

# The Link



Visitor Information



## Welcome to Cathedral Isle of Man

If you need a **large-print** hymn book or music edition, they are available at the back of the Cathedral.

**Communion.** If you are a practising Christian of any denomination, and normally receive Communion in your home church, **you are welcome to receive at the Lord's Altar.** 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 the ongoing **Covid** infection, and your safety, we have taken the decision to please ask that you **refrain from Intinction** (dipping) of the host into the chalice.

**Prayer** Two people will be available in the south transept to pray with anyone who would like private prayer for themselves or friends after the service.

**Refreshments** will be served today after the service.

The **Toilet** and baby changing facilities are located through the door in the Servedy.

**Children's activities** are available throughout the service at the back.

## 11.30pm Midnight Mass with Bishop Peter (Schola)

Setting: Missa de Minuet - *Charpentier*

Processional: **66** Once in Royal David's City

Gradual: **63** O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

Anthems:

A Christmas Blessing – *Stopford*

Ding! dong! merrily on high - *Wood*

Final Carol: **62 (vv. 1, 2, 6, 7)** O come all ye  
faithful

Voluntary: Toccata on 'Hark the  
Herald' – *David Willcocks*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### 8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

### 10.30am Choral Eucharist (Upper Voices)

Setting: Missa Brevis – *Steph. Martin*

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

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

Offertory: **55** In the bleak midwinter

Anthem: There is no Rose - *Britten*

Final Carol: **57** Joy to the world

Voluntary: In dulci Jubilo (BWV 729)  
– *JS Bach*

## **MIDNIGHT MASS**

### **Collect**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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### **A reading from 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

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### **A reading from Titus 2: 11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared,  
bringing salvation to all, training us to  
renounce impiety and worldly passions,  
and in the present age to live lives that  
are self-controlled, upright, and  
godly, while we wait for the blessed  
hope and the manifestation of the glory  
of our great God and Saviour, Jesus  
Christ. He it is who gave himself for us  
that he might redeem us from all iniquity  
and purify for himself a people of his  
own who are zealous for good deeds.

## A reading from the Gospel of Luke 2: 1-14

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!'

## NOTICES:

### **The Cathedral Heating**

The cost of heating the Cathedral is £35 per hour (i.e. a minimum of £280 per service). We are trying to make the Cathedral as warm as possible on our limited budget, but we would ask you to wear warm clothing. Rugs are available and if you have a spare one that you would be happy to leave we would be grateful.

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On New Year's Day 1 January 2023 there will be ONE service at 9.30am which will be Common Worship Eucharist with a few carols and a homily

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### **Thank you**

Thank you to all who have helped make Christmas special at the Cathedral this year: the choirs and musicians, bell ringers, the flower team, the hospitality team, the prayer team, rotas of readers, sides-people and welcomers, the brass cleaners.

*The Staff Team*

### **The Week Ahead:**

**Each day:**

**9.30am SAID EUCHARIST** *Cathedral*

**5.30pm Evening Prayer** *Cathedral*

**Monday**

10.00am – 4.00pm Gardening Club

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

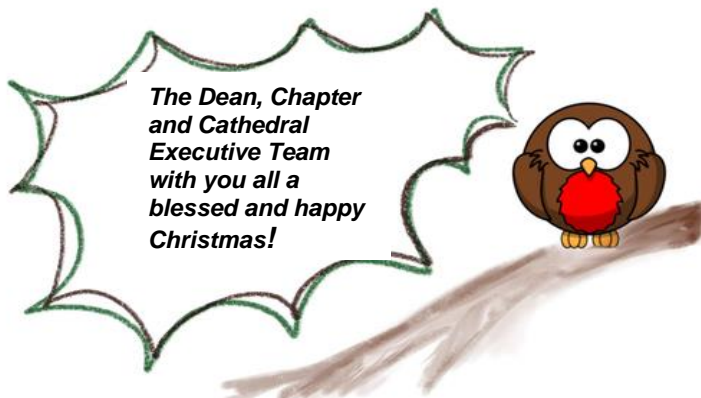
**Friday:**

**Saturday:**

### **Services next Sunday**

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**9.30am Cathedral Eucharist with Carols**



*The Dean, Chapter  
and Cathedral  
Executive Team  
with you all a  
blessed and happy  
Christmas!*

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