

The Sung Eucharist



Sunday 5 December
10.30 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass for Five Voices
William Byrd

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral for this celebration of The Holy Eucharist

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

The Sundays of Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and services not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

“Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty”

(Charles Wesley)

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation and hope, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent.

The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains ‘Maranatha’ – ‘Our Lord, come’ (1 Corinthians 16.22).

Our Cathedral decorations are simple and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.

The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (*Gaudete* or ‘Rose Sunday’), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great ‘O’ Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

Celebrating 600 years

2021 is a special year for Manchester Cathedral as it marks the 600th anniversary of the granting of our first Royal charter establishing a collegiate church. Even in these uncertain times, an exciting programme of events for the whole family is planned and we hope to be able to share more details in due course.

Safeguarding

Manchester Cathedral works hard to create safe environments where children and young people are protected and where all people, especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. We follow the policies and procedures detailed within the Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook. We act promptly on any complaints made, and work in partnership with Manchester Diocese, the police and social care services whenever appropriate to do so. Details of our policy and how to voice a concern can be found on a dedicated page of our website and on the noticeboard at the south porch.

Live streaming

Please note that most acts of worship in Manchester Cathedral are now live streamed. Although cameras are focused on those leading worship, please be aware that your image may be inadvertently captured and streamed. If you would like further information on the position of the camera at a particular act of worship, please ask Cathedral Staff upon arrival.

Gift Aid

During the service there will be a collection for the mission and aims of the Cathedral. If you would like the Cathedral to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation, at no cost to yourself, please use the Gift Aid envelope that is with this order of service.

Hearing-loop



The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.
Please set your hearing aid to setting T.

Have you turned off your mobile phone?

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

Visiting Manchester Cathedral from 19 July 2021

For your personal safety, the Dean and Chapter strongly encourage you to continue to wear face masks and use the hand sanitisers provided when visiting the Cathedral.

Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

Welcome to the Cathedral

We offer a very warm welcome to any who are visiting us today. If you would normally receive communion in your own church you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not receive communion please feel free to come up for a blessing instead. Just bow your head when you come up so the Eucharistic Minister will know.

Gluten Free Wafer

If you require a gluten free communion wafer please inform a steward before the service. Please note that the wine may contain traces of gluten.

President

The Dean

Preacher

The Rev'd Steve Hilton

Musicians

The Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

Music Before the Service

Communion

*César Franck (1822-90)
transcribed by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

Welcome

The Canon in Residence, welcomes the congregation before the service

The Gathering

Please stand

The Advent Prose

sung by the Choir

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee
*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

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The Processional Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Personent Hodie NEH 10
Melody from Pae Cantiones

F Pratt Green (1903-2000)

The congregation remains standing

The President may say

President In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **and also with you.**

Lighting of the Candle in the Advent Wreath

The second candle is lit and the following is said

President God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
 Therefore in that light, we confess our sins.

Silence is kept

All **Lord God,
 we have sinned against you;
 we have done evil in your sight.
 We are sorry and repent.
 Have mercy on us according to your love.
 Wash away our wrongdoing
 and cleanse us from our sin.
 Renew a right spirit within us
 and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Choir Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy,*
 Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
 Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy.*

President May the God of love
 bring you back to himself,
 forgive you your sins,
 and assure you of his eternal love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The President introduces a period of silent prayer after which the Collect is said

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings and psalm

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Malachi 3. 1-4

A reading from Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

At the end the reader says

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Benedictus

sung by the Choir

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies:
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him:
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God :
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death :
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1. 3-11

A reading from Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

At the end the reader says

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

Ravenshaw NEH 407

H W Baker (1821-77)

*Medieval German melody adapted and
harmonised by W H Monk (1823-89)*

Gospel Reading

All turn to face the Gospel book. An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading

All



Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All Sing **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Luke 3. 1-6

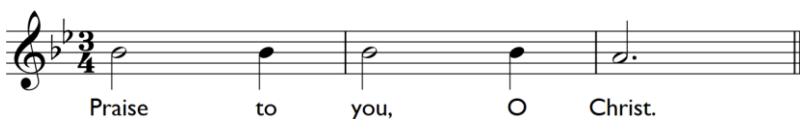
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

At the end of the reading

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord



Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev'd Steve Hilton

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection

Please stand with the president as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Please be seated

Prayers of Intercession

The following response maybe used after each prayer

Minister Maranatha!
All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

At the end of the prayers

Minister Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

The Offertory Hymn

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Blaenwern NEH 408 (i)
William Rowlands (1860-1937)

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

President As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

Choir	<p>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.</p>	<p><i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest</i></p>
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President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Denys and St George and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Lord's Prayer

President Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

President God's Holy Gifts for God's Holy People!

All **Jesus Christ is Holy, Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer for Spiritual Holy Communion

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love you and desire you. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech you, absorb my mind that I may die through love of your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love.

Prayer of St Francis

The President receives communion and then says:

The body of Christ
All **Amen.**

The blood of Christ
All **Amen.**

Please bring your offering with you and place it in the collection tray as you come up for communion.

Online worshippers may donate via this link

www.manchestercathedral.org/get-involved/donate

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

During the administration of communion, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and an anthem

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace*

Anthem

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

Please stand if you are able as the President approaches the altar

Prayer after Communion

President Father in heaven,
 who sent your Son to redeem the world
 and will send him again to be our judge:
 give us grace so to imitate him
 in the humility and purity of his first coming
 that, when he comes again,
 we may be ready to greet him
 with joyful love and firm faith;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn

○ Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

○ let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
○ speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
○ speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

○ Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
○ give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Wolvercote NEH 420
William H Ferguson (1874-1950)

John Bode (1816-74)

The Blessing

President May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
 make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

All **Amen.**

 May God the Son, coming among us in power,
 reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

All **Amen.**

 May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
 joyful in hope and constant in love.

All **Amen.**

 And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Deacon May the Lord, when he comes,
 find us watching and waiting.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Music After the Service

Prélude, Symphony No 4, Op 32

Louis Vierne

Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music, readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit.

Refreshments are usually served after the service; everyone is invited to stay.

Welcome to the Cathedral

We offer a very warm welcome to any who are visiting us today.

Messiah (G F Handel) Saturday 11 December at 7.30pm

For many, a performance of Handel's Messiah is an essential part of the pre-Christmas period.

In this concert, the second in what we intend to be a long-term collaboration, Manchester Cathedral in partnership with Manchester Baroque will once again perform Handel's Oratorio Messiah with a full orchestra and the Cathedral Choir.

Like all Manchester Baroque concerts, the performance will utilise original eighteenth century instruments or modern replicas, performed at the pitch and with the scale of ensemble that Handel himself might have recognised.

Tickets for this performance of Handel's Messiah at Manchester Cathedral are priced from £15 to £25 and are available from <https://tinyurl.com/2uemczhm>

Family Carols Concert - Saturday 18 December at 7.30pm

Join Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir for this seasonal concert of Christmas Carols, with a mix both of old favourites and new musical interpretations.

Tickets are available from <https://tinyurl.com/35zy63d>

Choristers' Christmas Raffle 2021

Following on from the huge success of 2019, the choristers have again organised a Christmas raffle. Prizes include an amazing Christmas hamper and other festive delights. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the Choristers' Fund, which supports musical and social activities for the children throughout the year.

Raffle tickets cost £1 each, or £5 for a book, and the winning ticket will be drawn during the week before Christmas. The children would be delighted to sell you a ticket (or two) between now and Christmas - if you would like to enter the draw, please speak to a chorister parent or one of the senior choristers after the service. Thank you!

Advent Conversations 2021

Welcoming Jesus,

Welcoming one another

And welcoming one another back.

Last year the pandemic meant that we were not able to gather in person for our usual Advent Conversations. This year, on the four Sundays of Advent we would like to focus on enjoying one another in person over a light meal, starting at 12.00 in the Regiment Chapel.

Rather than have an educational course, we would like to get to know one another better and encourage one another in faith. To give a focus to our fellowship, we would like to invite people to tell one another about how people celebrate Christmas in other parts of the world. The conversations will be led by the canon in residence on each Sunday.

We hope that many will join in. If you are able to take part, please:

- sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church, so we know how many lunches to order;
- indicate if you would like to share a little about how Christmas is celebrated in a part of the world that you know. Say which continent and country. Please consider bringing along something to show others and talk about (a card, ornament, garment or object). We will then try and focus on a particular region of the world on each of the four Sundays (5, 12 and 19 Dec).

Manchester Cathedral – A History of the Collegiate Church and Cathedral, 1621 to the Present

It's been a long time in the making, a few days ago, people gathered in Manchester Cathedral to celebrate the launch of the first comprehensive study of the history of the Cathedral, its place at the heart of the world's first industrial city, and the people that made it. Founded as a Collegiate Church by Henry V in 1421, it has survived the Reformation, the Industrial Revolution, civil war, the Oxford Movement, two World Wars, an IRA attack, a very active post-industrial party-loving city, and more recently, the Arena terrorist attack. The book, published by Manchester University Press, has been described as "a history of the English church in miniature" and was made possible by the Friends of Manchester Cathedral and the patronage of its sponsor, Marion McClintock, MBE, Honorary Archivist and Honorary Fellow at the University of Lancaster. It has been edited by Professor Jeremy Gregory, Professor of History and Christianity at Nottingham University, with contributions from a wide range of experts, who have explored the cathedral's history, its people, its architecture, its art, its monuments, its music and its stained glass. To purchase your copy please email Mr Anthony O'Connor, Anthony.O'Connor@manchestercathedral.org



Weekly Notices
5 December 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 5 December - The Second Sunday of Advent

1pm	St Ann's Hospice 'Light up a Life'
2.30pm	St Ann's Hospice 'Light up a Life'
4pm	St Ann's Hospice 'Light up a Life'
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Monday 6 December

9am	Morning Prayer
1.10pm	Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Tuesday 7 December

9am	Morning Prayer
1.10pm	Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Wednesday 8 December

9am	Morning Prayer
1.10pm	Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Thursday 9 December

9am	Morning Prayer
1.10pm	Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Friday 10 December

9am	Morning Prayer
1.10pm	Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed
4.30pm	Evening Prayer

Saturday 11 December


9am	Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
4.30pm	Evening Prayer
7.30pm	Manchester Messiah (<i>G F Handel</i>)

Sunday 12 December - The Third Sunday of Advent

9am	Matins
10.30am	Sung Eucharist
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

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Christmas Services 2021 at Manchester Cathedral

Christmas Carol Sing-along

Saturday 18 December, 12.15 pm

Family Carols

Saturday 18 December, 7.30 pm

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19 December, 10.30 am

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 22 December, 7.30 pm
with The Bishop of Bolton

Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Eve, 12.00 pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm
with The Bishop of Middleton
(Incense will be used at this service)

Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day, 10.30 am
with The Bishop of Manchester

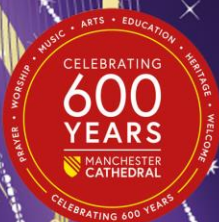
The First Sunday of Christmas The Eucharist

Sunday 26 December, 10.30 am

The Epiphany

Sunday 2 January 2022, 10.30 am

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