



Visitor Information

# The Link



CATHEDRAL  
ISLE OF MAN

**ADVENT 4**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Christmas Day**

## Welcome to Cathedral Isle of Man in the Corrin Hall

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

**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.

**Distribution of Communion:** Congregants are advised to receive the host first from the President and then move to the **right** of the President to receive the wine. The Welcomers will bring people up row by row 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 please 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 at the left hand side of the Corrin Hall stage and aside the Song School as indicated.

### 8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

### 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist for Advent 4

Setting: Belmont Mass - *Walker*

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

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

Offertory: **55** In the bleak midwinter

Solo: The first mercy – *Peter Warlock*

Final Hymn: **53** Hark the herald angels sing

### 5.00pm Crib & Christingle

### 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Setting: Missa Brevis – *Palestrina*

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

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

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

Anthems: O magnum mysterium - *Victoria*  
A Christmas Blessing – *Stopford*

Final Hymn: **62 (V 1, 2, 6, 7)** O come all ye faithful

### 9.30am Choral Eucharist, Christmas Day

Setting: Missa Brevis - *Stephanie Martin*

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

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

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

Anthem: In Dulci Jubilo – *Pearsall*

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

The Dean and Cathedral Staff wish  
you all a Happy and Blessed  
Christmas!

## **Collects**

### **Advent 4:**

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 saviour, 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 forever. **Amen.**

### **Midnight:**

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.**

### **Christmas Day:**

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.**

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## **Advent 4**

### **A reading from 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David:

Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

### **A reading from the Gospel of Luke**

#### **1: 26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.'

And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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## **Midnight and Christmas Day**

### **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 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!'

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## **Notices:**

**A Warm space** in the Corrin Hall  
Every Wednesday from December until March.  
12:00 - 14:00  
Soup and a roll.  
Hot Drinks and biscuits  
Opportunity to chat with old friends and make new ones. Occasional quizzes, beetle drives etc.

## Christmas Cakes

Margaret has made a batch of Christmas cakes in various sizes and will bring them on Sunday morning. All proceeds to Cathedral reordering.

## Challenge for 2024

Would you be interested in getting to know the Bible better by reading it in a year? There's a Bible App that gives the readings for each day, and you can listen to them being read if you like: <https://oneyearbibleonline.com/daily-oyb/> Each day there is something from the Old and New Testaments, something from the Psalms and a snippet from Proverbs everyday. For those who would like to discuss what they have been reading, Rosemary and Mark plan to be in the Deanery on Saturday mornings 10-11:00 so that we can share what we've been reading. Alternatively, if you'd like to be part of a WhatsApp Group, please let Rosemary have your phone number ([rosemary.clarke@googlemail.com](mailto:rosemary.clarke@googlemail.com)).

## The Week Ahead

Please note that a Chapel on the stage is open everyday for private prayer.

### Each day

**9.30am Said Eucharist** *Corrin Hall*

### Wednesday:

12- 2.00pm Warm Space *Corrin Hall*

5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer *Corrin Hall*

## Sunday Services next week in the Corrin Hall

8.30am BCP Said Communion

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist

11.15pm Informal Watchnight Service

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