

The Sung Eucharist



Sunday 12 December
10.30 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Plainsong Mass XVIII

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

Canon Márcia Wall

Preacher

Canon David Holgate

Musicians

The Lay Clerks are 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)

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.*

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing,
And we all do fade as a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

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

Mode i

The Processional Hymn

Hills of the North, rejoice,
Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice
Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love,
He brings salvation from above

Isles of the Southern seas,
Sing to the listening earth,
Carry on every breeze
Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
His word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,
He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes,
Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost West,
Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest
In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,
Songs be in every mouth,
Lo, from the North they come,
From East and West and South:
In Jesus all shall find their rest,
In him the sons of earth be blest.

Little Cornard NEH 7
Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Editors, based on
C E Oakley (1832-65)

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 third 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.**

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| Choir | Kyrie eleison. | <i>Lord, have mercy,</i> |
| | Christe eleison. | <i>Christ, have mercy.</i> |
| | Kyrie eleison. | <i>Lord have mercy.</i> |

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 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 for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings and psalm

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Zephaniah 3. 14-end

A reading from Zephaniah

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146. 4-end

sung by the Choir

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help:
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
who keepeth his promise for ever;
Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong:
who feedeth the hungry.
The Lord looseth men out of prison:
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.
The Lord helpeth them that are fallen:
The Lord careth for the righteous.
The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless
and widow:
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.
The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore:
and throughout all generations.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4. 4-7

A reading from Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.

Winchester New NEH 12

Adapted from a chorale in

Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Tr John Chandler (1808-76)

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. 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

At the end of the reading

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord



Please be seated

The Sermon

Canon David Holgate

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

Hark! A herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run.

Merton NEH 5
W H Monk (1823-89)

From the Latin
Tr E Caswall (1814-78)‡

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 Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest*

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. **Amen.**

Prayer of St Francis

The President receives communion and then says:

All The body of Christ
Amen.

All The blood of Christ
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
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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

De coelo veniet, Dominator Dominus,
et in manu eius honor et imperium.
Ecce Rex veniet, Dominus terrae,
et ipse auferet jugum captivitatis nostrae.
Super te Jerusalem, orietur Dominus
et gloria eius in te videbitur.

*He will come from heaven, the Lord of Lords,
and in his hand will be honour and dominion.
Behold, the King will come, the Lord of the earth,
and he will take away the yoke of our captivity.
Upon thee, O Jerusalem, the Lord shall arise,
and his glory shall be seen in thee.*

Jacob Handl (1550-91)

Antiphon for Advent

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

Prayer after Communion

President 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 for ever.

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

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice:
Alleluya.

The first Apostles round them drew
Thousands of faithful men and true,
Sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluya.

Then magnify the Lord and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluya.

O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then:
Alleluya.

Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim:
Alleluya.

Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
In service to the Lord of light:
Alleluya.

Vulpius NEH 345

Melody from *Vulpius's* Gesangbuch 1609

Harmony by Henry Ley (1887-1962)

George Bell (1883-1958)†

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

Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 555

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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.

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!

Christmas Flowers

Donations are now most welcome now towards Christmas flowers. Please give your donation to either Elaine Screenshot or one of the Vergers. Donations deadline: Sunday 19 December. Thank you.

Bring and Share Lunch – 19 December - CANCELLED

Instead of a Bring and Share Lunch on the 19 December, we are going to have coffee/tea, juice, cakes, mince pies and biscuits provided by the Cathedral after the 10.30 am service.

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
12 December 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 12 December - The Third Sunday of Advent

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 13 December

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 14 December

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 15 December

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 16 December

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Friday 17 December

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 18 December

9am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

12.15pm Christmas Carol Sing-along

4.30pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Family Carols Concert

Sunday 19 December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am Matins

10.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Choral Evensong

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Making the most of your giving

There are three very simple ways of maximising your giving to Manchester Cathedral. If you are a UK tax-payer, please do consider one of the following so that we can reclaim the tax that you have already paid on your gift: an extra £2.50 per £10 to the Cathedral, at no extra cost to you.

Using the green Gift Aid envelopes

These can be used for any gift, large or small. It is essential, however, that the envelope is dated and properly endorsed with your name and address, otherwise the tax cannot be reclaimed.

Gift Aided planned giving

This is the recommended route for regular members of the congregation. There is no weekly filling-in to be done, as with the green envelopes, since each individual has a supply of their own envelope, or you can pay by regular standing order. For further details please contact Diane Johnston or any of the stewards or wardens.

Contactless donations now accepted

Contactless giving is a quick and easy way to make a donation to support your Cathedral. Visitors can now donate £3, £5 or £10 from any contactless Visa or MasterCard credit/debit card or via ApplePay Samsung and Android Pay.

Are you a non U.K. Tax payer?

You can still donate by putting your donation in the collection plate at services or in the donation boxes.

Please consider leaving a gift in your will

If you wish to pledge continued support to the Cathedral, you might want to consider leaving a gift in your will. If this is something you would like to do, please contact a member of the Clergy team or Anthony O'Connor, Director of Fundraising.

Thank you.

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

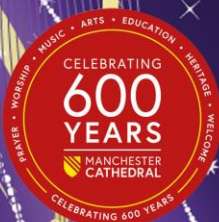
The First Sunday of Christmas The Eucharist

Sunday 26 December, 10.30 am

The Epiphany

Sunday 2 January 2022, 10.30 am

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Thank you for visiting us today

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