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**Carols**  
by Candlelight

# SONG BOOK

**Friday 13 December 2024**

6.00pm to 10.00pm

Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster

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# Seasons Greetings

Wishing you peace & joy  
this festive season.

May the magic of Christmas fill your hearts with peace and joy.  
May the new year bring hope, happiness and good health.

This is our 16th year supporting the Manningham Carols by Candlelight.  
It is our pleasure in giving back to our community and we thank you  
for your support throughout the year.

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Have a Merry Christmas!

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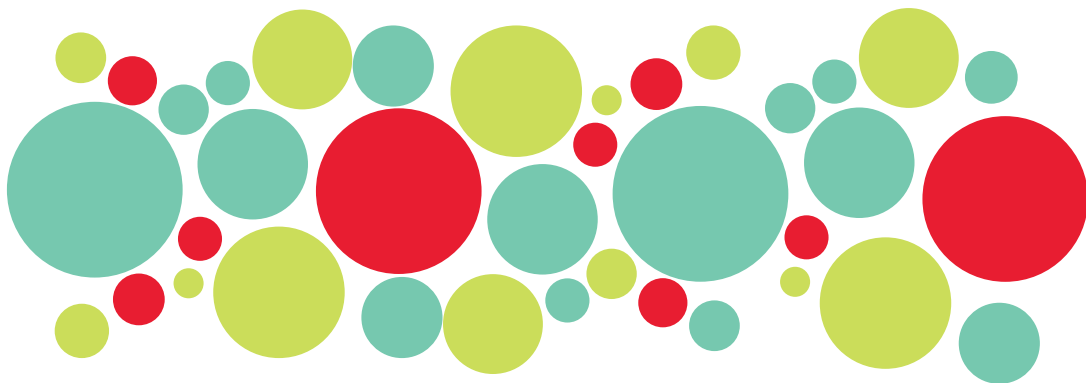
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# Carols program

## **Pre-show entertainment**

**6.30pm to 7.15pm**

Doncaster Youth Rock Band

Veneto Club Choir

Aquarena Zumba

Barry Plant raffle

Mercedes-Benz Silver Star Motors Raffle

## **Welcome and introduction**

**7.15pm**

## **MC welcome**

Lucy Holmes and Richard Thomas

## **Welcome to Country**

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

## **Welcome by the Mayor**

Cr Deirdre Diamante

## **Manningham Carols by Candlelight Concert**

**7.30pm to 9.30pm**

Performances by local and national artists

Santa will be stopping by at 8.00pm.

## **Fireworks finale**

**9.30pm**

## **Need help?**

Please visit Manningham's information marquee located next to the stage.

# O Come All Ye Faithful

*Performed by Richard Thomas*

Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

God of God, light of light  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God  
Begotten, not created

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, 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,  
In the highest;

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.  
Son of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

# It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year

*Performed by Lucy Holmes*

It's the most wonderful time of the year  
With the kids jingle-belling  
And everyone telling you be of good cheer  
It's the most wonderful time of the year

It's the hap-happiest season of all  
With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings

When friends come to call  
It's the hap-happiest season of all  
There'll be parties for hosting  
Marshmallows for toasting  
And caroling out in the snow  
There'll be scary ghost stories  
And tales of the glories of  
Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year  
There'll be much mistle-toeing  
And hearts will be glowing  
When loved ones are near

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When loved ones are near  
It's the most wonderful time  
It's the most wonderful time  
Oh the most wonderful time of the year



# Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)

*Performed by Carla Dominique*

(Christmas) The snow's coming down  
(Christmas) I'm watching it fall  
(Christmas) Lots of people around  
(Christmas) Baby, please come home  
(Christmas) The church bells in town  
(Christmas) Are ringing in song  
(Christmas) Full of happy sounds  
(Christmas) Baby, please come home

They're singing "Deck The Halls"  
But it's not like Christmas at all  
'Cause I remember when you were here  
And all the fun we had last year

(Christmas) Pretty lights on the tree  
(Christmas) I'm watching them shine  
(Christmas) You should be here with me  
(Christmas) Baby, please come home

# Mistletoe

*Performed by Oliver Mordaunt*

It's the most beautiful time of the year  
Lights fill the streets, spreading so much cheer  
I should be playing in the winter snow  
But I'ma be under the mistletoe

I don't wanna miss out on the holiday  
But I can't stop staring at your face  
I should be playing in the winter snow  
But I'ma be under the mistletoe  
With you, shawty, with you  
With you, shawty, with you  
With you, under the mistletoe  
Everyone's gathering around the fire  
Chestnuts roasting like a hot July  
I should be chilling with my folks, I know  
But I'ma be under the mistletoe

Word on the street, Santa's coming tonight  
Reindeer's flying through the sky so high  
I should be making a list, I know  
But I'ma be under the mistletoe  
With you, shawty, with you  
With you, shawty, with you  
With you, under the mistletoe  
(Repeat)

Ayy love, the wise men followed the star  
The way I followed my heart  
And it led me to a miracle  
Ayy love, don't you buy me nothing  
'Cause I am feeling one thing, your lips on my lips  
That's a merry, merry Christmas  
It's the most beautiful time of the year  
Lights fill the streets, spreading so much cheer  
I should be playing in the winter snow  
But I'ma be under the mistletoe

I don't wanna miss out on the holiday  
But I can't stop staring at your face  
I should be playing in the winter snow  
But I'ma be under the mistletoe (whoa yeah)  
With you, shawty, with you  
With you, shawty, with you  
With you, under the mistletoe, yeah  
(Repeat)

# Jingle Bell Rock

*Performed by Carla Venkataya*

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring  
Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun  
Now the jingle hop has begun  
Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square  
In the frosty air  
What a bright time, it's the right time  
To rock the night away  
Jingle bell time is a swell time  
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh  
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet  
Jingle around the clock  
Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet  
That's the jingle bell rock  
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Jingle around the clock  
Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet  
That's the jingle bell  
That's the jingle bell  
That's the jingle bell rock

# This is Christmas (War is Over)

*Performed by Carla Venkataya*

So this is Christmas  
And what have you done  
Another year over  
And a new one just begun  
And so this is Christmas  
I hope you have fun  
The near and the dear one  
The old and the young

A very Merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear

And so this is Christmas  
For weak and for strong  
For rich and the poor ones  
The road is so long  
And so happy Christmas  
For black and for white  
For yellow and red ones  
Let's stop all the fight

A very Merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear

And so this is Christmas  
And what have we done  
Another year over  
And a new one just begun  
And so happy Christmas  
We hope you have fun  
The near and the dear one  
The old and the young

A very Merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear

War is over, if you want it  
War is over now

# The First Noel

*Performed by Nicole Wallace*

The First Noel the Angels 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!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

# Holly Jolly Christmas

*Performed by Nicole Wallace*

Have a holly jolly Christmas  
It's the best time of the year  
Now I don't know if there'll be snow  
But have a cup of cheer  
Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And when you walk down the street  
Say hello to friends you know  
And everyone you meet  
Oh-ho, the mistletoe  
Is hung where you can see  
Somebody waits for you  
Kiss her once for me  
Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And in case you didn't hear  
Oh, by golly have a holly jolly Christmas This year  
Oh-ho, the mistletoe  
Is hung where you can see  
Somebody waits for you  
Kiss her once for me  
Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And in case you didn't hear  
Oh, by golly  
Have a holly jolly Christmas this year

# O Holy Night

*Performed by Sandra Webb*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our 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 world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees,  
Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine,  
O night, O night divine!

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 raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord!  
Then ever, ever praise we!  
Noel! Noel!  
O night, o night divine!

Noel! Noel!  
O night, o night divine

Noel! Noel!  
Oh, O holy night

# It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

*Performed by Sandra Webb*

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Everywhere you go  
Take a look at the five and ten, it's glistening once again  
With candy canes and silver lanes that glow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Toys in every store  
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be  
On your own front door

A pair of hop along boots and a pistol that shoots  
Is the wish of Barney and Ben  
Dolls that'll talk and will go for a walk  
Is the hope of Janice and Jen  
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Everywhere you go  
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well  
It's the sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Soon the bells will start  
And the thing that'll make 'em ring is the carol that you sing  
Right within your heart

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Toys in every store  
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be  
On your own front door

Sure, it's Christmas once more



# Rocking Around The Christmas Tree

*Performed by the cast of Wendy Samantha Productions*

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
At the Christmas party hop  
Mistletoe hung where you can see  
Every couple tries to stop

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Let the Christmas spirit ring  
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie  
And we'll do some caroling

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear  
Voices singing, let's be jolly  
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Have a happy holiday  
Everyone dancin' merrily  
In the new old-fashioned way

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear  
Voices singing, let's be jolly  
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Have a happy holiday  
Everyone dancin' merrily  
In the new old-fashioned way

# Santa Claus is Coming

*Performed by the cast of Wendy Samantha Productions*

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away

Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day

Put a piece of pie or cake  
On a pretty Christmas plate  
Remember Ruldolph's carrot  
Oh, we can hardly wait!

Christmas tree is twinkling  
Christmas pudding stirred  
Presents are all wrapped and stacked  
'Cause everybody's' heard

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day

We love singing carols  
And lighting candles too

But my favourite part of Christmas Eve  
Is cuddling up to you

Christmas tree is twinkling  
Christmas pudding stirred  
Presents are all wrapped and stacked  
'Cause everybody's' heard

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away

Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day

Is it time for bed yet?  
It must be really late

Everything is ready  
And we can hardly wait

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day

Santa Claus is coming  
Santa Claus is coming  
He's not very far away  
Time to hang your stockings up  
Tomorrow's Christmas Day!

Merry Christmas!

# Jingle Bells

*Performed by Santa*

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

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Ha ha ha  
Bells on bobtails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight

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

Now the ground is white  
And the night is young  
Take the sleigh tonight  
And join us in this song  
Just get a bobtailed bay  
Get ready for a run  
Then hitch him to a sleigh  
And now we'll have some fun!

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

# Winter Wonderland

*Performed by Oliver Mordaunt*

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?  
In the lane, snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight  
We're happy tonight  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Gone away is the bluebird  
Here to stay is a new bird  
He sings a love song  
As we go along  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
In the meadow we can build a snowman  
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say: Are you married?  
We'll say: no man  
But you can do the job  
When you're in town  
Later on, we'll conspire  
As we dream by the fire  
To face unafraid  
The plans that we've made  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
In the meadow we can build a snowman  
And pretend that he's a circus clown  
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman  
Until the other kiddies knock him down  
When it snows, ain't it thrilling  
Though your nose gets a chilling  
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Walking in a winter wonderland

# Blue Christmas

*Performed by Oliver Mordaunt*

I'll have a blue Christmas without you  
I'll be so blue just thinking about you  
Decorations of red on a green Christmas tree  
Won't be the same dear, if you're not here with me  
And when those blue snowflakes start falling  
That's when those blue memories start calling  
You'll be doing all right  
With your Christmas of white  
But I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas  
You'll be doing alright  
With your Christmas of white  
But I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas  
You'll be doing all right  
With your Christmas of white  
But I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas

# White Christmas

*Performed by Jael Wena*

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the tree tops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow, oh, the snow

I said, I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmas' be white  
(Let's go, sticks, let's go)

I said, I'm dreaming of a white, oh, Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the tree tops glisten  
And the children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days, may your days, may your days  
Be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmas' be white

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmas' be white

# You've Got a Friend in Me

*Performed by Melbournaires Harmony Chorus and Vocal Infusion*

You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me  
When the road looks rough ahead  
And you're miles and miles from your nice warm bed  
Just remember what your old pal said  
Boy, you've got a friend in me  
Yeah, you've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me  
You've got troubles, I've got 'em too  
There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you  
We stick together, we can see it through  
'Cause you've got a friend in me  
Yeah, you've got a friend in me  
Some other folks might be a little bit smarter than I am  
Bigger and stronger too, maybe  
But none of them will ever love you the way I do  
It's me and you, boy  
And as the years go by  
Our friendship will never die  
You're gonna see, it's our destiny  
You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me  
You've got a friend in me

# Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

*Performed by Melbournaires Harmony Chorus and Vocal Infusion*

Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
Let your heart be light  
Next year all our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
Make the Yuletide gay  
Next year all our troubles will be miles away

Once again, as in olden days  
Happy golden days of yore  
Faithful friends who are dear to us  
Will be near to us once more

Someday soon, we all will be together  
If the fates allow  
Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow  
So have yourself a merry little Christmas now



# Silent Night

*Performed by Mali Jayasuriya*

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!

# This Christmas

*Performed by Mali Jayasuriya*

Hang all the mistletoe  
I'm gonna get to know you better, yeah  
This Christmas  
And as we trim the tree  
How much fun it's gonna be together, yeah  
This Christmas  
Fireside is blazing bright  
We're caroling through the night  
And this Christmas will be  
A very special Christmas for me  
Presents and cards are here  
My world is filled with cheer and you  
This Christmas  
And as I look around  
Your eyes outshine the town they do  
This Christmas  
Fireside is blazing bright  
We're caroling through the night  
And this Christmas will be  
A very special Christmas for me, yeah  
Shake a hand, shake a hand now  
Fireside is blazing bright  
We're caroling through the night  
And this Christmas will be  
A very special Christmas for me, yeah  
Shake a hand, shake a hand now  
A hand now  
Wish your brother merry Christmas  
All over the land

# Santa Tell Me

*Performed by Jael Wena*

Santa, tell me if you're really there  
Don't make me fall in love again  
If he won't be here next year  
Santa, tell me if he really cares  
'Cause I can't give it all away  
If he won't be here next year

Feeling Christmas all around  
And I'm trying to play it cool  
But it's hard to focus when I see him  
walkin' 'cross the room  
"Let it Snow" is blasting out  
But I won't get in the mood  
I'm avoiding every mistletoe until I know  
It's true love that he thinks of  
So next Christmas  
I'm not all alone, boy

Santa, tell me if you're really there  
Don't make me fall in love again  
If he won't be here next year  
Santa, tell me if he really cares  
'Cause I can't give it all away  
If he won't be here next year

I've been down this road before  
Fell in love on Christmas night  
But on New Year's Day, I woke up and he  
wasn't by my side  
Now I need someone to hold  
Be my fire in the cold  
But it's hard to tell if this is just a fling  
Or if it's true love that he thinks of  
So next Christmas  
I'm not all alone, babe

Santa, tell me if you're really there  
Don't make me fall in love again  
If he won't be here next year  
Santa, tell me if he really cares  
'Cause I can't give it all away  
If he won't be here next year

Oh, I wanna have him beside me like  
On the 25th by that fire place  
But I don't want a new broken heart  
This year I've got to be smart  
If he will be, if he will be here

Santa, tell me if you're really there  
Don't make me fall in love again  
If he won't be here next year  
Santa, tell me if he really cares  
'Cause I can't give it all away  
If he won't be here next year  
Santa, tell me if you're really there  
Don't make me fall in love again  
If he won't be here next year  
Santa, tell me if he really cares  
'Cause I can't give it all away  
If he won't be here next year

# Feliz Navidad

*Performed by Richard Thomas*

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Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad

Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart.

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad

Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

Feliz Navidad

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Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart.

# What Christmas Means to Me

*Performed by Carla Dominique*

Oh, yeah  
Candles burnin' low  
Lots of mistletoe  
Lots of snow and ice  
Everywhere we go  
Choirs singin' carols  
Right outside my door  
All these things and more  
Whoa, that's what Christmas means to me my love  
And ya know what I mean  
I see your smilin' face  
Like I never seen before  
Even though I love ya madly  
It seems I love you more  
The little cards you'll give me  
Will touch my heart for sure  
All these things and more, darling  
Whoa, that's what Christmas means to me my love  
I feel like runnin' wild  
As anxious as a little child  
Greet you 'neath the mistletoe  
Kiss you once and then some more  
And wish you a Merry Christmas baby  
Whoa, and such happiness in the comin' year  
Oh, baby (happiness in the comin' year)  
Let's deck the halls with holly  
Sing sweet silent night  
Fill the tree with angel hair  
And pretty, pretty lights  
Go to sleep and wake up  
Just before daylight  
And all these things and more, baby  
Whoa, that's what Christmas means to me my love  
Candles burnin' low  
Lots and lots of snow (alright)  
Christmas bells are ringin'  
Christmas choirs singin'  
Christmas mistletoe

# Mary's Boy Child

*Performed by Samantha Du Rennes*

Long time ago in Bethlehem so the holy Bibles say  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day

Hark now hear the angels sing, a new King born today  
And man will live forevermore, because of Christmas Day

Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say  
That man will live forevermore, because of Christmas day

While Shepherds watch their flocks by night they see a bright new shining star  
They hear a choir sing, the music seems to come from afar

Now Joseph and his wife Mary come to Bethlehem that night  
But find no place to born she child, not a single room was in sight

Hark now hear the angels sing a new king born today  
And man will live forever more because of Christmas Day

Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say  
That man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

By and by they find a little nook in a stable all forlorn  
And in a manger cold and dark Mary's little boy was born

Long time ago in Bethlehem so the holy Bible's say  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day

Hark now hear the angels sing a new King born today  
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

Trumpets sound and angels sing listen to what they say  
That man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

Repeat:

Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say  
That man will live forever more because of Christmas Day

# I'll Be Home for Christmas

*Performed by Samantha Du Rennes*

I'll be home for Christmas  
You can count on me  
Please have snow and mistletoe  
And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me  
Where the lovelight gleams  
I'll be home for Christmas  
If only in my dreams

(I'll be home for Christmas  
You can plan on me  
Please have snow and mistletoe  
And presents on the tree)

Christmas Eve will find me  
Where the lovelight gleams  
I'll be home for Christmas  
If only in my dreams

# Angels We Have Heard on High

*Performed by Nadia Migliardi*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepards why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be that inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis deo

Gloria in excelsis deo

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ who's birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the lord, the new born king

Gloria in excelsis deo

Gloria in excelsis deo



# Joy to the World

*Performed by Nadia Migliardi*

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

Joy to the earth 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

# The Holy City

*Performed by Richard Thomas*

Last night I lay a sleeping,  
There came a dream so fair  
I stood in old Jerusalem  
Beside the temple there  
I heard the children singing  
And ever as they sang  
Me thought the voice of angels  
From heaven in answer rang  
From heaven in answer rang  
From heaven in answer rang

Jerusalem! Jerusalem!  
Lift up your gates and sing  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna to your king!

And then me thought my dream was  
changed

The streets no longer rang  
Hushed were the glad hosannas  
The little children sang  
The sun grew dark with mystery  
The morn was cold and chill  
As the shadow of a cross arose  
Upon a lonely hill  
As the shadow of a cross arose  
Upon a lonely hill

Jerusalem! Jerusalem!  
Hark! How the angels sing  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna to your king

And once again the scene was changed  
New earth there seemed to be  
I saw the Holy City  
Beside the tideless sea  
The light of God was on its streets  
The gates were open wide  
And all who would might enter  
And no one was denied  
No need of moon or stars by night  
Or sun to shine by day  
It was the new Jerusalem,  
That would not pass away  
It was the new Jerusalem  
That would not pass away

Jerusalem! Jerusalem!  
Sing, for the night is o'er!  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for evermore!  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for ever more!

# The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)

*Performed by Richard Thomas*

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
Jack Frost nipping at your nose  
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir  
And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey, and some mistletoe  
Help to make the season bright  
Tiny little tots with their eyes all aglow  
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa is on his way  
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh  
And every mother's child is gonna spy  
To see if reindeer really know how to fly

So I'm offering this simple phrase  
To kids from one to ninety-two  
Although it's been said many times, many ways  
Merry Christmas to you

# Amazing Grace

*Performed by Jael Wena*

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The Lord hath promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

# All I Want for Christmas

*Performed by Jael Wena*

I don't want a lot for Christmas  
There is just one thing I need  
I don't care about the presents  
Underneath the Christmas tree  
I just want you for my own  
More than you could ever know  
Make my wish come true  
All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas  
There is just one thing I need  
I don't care about the presents  
Underneath the Christmas tree  
I don't need to hang my stocking  
There upon the fireplace  
Santa Claus won't make me happy  
With a toy on Christmas Day

I just want you for my own  
More than you could ever know  
Make my wish come true  
All I want for Christmas is you  
You, baby

Oh, I won't ask for much this Christmas  
I won't even wish for snow  
I'm just gonna keep on waiting  
Underneath the mistletoe  
I won't make a list and send it  
To the North Pole for Saint Nick  
I won't even stay awake to  
Hear those magic reindeer click

I just want you here tonight  
Holding on to me so tight  
What more can I do?  
All I want for Christmas is you  
You, baby

Oh, all the lights are shining so brightly  
everywhere  
And the sound of children's laughter fills  
the air  
And everyone is singing  
I hear those sleigh bells ringing  
Santa, won't you bring me the one I really  
need  
Please bring my baby to me

Oh, I don't want a lot for Christmas  
This is all I'm asking for  
I just wanna see my baby  
Standing right outside my door

I just want you for my own  
More than you could ever know  
Make my wish come true  
All I want for Christmas is  
You, baby  
Ooh, baby

All I want for Christmas is you, baby  
All I want for Christmas is you, baby

# We Wish You a Merry Christmas/Joy to the World

*All cast finale*

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

Joy to the world, the Savior 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

We wish you a merry Christmas  
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 we 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

# Performers

## Carla Dominique

With 15 years professional experience as a vocalist and entertainer, Carla has had the privilege of performing locally, nationally and internationally, including in London, Asia, and Rome. Carla is honoured to share her love for music and Christmas with the Manningham community this year.

## Samantha Du Rennes

A renowned soprano from Melbourne, Samantha has graced our city's theatre stages for over a remarkable 25 years, leaving an indelible mark in both the realms of opera and musical theatre.

Since 2004, she has lent her exquisite voice to the Opera Australia chorus and holds the esteemed position of a minor principal artist with Victorian Opera. Her musical journey has transcended borders, with performances in Belgium, London, and New York. As a loving mother of two young children, Samantha cherishes the holiday season, especially the joy it brings to children at Carol events.

## Lucy Holmes

Lucy Holmes is one of Australia's most versatile media personalities currently heard on 89.9 Light FM's Lucy and Kel's breakfast show. She has worked as a television host, radio host, professional singer, actress, recording artist, voiceover artist, MC and model. Lucy has performed as lead vocalist on many TV shows including Dancing with The Stars, The Logies, Carols by Candlelight, Good Morning Australia, the AFL Grand Final and The Good Friday Appeal.

## Mali Jayasuriya

Mali is a Manningham local making her debut appearance at Manningham Carols. Mali has been performing at venues across Melbourne for the past 25 years. Mum by day, rockstar by night - Mali is a talented pianist and vocalist who loves to perform in front of a crowd.

## Nadia Migliardi

Nadia is a professional solo artist and soloist for community choirs. Over many decades, Nadia has been involved in some amazing shows and choirs including the Camberwell Chorale, Babbira Musical Theatre, Melbourne Opera (2019 ongoing), Melbourne Citi Opera (2018), and has performed at the Vision Australia Carols by Candlelight.

## Oliver Mordaunt

With a Bachelor of Performing Arts, Oliver's journey into the world of Musical Theatre spans over eight glorious years. His passion for the performing arts was ignited in his early years, propelling him into a dedicated pursuit of his artistic dreams. Alongside his theatrical endeavours, Oliver has honed his skills in crafting original songs, mastering both the keyboard and guitar.

## Wendy Samantha Productions

Wendy Samantha Productions is a local performing arts school whose talented students are dynamic, energetic and love to get a crowd excited. Many of their students come from local schools around the Manningham community. They recently performed at the Doncaster Playhouse - "High School Musical 2", after performing last year "High School Musical".

## Richard Thomas

Richard has been entertaining Melbourne audiences for over twenty-five years and is a truly special talent. As an avid musical theatre performer, his credits include "Mame", "Sweet Charity", "Follies", "The Secret Garden", "Les Miserables", "Chicago", "Rebecca", "The Producers", "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Mary Poppins". Richard has been a regular at Manningham Carols since 1998 and we are delighted to have him back as our talented MC and soloist.

## **Carla Venkataya**

Carla's love of music began with singing lessons as a 6-year-old at the Jaanz International Singing Academy. Carla performed at the Manningham Carols in 2019, having sung the national anthem. In December 2023, Carla was honoured to be named the winner of Knox Factor 2023 and we are excited to have her back at Manningham Carols again this year.

## **Nicole Wallace**

Manningham local and vocal powerhouse Nicole Wallace started her career touring with Opera Australia in "The Barber of Seville" and "Cinderella". She has extensive experience on the concert stage working with the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra, The Australian Pops Orchestra, and the Maroondah Symphony Orchestra.

## **Sandra Webb**

Sandra Webb is a singer, pianist, songwriter, and composer based in Melbourne. With over 20 years of diverse musical experience, ranging from church musician and community performer to session singer, teacher, songwriter, composer and recording artist, she has made multiple appearances as a piano player on *Neighbours*.

## **Jael Wena**

Jael Wena is a Congolese-Australian singer and one of Australia's finest female soul voices. Jael has featured on our top music TV shows including The Voice Australia & Australia's Got Talent.

Jael's recent headline acts include the Australian Open tennis and the Australian Grand Prix. At just 18 years old, Jael Wena stands as a vocal powerhouse. She draws consistent comparisons to the legendary pop queens, Whitney Houston and Tina Turner. Jael is thrilled to be performing at Manningham Carols this year.

## **All Star Carols Band**

The All-Star Carols band is led by renowned Musical Director and Manningham resident, John Turcio. This exceptional house band features some of Australia's most accomplished session musicians, who have collaborated with many iconic touring and recording artists. The band line-up includes Dean Cooper, John Turcio, Robert Severini and Jack Pantazis.

## **The Manningham Concert Band**

A regular at Manningham Carols, the Manningham Concert Band take pride in being a welcoming community concert band with a diverse repertoire. Their membership is a vibrant mix of individuals, spanning from school students to retirees, all coming together under the guidance of their esteemed Musical Director, Andrew van Gemert.

## **The Melbournaires Harmony Chorus and Vocal Infusion**

These two choruses are singing together tonight and are part of a long-established local club whose members sing popular songs in four-part a cappella harmony.

The Melbournaires Harmony Chorus is a men's chorus which rehearses each Monday in Doncaster East while Vocal Infusion is a mixed chorus which rehearses one Sunday each month at the same venue. The choruses participate annually in National and Pan-Pacific Barbershop Conventions.



# Acknowledgements

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Carols event a success.

To our performers, your voices and instruments filled the night with festive joy and cheer. We're grateful for your time and talent.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, Barry Plant Manningham, Silver Star Mercedes-Benz Doncaster, Optus, Montessori Academy, Visy and Doncaster Orthodontics. Your support enabled us to bring this special event to our community.

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To our event staff, volunteers and Fruitbowl Production, your hard work and dedication behind the scenes made all the difference.

And to our community, thank you for joining us and making this evening so special.

## Share your thoughts with us

Each year, we strive to create an evening filled with fun and joy, we'd love to hear your feedback! Please take a moment to complete our short survey by scanning the QR code or visiting our website. If you provide your details, you'll go into the draw to win one of three \$100 Find Your Local EFTPOS gift cards.



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