

Carols on the Hill

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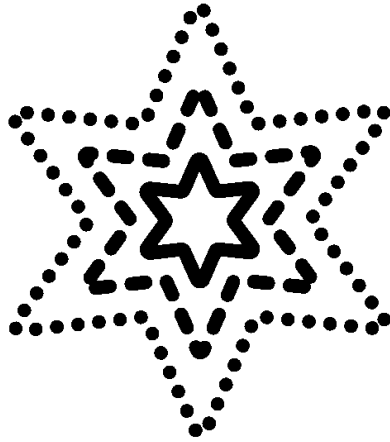
LYRICS & READINGS

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald-angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you 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 newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven 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 man to dwell;
Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald-angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!”



Chapter One: An Unexpected Introduction

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory;
Wing your flight over all the earth.
Heralds of creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching by your flocks at night;
God with man is now residing!
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Wise men, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions shine afar.
Seek in Him the hope of nations;
You have seen His rising star.
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will share His Father's throne;
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

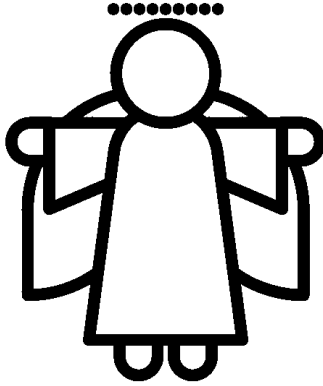
Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when the new heaven and earth shall own
the Prince of Peace their King,
and all the world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

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Chapter Two: The Quest For The Perfect Christmas Carol

Luke 2:1-21

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a

baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

²¹On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. NIV®

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.
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 afar.
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

At Bethlehem they entered in;
On bended knee they worshipped Him.
They offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our Heavenly Lord.
Who has made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts, we travel afar;
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
following yonder star.

“Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign”

**Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to the perfect light.**

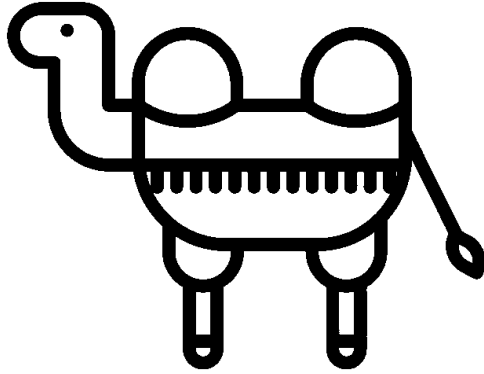
“Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet priest on high
Prayer and praising all men raising:
worship is earth’s reply”

CHORUS

“Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
tells of His death and Calvary’s gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb”

Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heaven sings out alleluia
“Amen” the earth replies!

CHORUS



Chapter Three: As The Prophet Foretold

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out

from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. NIV®

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

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.

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 Immanuel.

Do Not Fear

Humble virgin, arise and take heart,
You've been chosen to carry a son.
Give no heed to the trembling inside,
For the wonder has only begun.

Do not fear, do not fear.

**The child you will hold is the Saviour foretold drawing
near.**

Do not fear.

Lowly shepherds, look up and take heart,
See the glory of heaven burn bright.
Hear the anthem of joy and good news.
Hope has dawned in a stable tonight.

Do not fear, do not fear

**The child in the hay is the Ancient of Days drawing
near.**

Do not fear.

Weary children, be still and take heart.
Every longing you feel is a cry
For the rest He has offered to all.
Come to Him, for His burden is light.

Do not fear, do not fear.

**The God who redeems you and ever will keep you is
near.**

Do not fear.

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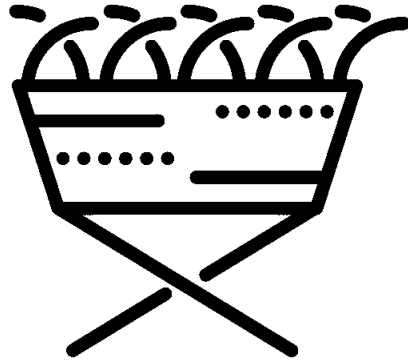
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Chapter Four: We Could Hold God In Our Hands

Luke 1:46-56

⁴⁶And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his
servant.

From now on all
generations will call me
blessed,

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has
done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy extends to
those who fear him,
from generation to
generation.

⁵¹He has performed mighty
deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those
who are proud in their

inmost thoughts.

⁵²He has brought down
rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the
humble.

⁵³He has filled the hungry
with good things
but has sent the rich
away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant
Israel,
remembering to be
merciful

⁵⁵to Abraham and his
descendants forever,
just as he promised our
ancestors.”

⁵⁶Mary stayed with
Elizabeth for about three
months and then returned
home. NIV®

Who Would Have Dreamed

On a starlit hillside, shepherds watched their sheep
Slowly David's city drifted off to sleep
But to this little town of no great renown
The Lord had a promise to keep

Prophets had foretold it, a mighty King would come
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One
But the Sovereign of all looked helpless and small
As God gave the world His own Son

**And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen
That we could hold God in our hands?
The Giver of Life is born in the night
Revealing God's glorious plan
To save the world**

Wondrous gift of heaven: the Father sends the Son
Planned from time eternal, moved by holy love
He will carry our curse and death He'll reverse
So we can be daughters and sons

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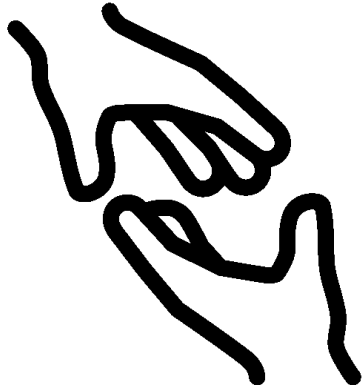
Silent Night

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.

Silent night, holy night;
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia!" to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born;
Christ the Saviour is born.



Chapter Five: To Find The Lost

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be

destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. NIV®

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!**

True God of true God,
Light of light eternal;
He who abhors not the virgin's womb.
Son of the Father, begotten, not created:

CHORUS

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 that happy morning;
Jesus, to You be all glory given!
Word of the Father, then in flesh appearing:

CHORUS

O Holy Night

O holy night; the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope; the weary soul rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; O, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.

Led by the light of faith, serenely beaming,
with glowing hearts, by His cradle we stand.
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus, in lowly manger,
in all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need; our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory ever more proclaim;
His power and glory ever more proclaim!
O night; O holy night;
O night divine!



Chapter Six: And Then Night Fell

Isaiah 53:1-12

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is

silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. NIV®

What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
"Haste, haste to bring Him laud;
the babe, the son of Mary".

Why lies He in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
the cross be borne for me and you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high;
the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born;
the babe, the son of Mary.
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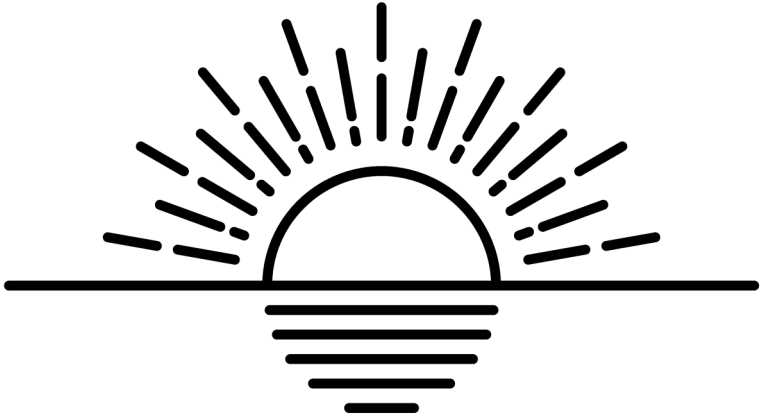
I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day,
Their old, familiar carols play;
And mild and sweet their songs repeat,
Of peace on Earth, goodwill to men.
And the bells are ringing; *Peace on Earth*
Like a choir they're singing; *Peace on Earth*
In my heart I hear them;
Peace on Earth, goodwill to men

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on Earth," I said.
For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on Earth, goodwill to men.
But the bells are ringing; *Peace on Earth*
Like a choir they're singing: *Peace on Earth*
Does anybody hear them?
Peace on Earth, good will to men

**Then rang the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead, nor does He sleep!"
Peace on Earth, Peace on Earth!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on Earth, goodwill to men**

Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day.
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on Earth, goodwill to men.
And the bells are ringing; *Peace on Earth*
Like a choir they're singing; *Peace on Earth*
And with our hearts, we'll hear them;
Peace on Earth, goodwill to men
Do you hear the bells? they're ringing; *Peace on Earth*
Like the angels singing; *Peace on Earth*
Open up your heart and hear them;
Peace on Earth, goodwill to men.
Peace on Earth, peace on Earth,
Peace on Earth, goodwill to men



Chapter Seven: The Burning Edge of Dawn

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives

light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Joy to the World

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.

Joy to the earth! 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.



Chapter Eight: Joy

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve - 11pm

Christmas Day - 9:30am

Sunday Services

8:30am - Traditional Prayerbook service, with communion first and third Sundays of the month

10am - A family service, with Kids Church and Creche available, and communion on third Sunday of the month

6pm - An evening service, for youth, young adults and those young at heart, with communion on the first Sunday of the month

Livestream links for the 8:30am and 10am services can be found at ttganglican.org.au

SWAT Youth Group

SWAT Youth runs weekly on a Friday night during school term. We meet from 7pm to 9pm for youth in years 7-12. Our program includes games, supper, a Bible study and a great opportunity for youth to make friends among their peer group. If you have further questions, talk to our Youth contact, Ashlyn Maude on 0478 621 113.

Generators Kids Club

Generators Kids Club meets weekly on Friday afternoons during school term. We meet from 3:30-5pm for kids aged Reception to year 6. Our program includes crafts, games, food and a Bible talk. If you have any questions, talk to our Pastor, Rick Maude, on 0431 993 455

Christianity Explored

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