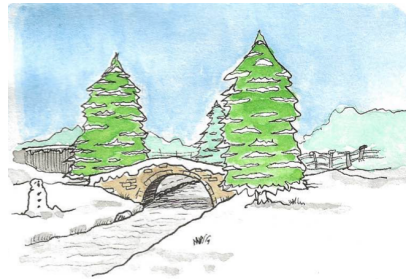




# **ROMANBY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **OUR 7TH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GATHERING AT THE ROMANBY MEMORIAL GARDEN & ST JAMES CHURCH**



## **CHRISTMAS POEMS, SONGS, STORIES, AND CAROLS**



**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025**

**3-4.30PM**

**SOUVENIR PROGRAMME  
OF EVENTS**



**CHRISTMAS SONG: SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN**  
**BY JF COOTS & H GILLESPIE (1934)**

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT  
YOU BETTER NOT CRY  
YOU BETTER NOT POUT  
I'M TELLING YOU WHY,  
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

HE'S MAKING A LIST  
HE'S CHECKING IT TWICE  
HE'S GOING TO FIND OUT  
WHO'S NAUGHTY AND NICE,  
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

HE SEES YOU WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING  
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE  
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN BAD  
OR GOOD  
SO BE GOOD FOR GOODNESS SAKE

YOU BETTER WATCH OUT  
YOU BETTER NOT CRY  
YOU BETTER NOT POUT  
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***HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (1957) BY DR. SEUSS***

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**CHRISTMAS SONG: WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**TRADITIONAL 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY – ARRANGEMENT FIRST PERFORMED BY**  
**ARTHUR WARRELL - 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1935**

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.*

NOW BRING US SOME FIGGY PUDDING,  
NOW BRING US SOME FIGGY PUDDING,  
NOW BRING US SOME FIGGY PUDDING,  
AND BRING SOME OUT HERE

*GOOD TIDINGS WE BRING  
TO YOU AND YOUR KIN  
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

FOR WE ALL LIKE FIGGY PUDDING,  
WE ALL LIKE FIGGY PUDDING,  
FOR WE ALL LIKE FIGGY PUDDING,  
SO BRING SOME OUT HERE

*GOOD TIDINGS WE BRING  
TO YOU AND YOUR KIN  
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.*

AND WE WON'T GO 'TIL WE'VE GOT SOME  
WE WON'T GO 'TIL WE'VE GOT SOME  
WE WON'T GO 'TIL WE'VE GOT SOME  
SO BRING SOME OUT HERE

*GOOD TIDINGS WE BRING  
TO YOU AND YOUR KIN  
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.*



## **'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

**BY CLEMENT CLARK MOORE**

**(FIRST PUBLISHED DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 1823)**

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### **CAROL: LITTLE DONKEY**

**BY ERIC BOSWELL (1959)**

LITTLE DONKEY, LITTLE DONKEY  
ON THE DUSTY ROAD  
GOT TO KEEP ON PLODDING ONWARDS  
WITH YOUR PRECIOUS LOAD.  
BEEN A LONG TIME, LITTLE DONKEY  
THROUGH THE WINTER'S NIGHT  
DON'T GIVE UP NOW, LITTLE DONKEY  
BETHLEHEM'S IN SIGHT.

**(CHORUS)**

RING OUT THOSE BELLS TONIGHT  
BETHLEHEM, BETHLEHEM  
FOLLOW THAT STAR TONIGHT  
BETHLEHEM, BETHLEHEM.

LITTLE DONKEY, LITTLE DONKEY  
JOURNEY'S END IS NEAR  
THERE ARE WISE MEN WAITING FOR A  
SIGN TO BRING THEM HERE.  
DO NOT FALTER, LITTLE DONKEY  
THERE'S A STAR AHEAD  
IT WILL GUIDE YOU, LITTLE DONKEY  
TO A CATTLE SHED.

RING OUT THOSE BELLS TONIGHT  
BETHLEHEM, BETHLEHEM  
FOLLOW THAT STAR TONIGHT  
BETHLEHEM, BETHLEHEM.  
LITTLE DONKEY, LITTLE DONKEY  
HAD A HEAVY DAY  
LITTLE DONKEY  
CARRY MARY SAFELY ON HER WAY.

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING – ISAIAH CHAPTER 9, VERSES 2, 6-7**



### **CAROL: AWAY IN A MANGER**

**BY JAMES RAMSEY MURRAY (1887)**

**1.** AWAY IN A MANGER, NO CRIB FOR A BED,  
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS LAID DOWN HIS SWEET HEAD.  
THE STARS IN THE SKY LOOKED DOWN WHERE HE LAY,  
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS ASLEEP IN THE HAY.

**2.** 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 CRADLE 'TIL MORNING IS NIGH.

**3.** 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 THEE THERE.



**THE OXEN BY THOMAS HARDY**  
(FIRST PUBLISHED ON CHRISTMAS EVE 1915)

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**HELP WANTED (1991) BY TIMOTHY TOCHER**

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**CHRISTMAS SONG: RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER**  
**BY JOHNNY MARKS - FIRST PERFORMED NOVEMBER 1949**

YOU KNOW DASHER, AND DANCER,  
AND  
PRANCER, AND VIXEN,  
COMET, AND CUPID, AND  
DONDER AND BLITZEN  
BUT DO YOU RECALL  
THE MOST FAMOUS REINDEER OF ALL

**RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER**  
**HAD A VERY SHINY NOSE**  
**AND IF YOU EVER SAW IT**  
**YOU WOULD EVEN SAY IT GLOWS.**  
**ALL OF THE OTHER REINDEER**  
**USED TO LAUGH AND CALL HIM**  
**NAMES**  
**THEY NEVER LET POOR RUDOLPH**  
**PLAY IN ANY REINDEER GAMES.**

THEN ONE FOGGY CHRISTMAS EVE  
SANTA CAME TO SAY:  
"RUDOLPH WITH YOUR NOSE SO  
BRIGHT,  
WON'T YOU GUIDE MY SLEIGH  
TONIGHT?"  
THEN ALL THE REINDEER LOVED HIM  
AS THEY SHOUTED OUT WITH GLEE,  
RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED  
REINDEER,  
YOU'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY!



**SCROOGE & FRED**  
**FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY CHARLES DICKENS**  
**PUBLISHED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1843**

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**CHRISTMAS SONG: THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**  
**TRADITIONAL – ARRANGED BY FREDERIC AUSTIN IN 1909**

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE.

ON THE SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
TWO TURTLE DOVES...

ON THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
THREE FRENCH HENS...

ON THE FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
FOUR CALLING BIRDS.....

ON THE FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
FIVE GOLDEN RINGS....

ON THE SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
SIX GEESSE A-LAYING...

ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING...

ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING...

ON THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
NINE LADIES DANCING...

ON THE TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
TEN LORDS A-LEAPING...

ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING...

ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS,  
MY TRUE LOVE SENT TO ME  
TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING...







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## **JUST DOING MY JOB (1998) - BY CLARE BEVAN**

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### **CAROL: DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH BY GEORGE RATCLIFFE WOODWARD (1924)**

DING DONG! MERRILY ON HIGH  
IN HEAV'N THE BELLS ARE RINGING  
DING, DONG! VERILY THE SKY  
IS RIV'N WITH ANGEL SINGING  
GLORIA, HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS

E'EN SO HERE BELOW, BELOW  
LET STEEPLE BELLS BE SWUNGEN  
AND I-O, I-O, I-O  
BY PRIEST AND PEOPLE BE SUNGEN  
GLORIA, HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS

PRAY YE DUTIFULLY PRIME  
YOUR MATIN CHIME, YE RINGERS  
MAY YE BEAUTIFULLY RIME  
YOUR EVETIME SONG, YE SINGERS  
GLORIA, HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS.



### **CHRISTMAS LOVE POEM (WITH AUTOCORRECT LEFT ON!)**

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## **CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU IS (2021) - BRIAN BILSTON**

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**CHRISTMAS SONG - FELIZ NAVIDAD**  
**JOSE FELICIANO (1970)**

FELIZ NAVIDAD  
FELIZ NAVIDAD  
FELIZ NAVIDAD  
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  
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.

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**LET EVERY DAY BE CHRISTMAS BY NORMAN W. BROOKS**  
**(1976)**

**READ BY EVERYONE!**

**CHRISTMAS IS FOREVER, NOT FOR JUST ONE DAY,  
FOR LOVING, SHARING, GIVING, ARE NOT TO PUT AWAY  
LIKE BELLS & LIGHTS & TINSEL, IN SOME BOX UPON A SHELF.  
THE GOOD YOU DO FOR OTHERS IS GOOD YOU DO YOURSELF.**



**CHRISTMAS SONG: HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS  
BY HUGH MARTIN & RALPH BLANE (1943)**

**FIRST SUNG BY JUDY GARLAND IN THE 1944 MGM MUSICAL *MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS***

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS  
LET YOUR HEART BE LIGHT  
FROM NOW ON  
OUR TROUBLES WILL BE OUT OF SIGHT  
HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS  
MAKE THE YULE-TIDE GAY  
FROM NOW ON  
OUR TROUBLES WILL BE MILES AWAY  
HERE WE ARE AS IN OLDEN DAYS  
HAPPY GOLDEN DAYS OF YORE  
FAITHFUL FRIENDS WHO ARE DEAR TO US  
GATHER NEAR TO US ONCE MORE  
THROUGH THE YEARS WE ALL WILL BE TOGETHER  
IF THE FATES ALLOW  
HANG A SHINING STAR UPON THE HIGHEST BOUGH  
AND HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOW  
HERE WE ARE AS IN OLDEN DAYS  
HAPPY GOLDEN DAYS OF YORE  
FAITHFUL FRIENDS WHO ARE DEAR TO US  
GATHER NEAR TO US ONCE MORE  
THROUGH THE YEARS  
WE ALL WILL BE TOGETHER  
IF THE FATES ALLOW  
SO HANG A SHINING STAR UPON THE HIGHEST BOUGH  
AND HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS NOW.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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