



Visitor Information



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**



11.30pm *Midnight Mass* (Schola)

Setting: The Blackburn Mass
– *James Davey*

Processional: **66** Once in Royal Davids City

Gradual: **63** O little town of Bethlehem

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

Anthems – Joys Seven – *Morehen*
– Christmas Blessing – *Stopford*

Final: **62 (v1, 2, 6, 7)** O come, all ye faithful

Voluntary: In Dulce Jubilo – *JS Bach*

First Reading **Isaiah 9: 2 – 7**

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Gospel Luke 2: 1 – 20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child

lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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,
E: dean@cathedral.im or Tel: 01624 844 830

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

Wednesday: Christmas Day

8.30am BCP Said Eucharist *Cathedral*
10.30am Choral Eucharist *Cathedral*

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

Varying diets are catered for and
'Takeaways' are available

Contact:

For volunteering Liz Murray
T: 308 664 E: em4746816mail.com

Thursday **Choristers Rehearsals**
1600-1700 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 **Bell Ringers**
19.30 For all ages (children need to be
accompanied by adults). You don't
need to be musical, just a sense of
timing.

Contact: Jackie Allan E:
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Other There are many other groups that
groups 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.

