



BELFAST CATHEDRAL



CHORAL EUCHARIST **Sunday 28th November 2021** **11.00am - ADVENT SUNDAY**

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Face coverings must be worn when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns. We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings throughout the service. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.

Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed.

Finally, please sit in alternate rows as indicated, and leave TWO seats vacant between family groups (bubbles). Thank you.

PLEASE PLACE THIS ORDER OF SERVICE IN THE BOX
AT THE WEST END OF THE CATHEDRAL AS YOU LEAVE

Name(s): _____

Telephone contact: _____



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service
Due to Child Protection Regulations no photographing of the choristers whatsoever is permitted

This morning the Dean is baptizing his granddaughter at Belvoir Parish, Belfast

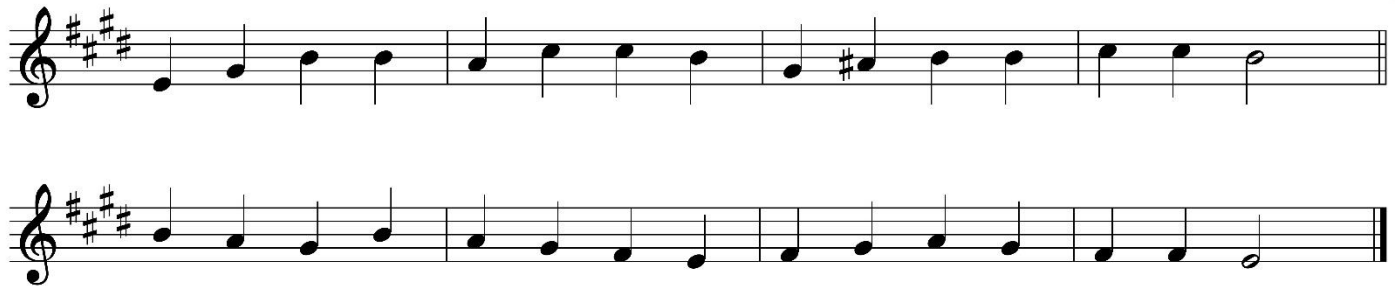
Organ Prelude: Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland à 2 claviers et pédale, BWV 659 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 126***:



**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding,
'Christ is nigh', it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'**

**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;**

**that when next he comes in glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.**

**Honour, glory, might and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while eternal ages run.**

Words: 6th Century Latin tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Tune: MERTON William Henry Monk (1823-89)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever.
Amen.**

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Isaiah 40:5

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, **to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

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*

Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings the **KYRIE:**

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Setting: Mass for five voices William Byrd (1540-1623)

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ADVENT COLLECT

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING & RECEIVING THE WORD – YEAR C READINGS



Please sit for the **EPISTLE READING:** I Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 25:1-9:**

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee:

O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed:

but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord:

and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me:

for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies:

and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:

but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord:

therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement:

and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth:

unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

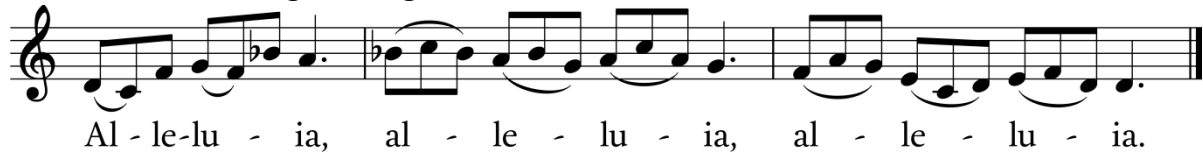
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Show us your mercy, O Lord: and grant us your salvation. *Psalm 85:8*

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36

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



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ._

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, _ Lord Je - sus Christ.

SERMON by *The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, Dean’s Vicar*

Please stand and face east to say the **NICENE 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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit

Let us pray for grace as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Keep the Church faithful to heed your warning and to trust in your promises. Make her minister ever watchful to protect your people against evil and to lead them into the way of truth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on the world where many are weighed down by care and trapped in the desire for ever-increasing pleasure. Heal the hostilities which divide nations, and bring to the whole earth the blessing of peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lift up our eyes to see the signs of our redemption at this present time. When troubles distress us, give strength to us, to our families, friends and neighbours, and free our hearts from fear.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are afflicted, for the victims of war and violence and fleeing refugees, for those in peril from natural disasters. Bring the calm of your presence to all whose lives are stunted by fear and anxiety.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in our cathedral community who are struggling with ill health, anxiety for family members and living with bereavement, asking your blessing upon each one.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have passed through the dangers of this world and have come to their rest. Keep us mindful that after death of the body we shall stand before the Son of Man and grant us mercy in that day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Covid-19, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work in healthcare, the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Please stand

THE PEACE

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*

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

Please stand to sing **HYMN 142***:



**Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
‘Arise, Jerusalem, arise!’
Midnight strikes, no more delaying,
‘The hour has come!’, we hear them saying.
‘Where are you all, you virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight
raise high your torches bright!’
Alleluia!
The wedding song
swells long and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.**

**Zion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eye.
See her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star climbs high.
Now come, our precious crown,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
Alleluia!
Let us prepare
to follow there,
where in your supper we may share.**

*Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) based on Matthew 25:1-13 tr. F.C. Burkitt (1864-1935)
Tune: WACHET AUF Melody (1598) by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) adpt. and harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

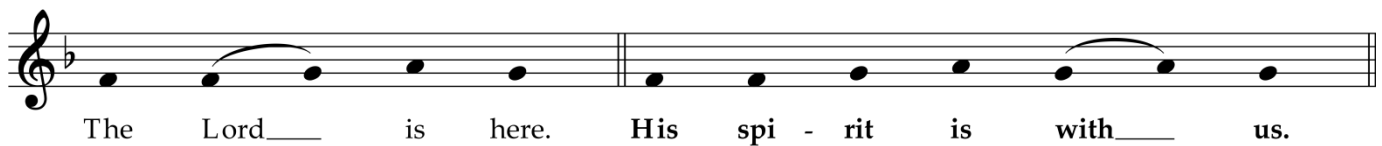


Please remain standing

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

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Salvation is your gift through the coming of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and by him you will make all things new when he returns in glory to judge the world:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings the **SANCTUS:**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

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

Setting: Mass for five voices William Byrd (1540-1623)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please kneel or sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and, by intention, his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he dies for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:***

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

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Setting: Mass for five voices William Byrd (1540-1623)

THE COMMUNION

Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.

Organ music: Trio super Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all the flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 40:5 (King James Version)

Setting: G.F. Handel (from Messiah)

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.



GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

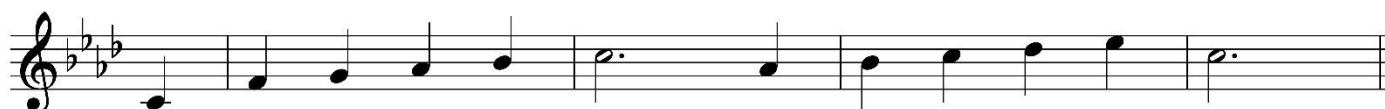


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our deliverer, Awaken our hearts to prepare the way for the advent of your Son, that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming, we may serve you faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of 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.

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 323***:



**The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.**

**There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sions' sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.**

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) based on the Jewish Yigdal

*Tune: LEONI Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) from the singing of Meyer Lyon of the London
Great Synagogue, adpt. c.1770*

THE BLESSING

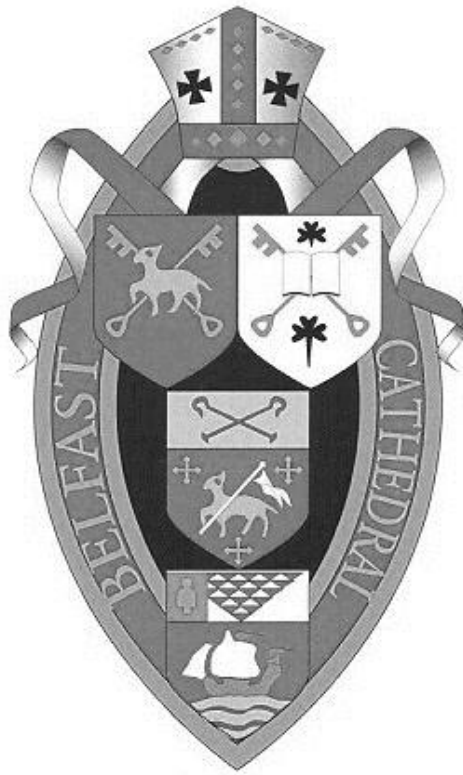
Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you, gladden your hearts and scatter the darkness from before you: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude: Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.
Thank you.*



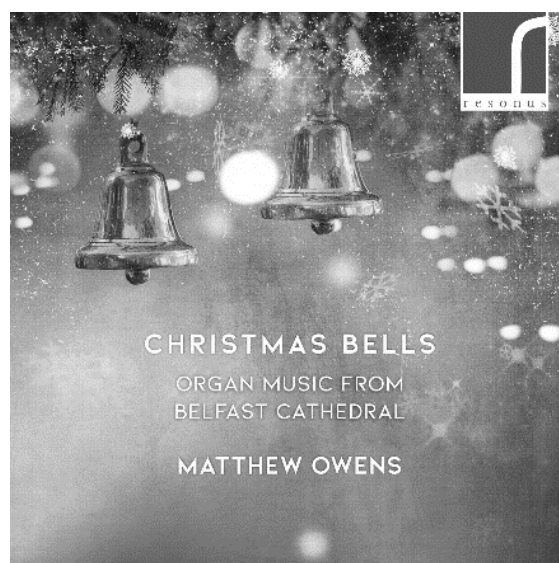
The Insignia of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast, which shows the crests of the United Dioceses of Down and Dromore, the crest of the Diocese of Connor and the crest of the City of Belfast

Musical Purchases for Christmas 2021.

Belfast Cathedral Choir has released their CD **A Belfast Christmas**, a varied programme of familiar seasonal carols and fresh festive offerings from composers including John Rutter, Philip Stopford, Philip Wilby, Philip Ledger and Bob Chilcott.

A second CD is **Christmas Bells**, featuring Organ Music from Belfast Cathedral, with Matthew Owens.

Both CDs will be available to purchase following this service, or through the week from the Cathedral Shop. £12 each or 2 for £20.



COULD YOU HELP US?

Terry Pateman, as the Cathedral's Health and Safety Officer is keen for any member of the cathedral congregation who could volunteer as a "Fire Warden" for large services to add their name to the Fire Warden List at the West End of the cathedral, as you leave.

Thank you.



NOTICES



Please join us at 6.00pm this evening for the Advent Carol Service

Doors open from 5.30pm. Please be seated by 5.50pm

This replaces the usual service at 3.30pm

Services this week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1.00-1.15pm Afternoon Prayer

Friday 1.00-2.00pm The Church's Ministry of Healing Service

Sunday 5th December 2021: The Second Sunday of Advent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Dean

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Counters for the Cathedral Sit Out 2021

If you could give of your time to help with the counting process during the Sit Out, please speak to Mr Billy Miskimmin or contact Reception

Belfast Cathedral Christmas Services 2021

Sunday 19th December Crib Service for Children & Families, 3.30pm

Thursday 23 December Lessons & Carols of Christmas, 7.30pm

Friday, Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols of Christmas, 7.30pm

First Eucharist of Christmas, 11.00pm

Saturday, Christmas Day Choral Eucharist, 11.00am

Sunday 26 December Morning Worship (said), 11.00am

(*St Stephen's Day*) NO 3.30pm service

If you wish to attend the Carol Services please contact Reception by 3.00pm on the day of the service to confirm seats.

Please remember to make up your 2021

Free Will Offering contributions to the Cathedral

as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:

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Name of Account: **Parochial No 1 Current Account**

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