

White Christmas?

Despite predictions of a green Toronto Christmas, the weather guys think there's enough left from last weekend's big storm to keep everyone in the area dreaming of a white Christmas despite temperatures above freezing. It looks like Santa will be OK on Christmas Eve when the mercury dips.



Bulletin from the North Pole:

Santa says there's lots of snow, so Rudolph and the other reindeer will have easy sledding Christmas Eve.

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a very

Merry Christmas

Publisher and Staff

Candlelight services, pageants all part of celebration

Churches in Acton and area are celebrating Christmas in a variety of ways including children's and candlelight services, carols and readings. Some are having their services on Sunday evening as opposed to Christmas Eve. The prelude to the Christmas season, Advent, was ushered in with a community Advent service at Bethel Christian Reform Church on December 2, the first Sunday in Advent with the Acton Ministerial Association. At St. Joseph's Church, preparations for Christmas began also with an Advent Retreat preached by Bishop Ustrzyobe. St. Alban's Anglican Church which follows a liturgical schedule, has three services on Christmas Eve beginning with a children's service at 5 p.m. for children and grandparents alike. A family service will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the traditional Christmas Eve service is at 11 p.m. with Rev. Canon J. Mark Tiller.

At Bethel

Bethel Christian Reform Church is having a Christmas candlelight service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday which includes a Christmas production about a handicapped boy at a children's home who listens to a radio reading of the Christmas story. It comes alive in his imagination and he sees the shepherds visit the Christ child and the Holy

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