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CATHEDRAL
ISLE OF MAN

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.

8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist (Cantor)

Setting: Belmont Mass – *Christopher Walker*

Processional: **29** Hills of the North, rejoice

Gradual: **235** The great forerunner of the morn

Offertory: **457** Hark, my soul, it is the Lord

Solo: Magnificat – *Ernest Stride*

Final Hymn: **362** Tell out my soul

Voluntary: Sicilienne - *Fauré (Arr. Hesford)*

3.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Choir Carols:

Hodie Christus Natus Est – *Sweelinck*

The Angel Gabriel – *Anon.*

Sussex Carol – *Arr. Willcocks*

The Holly and the Ivy – *June Nixon*

O magnum mysterium – *Morton Lauridsen*

A sound of singing fills the air – *Malcolm Archer*

Eastern Monarchs – *Ian Tracey*

Ding! Dong! Merrily on high – *Mark Wilberg*

Congregational Carols:

66 Once in Royal David's City

63 O Little town of Bethlehem

53 Hark the Herald

The First Nowell

73 Unto us is born a Son

62 O come all ye faithful (vv.1, 2, 6)

Organ Voluntary: In Dulci Jubilo (BWV 729)
– *J.S. Bach*

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah 35 v 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning

sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 11 v 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

NOTICES:

Pub Quiz TODAY

Our Mothers' Union branch are holding a fundraising Pub Quiz on Sunday 11th December at 8.30pm in the British Legion Club Peel. We would love you to come along to have a fun night and support Mothers' Union.

Big Table Café Christmas Dinner

Will be on Monday 19th December, 12noon - 2.00pm. Dr Litman, John and Ros will join us for some community carols. Please note you will need to put your name down if you would like to attend this, please speak to Pip Hansbury or Val Garrett

The Caterpillar Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Corrin Hall from 10.00am.

Connect group will meet on 14th December, at 7pm in the Deanery. Dean Nigel will lead us in an informal eucharist service and then we will share soup, bread and cheese... followed by Nigel leading us in a discussion about art and inclusion. All welcome, even for only one meeting.

Christingle Making

We will be making Christingles in the Cathedral from 4pm on Thursday 22 December 2022 – the Cathedral should be warm as heating will have been on most of the day. Offers of help very welcome

Christmas Card delivery service

A couple of people have asked me if I will be delivering cards around Peel again this year. The answer is yes, donation 35p per card to go to Cathedral reordering. Cut-off date 20 December 2022. Val Garrett.

Peacelight Service

Join the Isle of Man Scouts as they receive the Bethlehem Peace Light at Trinity Methodist Church in Douglas on Saturday 17th December at 11.00am.

Cathedral Heating

The cost of heating the Cathedral is £35 per hour (£280 minimum 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. Some rugs are available and if anyone has a spare one that they would be happy to leave in the Cathedral for use in the services we would be very grateful.

The Trustees, Patrons and the membership secretary of the Foundation for Music and the Arts thank all the Friends for their continued support of the Cathedral Music during the past challenging times in the last twelve months and wish everybody a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Christmas Services:

- **24th December, 5.00pm Crib and Christingle**
- **24th December, 11.30pm Midnight Mass with Bishop Peter Eagles**
- **25th December, 10.30am Christmas Day Choral Eucharist**

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

Warm Welcome Wednesdays will launch on Wednesday 4 January 2023 12 noon – into the afternoon. Soup and sandwich lunch and the opportunity to keep warm and chat to others

The Week Ahead:

Each day:

9.00am Morning Prayer

via Zoom

5.30pm Evening Prayer

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Monday

10.00am – 4.00pm Gardening Club

12.00pm – 2.00pm Big Table Café

Corrin Hall

Tuesday:

10.30am Executive Team meeting

Deanery

Wednesday:

9.30am Said Eucharist

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5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

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Thursday:

4.00pm Choristers Christmas Party

Song School

Friday:

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tower

Services next Sunday

8.30am BCP Eucharist

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist (Cantor)

3.30pm Choral Evensong with Carols (Schola)

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