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING**

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!*

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps:

Lo, star-led chieftains  
magi, Christ adoring,  
offer him incense, gold, and myrrh:  
We to the Christ-child  
bring our hearts' oblations:

Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
glory to God  
in the highest:

**The Blessing**



**Retiring Collection**

*As you leave, there are people at the door holding collection bags, and there are tap-n-go terminals at the doors. Please give to support the ministry of this Cathedral.*

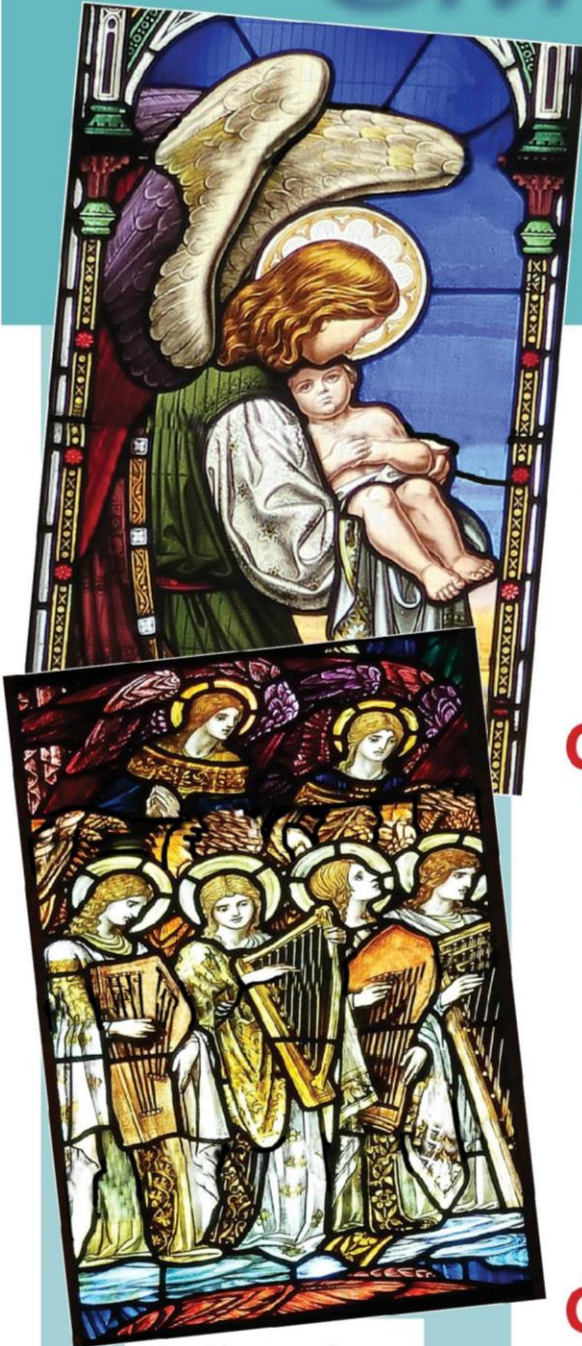
**With thanks to**

Organist: Charlie Wells • The Cathedral Kids Group

*The Cathedral offers a lively program for children every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am service. We look forward to seeing you.*



# Christmas at St Peter's Cathedral



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## All Welcome

### Sunday 22 December 2024

**6pm: Blue Christmas Service  
(Evening service with hymns)**

A service for those who are struggling this Christmas. The simple act of lighting a candle serves to remind us that the darkness has not overcome the light. (John 1:5) With Festival Statesmen Chorus and Organ.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### Tuesday 24 December 2024

**4pm: Children's Crib Service**

Children are invited to come dressed as characters from the Christmas story. This service will last approximately one hour.

**7pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

With the Cathedral Choir, Organ, and Brass

**11pm: The First Eucharist of Christmas  
(Midnight Mass)**

Doors open at 10.15pm  
With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### Wednesday 25 December 2024

**8am: Holy Communion (BCP) with Carols**

**10am: Festal Choral Eucharist**

With the Cathedral Choir and Organ.







*We wish you a blessed,  
holy, and happy  
Christmas.*

