

The Link



Visitor Information



CATHEDRAL
ISLE OF MAN

Welcome to Cathedral Isle of Man

If you need a **large-print** hymn book or music edition please ask the welcomers.

Communion. If you are a practicing Christian of any denomination, and normally receive Communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive at the Lord's Altar.

Distribution of Communion: Congregants are advised to receive the host first from the President and then move to receive the chalice. The Welcomers will bring people up section by section and if you wish to stay seated in your place, we will come to you at the end of communion. If you do not wish to receive you are welcome to come for a blessing – indicating by holding your service book.

If you require a **gluten-free wafer**, or would like to receive communion seated, do let one of the stewards know. Because of cross contamination (for someone who is gluten free) we have taken the decision to ask that you **refrain from Intinction** (dipping) of the host into the chalice.

Refreshments will be served today after the service.

The **Toilet** facilities are through the Servery.

8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

10. 30am Cathedral Eucharist (Choral Scholars and Guests)

Setting: Festive Mass – *Andrew Kirk*

Processional: **67** – See amid
- the winter's snow

Gradual: **73** – Unto us a boy is born

Offertory: **55** – In the bleak mid-winter

Anthem – Torches – *John Joubert*

Final: **53** – Hark! The herald angels sing

Voluntary: At Christmas Tide – *CV Stanford*

3.30pm Monastic Evening Prayer

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our savior, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your Holy Will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

The first reading from Micah 5: 2 – 5a.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of
Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until
the time
when she who is in labor has
brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the
Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he
shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 1: 39 – 45.

In those days Mary set out and went
with haste to a Judean town in the hill
country, where she entered the house
of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the child leapt in her womb. And
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed
are you among women, and blessed is
the fruit of your womb. And why has this
happened to me, that the mother of my
Lord comes to me? For as soon as I
heard the sound of your greeting, the
child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵ And
blessed is she who believed that there

would be a fulfilment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord.'

Notices:

Apologies

The clock chimes are currently awaiting repair.

Announcement

The Revd. Joanna Fisher will be joining The
Cathedral Benefice from the start of Lent 2023 with
specific responsibility for St John's

Prayer Ministry

We offer a ministry of Prayer after every 10.30am
service, if you would like more details, please speak
to Mary Biggart

Fairtrade

There will not be a Fairtrade stall over the next
couple of months but you can contact Helen Parry to
order items.

Big Table.

There will be no Big Table on the 23rd or 30th of
December or the 6th of January. Instead, there will
be Coffee and Biscuits in the Cathedral from 12
Noon to 2PM.

Diocese of Jerusalem

There is a retiring collection through Advent for the
Diocese of Jerusalem. This will help reconstruct
social fabric in Gaza such as the Anglican hospital
that serves all regardless of background

Gardening Club:

We would love to get the Cathedral gardens in
'National Trust' shape or 'Chelsea Ready'. If you
know of any volunteers who would be willing and
would enjoy helping please get in touch with the
Dean. While the gardening club operates on a
Monday volunteers are not confined to that day, but
can operate when it suits them.

The benefits to you are:

- Mental and physical well-being
- Working with others and meeting new friends
- Learning new skills
- Greater understanding of the natural world
- Being greatly appreciated by visitors.

THE GARDEN CHALLENGE:

We believe that the Cathedral Gardens are unique.
They are not just a pretty urban space, but
provide a landscape where:

- A variety of stories are told through art, design and plant material (nothing is accidental)

- Stories that range from the chronological history to the Medicinal properties of plants (17 ways of viewing 17 gardens so far)

- A place to enjoy designed for people of all ages with or without any interest in gardening

To borrow from M&S 'This is not just a Church Garden, this is St German's Cathedral Garden with a story to tell'.

Food Bank

Please consider if you can donate any items for the Cathedral food bank. Tinned Fish, meat, Fruit vegetables, and soup. Bags of Pasta, Rice, and Packets of Cereals.

Home Visits

We already visit a number of people to bring home communion, if there is anyone else that would appreciate this, please contact Revd Mark - 338738.

Bishops of Man and the Isles

The Names on the Cathedral Floor

Baldus & Malchus: Little is known of these two Bishops.

FOR YOUR DIARY:

22nd December – 6:30pm – Nativity in the streets of Peel

31st December – 11:30pm – Watch night reflections in the Cathedral.

11th January – 7:30pm – Blue Train Big Band at the Cathedral – Free Admission.

Moon 2025

You may have seen Gaia at St Thomas' in Douglas earlier in the year. The sister artwork, The Moon, is coming to the Cathedral from 10th Feb-2nd March. There will be opportunities to act as welcomers and help with refreshments. You may have ideas as to how we can engage with different groups of people, to encourage them to come to visit - or for an event that could take place under The Moon. Ideas and offers of help, please, to Rosemary rosemary.clarke@googlemail.com

The Week Ahead

Monday to Saturday:

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Cathedral

Monday:

10.00am – 4.00pm Gardening Club

12noon – 2.00pm Coffee and Biscuits

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Tuesday: Christmas Eve

10.30am Executive Team

5:00pm Crib & Christingle Service

11:30pm Midnight Eucharist

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Wednesday: Christmas Day

8:30am BCP Said Eucharist

10:30am Choral Eucharist

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Thursday:

09:00am Said Eucharist

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Friday:

09:00am Said Eucharist

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Cathedral

Tower

Saturday:

09:00am Said Eucharist

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Next Sunday 29th December 1st Sunday in Christmas

8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

10.30am Café Church Eucharist

3.30pm Monastic Evening Prayer)

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Christmas Gift Cards for Sale

For a unique Christmas present, for those family members who have fond memories of the Cathedral and who have everything £70 buys the name of a Bishop on the Cathedral floor. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, once they are bought they are your piece of the Cathedral for ever. There are beautiful card certificates for each one.

There are about 35 remaining.

There are also some parish names that have still not acquired an owner. These cost £150.

The list of names remaining is at the back of the Cathedral.

There are also Gift Cards for smaller items – LED light replacement £10.

Bank Details:

The Cathedral Quarter Trust

Sort Code: 55-91-00

A/C No. 12925802

**Disabled Car Parking**

Parking in the area of the War Memorial, accessed by the Atholl Street Gates, is **STRICTLY** for 'service vehicles' and those with disability permits. The Cathedral will provide permits for those requiring them.