

Welcome to the region's big sing-along:



Song Sheet

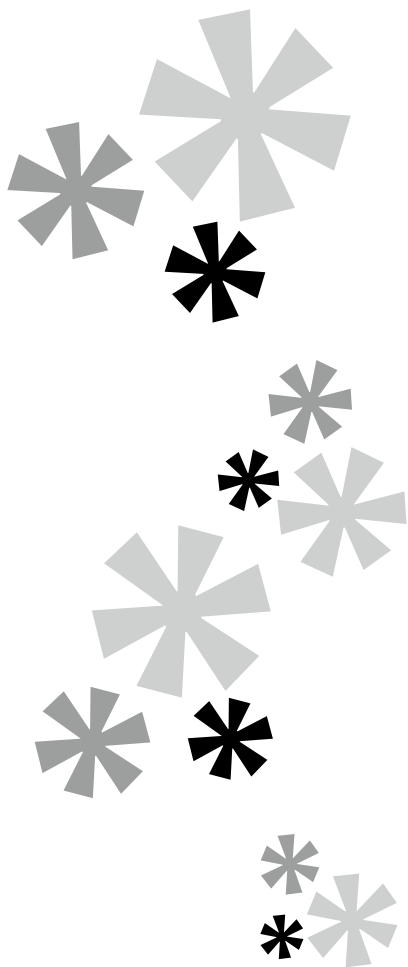
Thousands of people in pubs, clubs, community centres, care homes, churches and other venues across the region are joining in with Sing Christmas.

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HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. 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 the angelic host proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Chorus:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

2. 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 as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel

Chorus:

3. 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 may die;
Born to raise us from the earth;
Born to give us second birth,

Chorus:

■ ***Celebrating across the region – 1***
■ ***The Theme – Christmas past,
present and future***

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel!

■ ***Christmas past –
the best remembered***

SILENT NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Mary and Joseph in stable bare
Watched o'er the child beloved and fair
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds first saw the light,
Heard resounding clear and long,
Far and near, the angel-song:
“Christ the Redeemer is here,
Christ the Redeemer is here.”

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light.
Love is smiling from your face
With the dawn of saving grace.
Saviour, since you are born,
Saviour, since you are born.

★ ***Time to Share Food***
(instrumental music during)

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

1. Ding dong! merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.

Chorus:

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And “io, io, io!”
By priest and people sungen.

Chorus:

■ ***Christmas future – hopes for the years ahead***

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
From heav’n’s all-gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

2. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise of mortal strife,
And hear the angels sing!

3. For lo, the days are hast’ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

■ ***Prayers***

AWAY IN A MANGER

1. 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.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes:
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down
from the sky
And stay by my side until morning
is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus: I ask you
to stay
Close by me for ever and love me,
I pray;
Bless all the dear children in your
tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with
you there.

■ ***Celebrating across the region – 4***

■ ***Christmas Thought***

JOY TO THE WORLD

1. 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!

2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns;
Your sweetest songs employ.
While fields and streams and hills
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

3. He rules the world with truth
and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
The wonders of his love,
The wonders of his love,
The wonders, wonders, of his love.

■ *The Blessing*

★ *Time to Drink a Toast*

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. 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;

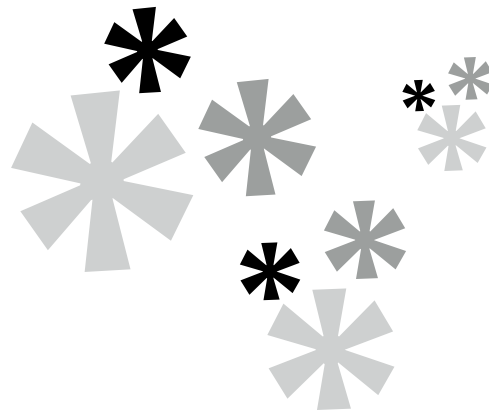
Chorus:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. God from God,
Light from light,
He who rejects not the virgin's womb
Son of the Father, begotten not created;
Chorus:

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all you citizens of heaven above.
'Glory to God, glory in the highest';
Chorus:

■ *The End*





We hope you enjoyed this unique interactive Carol Service wherever you have listened!

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www.rejesus.co.uk/christmas

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