

*Many thanks to the Kaiapoi Brass Band for their wonderful musical accompaniment this evening.*



*Thanks also to the Waimakiriri Council,  
Combined Churches of Kaiapoi & the following businesses:*



*We wish everyone a blessed Christmas  
and wonderful New Year.*

Isaiah 9:6

*"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."*



***A Christmas Celebration***

***Featuring***

***The Kaiapoi Brass Band***

***A KAIAPOI COMBINED CHURCHES EVENT***

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Every year, as the year draws to a close it seems that we race head long towards Christmas and we get caught up in the tinsel, the lights and how many people are coming for dinner.

Yet in the midst of all that, there is a simple message that calls us back to the true meaning of Christmas. Emmanuel, the humble birth of a baby more than 2000 years ago calls us, comforts us and challenges us.

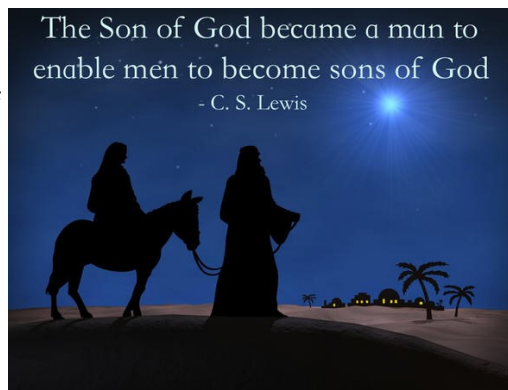
So tonight we come to celebrate and contemplate the coming of Jesus Christ as a baby all those years ago. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

The birth of Jesus calls us back into a relationship with God himself. The birth of Jesus shows us that it was God's initiative, not ours that restored our relationship with God the Father. It is the same today, God still calls us to him, through Jesus Christ.

The birth of Jesus comforts us with the sure knowledge that God in his love sent His Son to dwell among us. That in Jesus, his birth, life and resurrection we see the wildly extravagant love of God poured out for us!

The birth of Jesus challenges us to look beyond the things of this world. To see more than what is seen. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are empowered to love this world, just as God loves it. To live lives that declare the goodness that God has poured out upon us and exhort others to join us in this journey of following Jesus Christ - Emmanuel.

May you know the peace and joy of God's presence as you celebrate Christmas with family and friends this year.



### Christmas Eve Service

**24 December, 7pm**  
**45 Charles Street, Kaiapoi**



**RIVERSIDE**  
community CHURCH



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. Jesus is here!*  
2 Corinthians 13:1

**Family Event with Christmas Carols**



## WAIMAKARIRI COMMUNITY

# Christmas Lunch

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## CHRISTMAS DAY

KAIAPOI RUGBY ROOMS 11.30AM - 2.30PM  
(LUNCH SERVED AT MIDDAY)

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**BOOKING ESSENTIAL BEFORE FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**  
I-SITE, 143 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI (TEL: 03 327 3134) &  
RANGIORA SHOWCASE JEWELLERS, 103 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA.

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## Kaiapoi Baptist Church Christmas Services



## Kaiapoi Co-Operating Parish Christmas Services



THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND  
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa



Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa New Zealand

Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd December

The Church will be open as a quiet space for reflection—all are welcome

6:00-9:00pm @ 53 Fuller Street *Peace on Earth*

Christmas Day Service

9:30 am @ 53 Fuller Street *Christmas Day*

## 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*

Sing, choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
“Glory to God, in the highest”

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

## THE FIRST NOWELL

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

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell  
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

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

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently on bended knee  
And offered there, in His presence  
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense

Then let us with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought  
And with His blood mankind hath bought

## Anglican Parish of Kaiapoi Christmas Services



***Come & Celebrate Christmas  
with the Anglican Parish of Kaiapoi!***

### **Christmas Eve**

7pm @ St Alban's, Mill Rd, Ohoka      Carols & Communion service  
11:30pm @ St Bart's, Cass St, Kaiapoi      Carols & Communion service

### **Christmas Day**      Communion Services

8am      @ St Augustine's, Island Rd, Clarkville  
9:30am      @ St Bart's, Cass St, Kaiapoi  
11am      @ St Thomas', South Eyre Rd, Eyreton



### **Christmas Eve Mass:**

6.00pm Children's Mass – Rangiora  
8.00pm Family Mass – Kaiapoi preceded by Carols at 7:30pm  
9.00pm Family Mass – Rangiora preceded by carols at 8:30pm

### **Christmas Day Mass:**

8.00am – Mass in Oxford  
9.00am – Mass in Kaiapoi  
10.00am – Mass in Rangiora

## JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart, prepare Him room  
And Heav'n 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 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

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

### John 3:16-17

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King*

Christ, by highest heaven 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 man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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

## IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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 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

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

Hark! Now hear the angels sing:  
"New King's born today  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day!"  
Trumpets sound and angels sing,  
Listen to what they say!  
That man will live forevermore  
Because of Christmas Day!



### Luke 2:8-12

*"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'"*

## MARY'S BOY CHILD

Long time ago in Bethlehem  
So the Holy Bible say  
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas Day!

While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
They saw a bright new shining star  
And heard a choir from heaven sing  
The music came from afar

Hark! Now hear the angels sing:  
"New King's born today  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day!"

Now Joseph and his wife Mary  
Came to Bethlehem that night.  
They found no place to bear her Child,  
Not a single room was in sight.

Hark! Now hear the angels sing:  
"New King's born today  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day!"

## WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

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 minds  
"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."

"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
to those on whom his favour rests  
goodwill shall never cease."

## 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  
Heav'nly 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



*Gerard Van Honthorst - Adoration of the Shepherds 1622*

"Fear not then," said the Angel,  
"Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Saviour  
Of pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him  
From Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem  
Where our dear Saviour lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down,  
Unto the Lord did pray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

## GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel,  
This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn  
The which His Mother Mary  
Did nothing take in scorn  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

## AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger  
No crib for His 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 poor 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  
'Til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
And love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care,  
And take us to Heaven  
To live with You there.

## CHILD IN THE MANGER

Child in a manger, Infant of Mary  
Outcast and stranger, Lord of all  
Child who inherits all our transgressions  
All our demerits on Him fall

Once the most holy Child of salvation  
Gently and lowly lived below  
Now as our glorious  
Mighty Redeemer  
See Him victorious o'er each foe

Prophets foretold Him Infant of wonder  
Angels behold Him on His throne  
Worthy our Saviour of all their praises  
Happy for ever are His own



Govert Flinck - Angels Announcing Christ's Birth 1639

## TE HARINUI

Not on a snowy night  
By star or candlelight  
Nor by an angel band  
There came to our dear land

*Te Harinui  
Te Harinui  
Te Hari-nu-i  
Glad tidings of great joy*

But on a summer day  
Within a quiet bay  
The Maori people heard  
The great and glorious word

The people gathered round  
Upon the grassy ground  
And heard the preacher say  
I bring to you this day

Now in this blessed land  
United heart and hand  
We praise the glorious birth  
And sing to all the earth

