

25th December 2024



Visitor Information

The Link

Christmas Day



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 are served after the 10.30am and 3.30pm Services on a Sunday.

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

**Happy Christmas
Nollick Ghennal**



8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

**10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist
(Upper Voices)**

Setting: Missa Brevis – *Stephanie Martin*

Processional: **64** Of the Father's love

Gradual: **73** Unto us a boy is Born

Offertory: **44** Angels from the realms of glory

Anthem - There is no Rose – *Britten*

Final: **57** Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Voluntary: Mohrentanz – *Susato*

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up
their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Gospel John 1: 1 – 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Notices:

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

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.

PART-TIME CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER ST GERMAN'S CATHEDRAL

15 hours weekly, worked flexibly
Base: Cathedral Office, Albany Road, Peel

Annual salary - £10,000 - £12,000 (£25-30,000k FTE)

Details or enquiries from Dean Nigel Godfrey,
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Closing date for applications 10th January 2025.
Interviews during the week commencing 20th January 2025

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

Moon 2025 10th Feb - 2nd March.

If you would be willing to Welcome, help with refreshments or assist in other ways please contact Rosemary Clarke
E: rosemary.clarke@googlemail.com

Hidden History at the Cathedral when we welcome the Prince of Peace

1. On the Altar there is a Ukrainian brass icon of Mary and Jesus, which was a gift of the wife of the United Kingdom's former Ambassador to the Ukraine. It will remain on the Altar until there is Peace between Russia and the Ukraine. **Pray for Peace**

2. The Menorah (the seven branched lampstand) has been a symbol of Judaism for more than 3,000 years. Its construction is described first in the Book of Exodus (25: 31-40). King Solomon had ten made for the first temple built circa 970 BC. The branches represent the days of creation and the plant is an Almond with its blossom supporting the candles. In the Christian context it symbolizes the heavenly Tabernacle (Revelation 4:5). This Menorah, is made of spent missiles used in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. It stands here as a **Lament** for humanity's destructive powers and as a sign of **Hope** for a better future. The inscription is in three languages, Hebrew, English and Manx: *They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.* Isaiah 2: 4

Pray for Peace

3. On the 800th anniversary of St Francis setting up the first Nativity Scene in Greccio, Italy in 1223, the Cathedral commissioned a Nativity Scene interpreted from a Zimbabwean perspective. There are four pieces by the sculptor Jonathan Mhondorohuma in the Cathedral's Franciscan Garden. Three are indicated below. At the centre is the birth of the **Prince of Peace**.



The Days Ahead

Zoom Morning Prayer resumes 2nd January 2025

Thursday: St Stephen's Day

09:00am Said Eucharist

Cathedral

Friday: St John the Apostle & Evangelist

09:00am Said Eucharist

Cathedral

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Tower

Saturday: Holy Innocents

09:00am Said Eucharist

Cathedral

Next Sunday 29th December

1st Sunday in Christmas

8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

10.30am Café Church Eucharist

3.30pm Monastic Evening Prayer

Monday:

09:00am Said Eucharist

Cathedral

10.00am – 4.00pm Gardening Club

12noon – 2.00pm Coffee and Biscuits

Cathedral

Tuesday: New Year's Eve

09:00am Said Eucharist

Cathedral

11:30pm Watch Night Service

Cathedral

Wednesday: New Year's Day

Happy New Year

Blein Vie Noa

The Cathedral and Grounds are closed for 24 hours to maintain that the Garden is not a public Right of Way

Community

We would love to welcome you at any of our community activities or if you would like to volunteer to assist that would be wonderful. Here are some examples of what we offer

Mondays

1000 –

1600

The Gardening Club

The Cathedral gardens are maintained for the benefit of all visitors from Peel and beyond. We welcome dog walkers and all those who want space to just wander and be.

Contact: Dean Nigel T: 844 830 E: dean@cathedral.im

Mondays 1200 – 1400
Big Table Café
Come with your friends or meet new friends. A three-course meal made with fresh ingredients and the method of payment a brown envelope: 'Pay what you can eat what you want'

Excluding Bank Holidays
Varying diets are catered for and 'Takeaways' are available
Contact:
For volunteering Liz Murray
T: 308 664 E: em4746816mail.com

Thursday 1600-1700
Choristers Rehearsals
For young people (boys and girls) 7 years age and over who want to learn to sing and help to develop them as team players. This may lead to scholarships in later years
Contact: Dr Peter Litman
T: 226 356 E: music@cathedral.im

Friday 19.30
Bell Ringers
For all ages (children need to be accompanied by adults). You don't need to be musical, just a sense of timing.

Other groups
There are many other groups that meet at different frequencies. If you want to study what Christianity is about, join a Retirement group, Floral Artists, Guides and Welcomers, Daily Prayer Group and many other groups
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You may prefer to use the QR code below for payments, gifts and donations.

