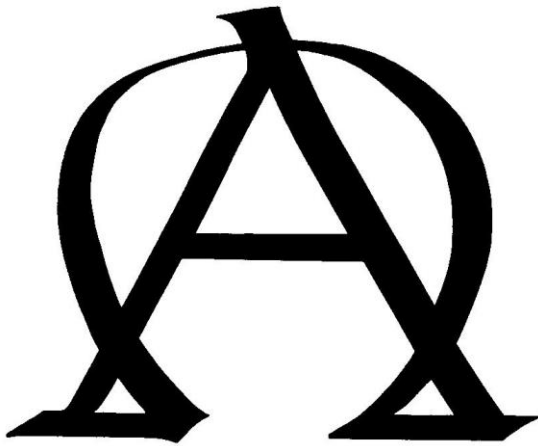


# Sung Eucharist



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
24th December 2023  
10.30 am

Missa Brevis in D K194  
*W A Mozart*

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

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.

### **Advent**

Advent – from '*Adventus*' – focusses on the '*Coming*' of Christ, both in his incarnation but also in his final advent as judge at the end of time. It challenges our modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 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.

The foundational Advent prayer shared by all Christian traditions is '*Maranatha*' – '*Our Lord, come*'.

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Please set your hearing aid to setting T.

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## **Receiving Holy Communion**

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 - simply bow your head when you come up so the Eucharistic Minister will know.

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.

Communicants are asked not to dip communion wafers into the wine.

## **Musicians**

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

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

## **President**

The Dean

## **Preacher**

Canon Nigel Ashworth

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

## **Music Before the Service**

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland  
*Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)*

# Gathering

## The Advent Prose

sung by the Choir

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*  
Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people.  
My salvation shall not tarry.  
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions;  
for I am the Lord thy God,  
the holy one of Israel, the Redeemer.

*Mode i*

*Please stand*

## The Processional Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and the future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessèd,  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bare the Saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King:  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.

*Divinum mysterium NEH 33*  
*Melody from Piaae Cantiones*  
*Theoderici Petri Nylandensis 1582*

*Latin, Prudentius (348-413)*  
*tr J M Neale and others*

## The Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

*Words of welcome are said.*

## The Advent Wreath

*Each Sunday in the season we mark those who prepared for Christ's coming. The fourth candle recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the candle is lit the following prayer is said*

President Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen your glory  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,  
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayers of Penitence

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

*cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

All **God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong  
that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

President    May the God of love and power  
                  forgive you and free you from your sins,  
                  heal and strengthen you by his Spirit.  
                  and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All            **Amen.**

## **Kyrie Eleison**

sung by the Choir

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy.*

*Please remain standing*

## **The Collect**

President    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 for ever.

All            **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16

A Reading from the Book of Samuel:

Now when David, 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 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, David, 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.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Magnificat**

sung by the Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty: hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Service in F*  
*George Dyson (1883-1964)*

*Book of Common Prayer*

## **Second Reading**

Romans 16.25-27

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans:

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gradual Hymn**

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Saviour of the world is here!

O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ as ruler is confessed;  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this king in triumph comes.

Come then, O Saviour, and abide,  
our hearts to thee be open wide;  
may all thy inward presence feel,  
to all thy grace and love reveal.

*Gonfalon Royal NEH 128ii*  
*Percy Buck (1871-1947)*

*George Weissel (1390-1635)*  
*tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*



# Gospel Reading

Luke 1.26-38

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

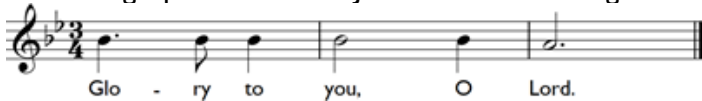
Choir 

Cantor He hath filled the hungry with good things.

All **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to .

All



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.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



Please sit

## **The Sermon**

Canon Nigel Ashworth

*The sermon is followed by a time of silence for reflection. Please stand for the Creed*

## **The Nicene Creed**

All           **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 sit or kneel*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayers of intercession are said*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

O God, the creator and preserver of all,  
we pray for people in every kind of need;  
make your ways known on earth,  
your saving health among all nations.  
Bring peace to Gaza and Israel, to Ukraine and Russia.  
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the wellbeing of the worldwide Church;  
guide and govern us by your good Spirit,  
that all who profess and call themselves Christians  
may be led into the way of truth,  
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,  
in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.  
Protect and nurture our Diocese of Manchester,  
sustain and inspire congregations and chaplaincies,  
and our bishops, David, Mark and Matthew.  
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend to your fatherly goodness  
all who are afflicted or distressed, in mind or body  
or in their relationships, work or life.  
Comfort and relieve them in their need,  
give them patience in their sufferings,  
and bring good out of all their afflictions.  
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We remember those who have gone before us  
in the peace of Christ,  
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,  
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.  
We commend to your eternal care  
those whom we love but see no longer,  
including David Thomas and Albert Radcliffe.  
Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Living God, whose Son, the Lord Christ  
came to share our mortal nature,  
grant that by the grace and power of your immortal Spirit,  
we may live on earth as those whose true home is in heaven,  
where he is alive and reigns, with you and the same Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

All **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. *Luke 1.78-79*

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 Taking of the Bread and Wine

### The Offertory Hymn

*During the hymn, a collection for the Cathedral will be taken. Please use the Gift Aid envelope or, alternatively, please donate using the QR Code found on page 2.*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favour'd lady.'

*Gloria!*

'For known a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee.  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favour'd lady.'

*Gloria!*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name':  
Most highly favour'd lady.

*Gloria!*

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
'Most highly favour'd lady.'

*Gloria!*

*Gabriel's Message CP 242*

*Basque traditional carol*

*Arranged by Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)*

*Basque Carol*

*paraphrased by Sabine Baring Gould (1834-1924)*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

President    Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
                 draw us from hatred to love;  
                 make the frailty of our praise  
                 a dwelling place for your glory.

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, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because in his coming the day of our deliverance has dawned;  
and through him you will make all things new,  
as he comes in power and triumph to judge the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
	Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord, God of power and might.</i>
	Pleni sunt caeli et terra	<i>Heaven and earth are full</i>
	gloria tua.	<i>of your glory.</i>
	Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>	
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>	

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon  
All

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

All

**Blessing and honour**

**and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Please say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice*

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.  
All **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

*The president breaks the consecrated bread and says*

President Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
All **we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## Communion

*The invitation to Communion is said*

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.**

*This prayer is offered for all who join the service online*

Heavenly Father, source of all life!  
Send us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize  
and grow in the love of Christ present in the Eucharist,  
who handed himself over for us. Amen.

*Prayer of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, 2021*



*The president and people receive communion. Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

*Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down.*

*Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (that is in both elements of bread and wine). If you prefer, continuing to receive only bread is also permitted. Consecrated bread must not be intincted (dipped) in the wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the administration points by the nave platform.*

*Please follow the directions of the stewards.*

**Agnus Dei**

sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us.*

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

*Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
grant us peace.*

**Anthem**

Sung by the Choir

Quem pastores laudavere,  
Quibus angeli dixere,  
Absit vobis iam timere,  
Natus est rex gloriae,

Ad quem magi ambulabant,  
Aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,  
Immolabant haec sincere  
Nato regi Gloriae.

Christo regi, Deo nato,  
Per Mariam nobis dato  
Merito resonet vere,  
Laus honor et gloriae.

*The One who the shepherds praised,  
and about whom the Angels told:  
'Abandon you present fears,'  
the King of Glory is born.*

*To him the Kings walked,  
carrying gold, frankincense and myrrh,  
offering them religiously,  
born to the King of Glory.*

*Of Christ the King, God born,  
who was given to us by Mary,  
we should sing the merit:  
Praise, honour and glory.*

*Nigel Short (b 1965)*

*14th century German words*

*A period of reflection is held. Please stand if you can as the president approaches the Altar*

### **Prayer after Communion**

President    Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:

All            **May our communion  
strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

#### **Hymn**

Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!

Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light!

*Moscow NEH 466*  
*Adapted from F Gardini (1716-1796)*

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

## **The Blessing**

President Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
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 Sending Out**

Deacon As we await our coming Saviour,  
let us go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Music after the Service**

Ave Maria. Ave Maris Stella, Op 5 No 2

*Jean Langlais (1907-91)*

*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.*

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## Services this Week

### **Sunday 24th December** *Christmas Eve*

- 1.00 pm Blessing of the Crib
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 11.30 Midnight Mass

### **Monday 25th December** *Christmas Day*

- 10.15 pm Sung Eucharist *Live Broadcast Service*
- 12.00 pm Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday 26th December** *St Stephen*

- 11.00 am Morning Prayer  
followed by Holy Communion
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Wednesday 27th December** *John the Apostle*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
followed by Holy Communion
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Thursday 28th December** *The Holy Innocents*

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
followed by Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Funeral for the late Canon Albert Radcliffe
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Friday 29th December**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
followed by Holy Communion
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Saturday 30th December**

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer  
followed by Holy Communion
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **Sunday 31st December** *1st Sunday of Christmas*

- 8.45 am Matins followed by Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
- 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

# Christmas Day Special Arrangements

The Sung Eucharist in the morning will be broadcast live on BBC One from the Cathedral.

This means that we will have a number of special arrangements in place:

The Service will commence at **10.15 am**.

Doors will be open from 8.45 am and congregation members attending the service are asked to arrive early to be welcomed and pass through security ready to be seated by **9.30 am**.

**For security reasons we will not be able to admit those who arrive after this time.**

Kindly note: Large bags will not be permitted into the Cathedral. Please do not bring a bag larger than A4 paper.

The usual 9.00 am Service of Morning Prayer will not be held in person but will be live-streamed via our Facebook page.

## **Canon Wray's Sock Appeal**

One of Manchester Cathedral's famous sons was Canon Wray. In the 19th Century he launched a charity to provide socks for the poor in cold weather.

**We still need your help –  
but also for hats and gloves.**

Any items in new condition are welcomed.  
The results will be given to the Booth Centre.  
Please help if you can.

**ARE YOU A VISITOR TO MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL TODAY?**

**Thank you for visiting us today**

It would be very helpful to us if you could please complete this form

Name:		Date:	
Address:			
Tel:			
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**Please tick as applicable (you may tick more than one box):**

First Time Visitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would like a home visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would like information on how to join the Cathedral Electoral Roll	<input type="checkbox"/>
Returning visitor	<input type="checkbox"/>	New to the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would like to know more about being a Christian	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'm interested in becoming a 'Friend of Manchester Cathedral'					<input type="checkbox"/>

Please hand this page to a member of the clergy or stewards.  
This information will not be shared with any other agency.

**Thank you.**