

29<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Visitor Information

# The Link



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** will be served today after the service.

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

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**8.30am BCP Said Eucharist**

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**10. 30am Café style Eucharist**

See Service sheet for liturgy and music

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**3.30pm Said BCP Evening  
Prayer**

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### Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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### Post Communion

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**The first reading from  
1 Samuel 2: 18 – 20, 26.**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children



## **Notices:**

### **Apologies**

The clock chimes are currently awaiting repair.

### **Prayer Ministry**

We offer a ministry of Prayer after every 10.30am service, if you would like more details, please speak to Mary Biggart

### **Fairtrade**

There will not be a Fairtrade stall over the next couple of months but you can contact Helen Parry to order items.

### **Big Table.**

There will be no Big Table on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of December or the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. Instead, there will be Coffee and Biscuits in the Cathedral from 12 Noon to 2PM.

### **Diocese of Jerusalem**

There is a retiring collection through Advent and Christmas tide 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.

### **Bishops of Man and the Isles**

*The Names on the Cathedral Floor*

Torkinus 889. Torkinus, who lived A.D. 880, was Bishop of Sodor, but that see was not united to Man Until A.D. 1098. It is to the annals of Wales that we must look for the succession of Bishops of Man, for the princes of that nation long held sway over the island during this period.

### **FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**31<sup>st</sup> December – 11:30pm** – Watch night reflections in the Cathedral.

**11<sup>th</sup> January – 7:30pm** – Blue Train Big Band at the Cathedral – Free Admission.

**26<sup>th</sup> January – 3:00pm.** Isle of man National Holocaust Memorial Day. The Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St Mary of the Isle, Douglas.

### **The Week Ahead**

#### **Monday to Saturday:**

**9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom**

**5.30pm Evening Prayer** *Cathedral*

#### **Monday:**

9.00am Eucharist *Cathedral*

10.00am – 4.00pm Gardening Club

12noon – 2.00pm Coffee and Biscuits *Cathedral*

#### **Tuesday:**

9.00am Eucharist *Cathedral*

11:30pm – Midnight. Watchnight *Cathedral*

#### **Wednesday: New Years Day. Grounds closed**

#### **Friday:**

7.30pm Bell ringing practice *Tower*

#### **Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany**

8.30am BCP Said Eucharist

10.30am Choral Eucharist (Schola)

3.30pm Monastic Evening Prayer

**Website:** cathedral.im



#### **General Enquiries:**

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**PART-TIME CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER ST  
 GERMAN'S CATHEDRAL**

15 hours weekly, worked flexibly  
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 FTE)

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 Closing date for applications 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.  
 Interviews during the week commencing  
 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Brief History of Cathedral on the Isle of Man.**

The present building was constructed in 1879–84 to replace St Peter's Church in Peel's market place. Although the building of the New Church was intended to become the diocesan cathedral, Bishop Rowley Hill's Cathedral Bill didn't make its final reading in Tynwald before he died. His successor abandoned the proposed Bill.

In 1895, Bishop Straton consecrated his chapel at Bishops court, his official residence, as a pro-cathedral and Straton later consecrated Peel's New Church 1923 as the 'Parish Church for German'.

St Nicholas' Chapel was still a pro-cathedral (or "Cathedral Chapel") and Bishops court's sale in 1979 left the diocese without a cathedral, and forced the issue of choosing a new cathedral; after public consultation, Kirk German Parish Church was so designated, and officially made the cathedral in a service on All Saints' Day (1 November 1980) by Act of Tynwald.

**Disabled Car Parking**

Parking in the area of the War Memorial, accessed by the Atholl Street Gates, is **STRICTLY** for 'service vehicles' and those with disability permits. The Cathedral will provide permits for those requiring them.