

Advent and Christmas

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN



Come to Christ Church Cathedral this Christmas
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Cathedral Community

Join us at Christ Church Cathedral to sing some of your favourite carols and support our local community.

Shoppers' Carols

Thursday 15th December with the choir of Rathdown School

13.30/1.30pm—14.30/2.30pm

Take a moment's break from the bustle of the shops to join with a local school choir as they sing their hearts out to some Christmas favourites. Free admission

Sponsor a Christmas Angel

Help us decorate our tree by sponsoring a Christmas Angel.

See page 8 for more details.

St. Catherine's National School Nativity Play and Carol

Concert 22nd December. 10.30/10.30am—11.30/11.30am

Get into the Christmas spirit and support St. Catherine's National School as they put on their annual nativity play.

**FULLY
BOOKED!**



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Have a Cathedral Christmas



Photo with thanks to Lesley Rue

Christmas has many different meanings for people. For some it is a time of immense joy while for others it is a time of deep sorrow. One of my favourite hymns for this season is Harold Darke's: 'In the Bleak Mid Winter' which enunciates all the different moods of Christmas time.

Here in the cathedral we begin the preparation for the celebration of Christmas with the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 27th November, the first Sunday of Advent. This is a service of light and if I were to describe Christmas at Christ Church in a nutshell it would very much be 'bringing light into darkness'.

The month of December in the cathedral is filled with so many opportunities for young and old to enjoy the anticipation of celebrating the birth of the Saviour. Our usual services will have a particular advent 'waiting' theme. In addition, free drop-in 'Shoppers Carols', the celebrated Christ Church choir's 'Carols by Candlelight' concerts, and performances from some of the best choir ensembles in Ireland and abroad will combine to make the season a memorable one.

For those who experience Christmas as a sad time we will mark a quiet Christmas with a Taize service in the Crypt.

The cathedral shop will be selling unique gifts and decorations and there will also be a host of fun activities taking place throughout this period, in particular our 'Advent Sheep Trail'.

Wherever you are and whatever you do, be sure to drop into the cathedral during the lead up to Christmas. Christ Church takes on its own unique character at this time of year. Experience the wonderful atmosphere of peace and joy emanating from the walls of a place that has been at the centre of city life for nearly a thousand years; a place which continues to be the beating spiritual heart of Dublin.

Welcome to Christmas at Christ Church.

The Very Revd Dermot Dunne, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral

Getting to know the team

We asked members of our staff about their favourite part of Advent and
Christmas at Christ Church Cathedral



Joseph Walsh - Head Verger

"I love the atmosphere around Christ Church. The choir concerts and the tree being put up are particularly special for me; it makes me feel festive."



David Bremner - Assistant Organist

"I love Nine Lessons and Carols. It's a fabric of music, prose and prayer which reflect together to continually throw new light on this old tradition."



Susanne Reid - Tourism Development Manager

"My favourite part is definitely the Advent Procession service which this year falls on Sunday 27th November. The cathedral looks so beautiful with all the lit candles. The choir is sublime and even the heaviest of hearts leaves with hope for the coming season."



Shawn Talbot - Events Officer

"Advent and Christmas brings a host of new faces into Christ Church. It's an inclusive and special time of year that I enjoy sharing with our visitors."



Maureen Reid - Sacristan

"The peace and serenity, as well as joy, of Eucharist on Christmas Day is amazing to behold, especially after the fervent activity the night before."



The Very Reverend Dermot Dunne - Dean of Christ Church Cathedral

"The highlight for me is the Peata Dog Carol Service early in December. With the Peata service the cathedral is full of people and dogs. While the people sing with hearty voices the traditional carols the dogs howl along. It is always a special service."



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Cathedral Worship

Plan your Christmas journey with our cathedral community. All welcome at services from the Advent Procession through to Candlemas.

The Advent Procession — Our Advent Sunday Service

Sunday 27th November 17.00/ 5pm

Cathedral Nights

Wednesday 30th November 19.00/7pm

Peata Service — Christmas Blessing for Animals

Tuesday 13th December 13.15/1.15pm

Cathedral Nights

Wednesday 14th December 19.00/7pm

Five Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December 15.30/3.30pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 19th December 20.00/8pm

A Quiet Christmas—a Taize Service

Tuesday 20th December 20.00/8pm

Christmas Midnight Eucharist

Saturday 24th December 23.00/11pm

Christmas Day High Eucharist

Sunday 25th December 11.00/11.am

Choral Eucharist for the Epiphany

Friday 6th January 2017 18.00/6pm

Candlemas Procession

Sunday 29th January 2017 17.00/5pm

Services are not ticketed and free to all.

Christmas Gifts



Unusual gifts, gorgeous Cathedral Christmas cards, pretty baubles for your tree. Come and discover.

Shop open 10.00/10am—16.00/4pm

Mon—Sat no admission fee required to visit the shop 14 Nov—23 Dec incl.

Chorister for a Day

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Saturday 10th December 14.00/2pm—16.00/4pm

Become a chorister for a day with Christ Church's Director of Music, Ian Keatley. Don a robe and raise the roof of the cathedral with some of your favourite Christmas songs.

No singing experience necessary.

For 8—16 year olds. Please book on www.christchurchcathedral.ie/events



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Christmas Events

Christ Church Cathedral presents a host of festive music featuring groups from all over the world. Details of events from:

www.christchurchtickets.com

Christmas Carols in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland

Thursday 1st December 19.30/7.30pm

Adolf Frederik's Youth Choir; Sankta Lucia 'From Darkness Into Light'

Saturday 3rd December 19.00/7pm

The Park Singers; Candlelight Carols

Sunday 4th December 20.00/8pm

Christ Church Cathedral Choir sings Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 6th December 20.00/8pm

Christ Church Cathedral Choir sings Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 7th December 20.00/8pm

Christ Church Cathedral Choir sings Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 8th December 20.00/8pm

Irish Baroque Orchestra dir. Monica Huggett; Handel's Messiah

Friday 9th December 20.00/8pm

New Dublin Voices, Carols for Christmas

Saturday 10th December 20.00/8pm

A&L Goodbody Choir, Annual Christmas Carol Performance

Sunday 11th December 20.00/8pm

Aiken Promotions Presents Colm Mac Con Iomaire

Monday 12th December 20.00/8pm

Aiken Promotions Presents Low

Tuesday 13th December 20.00/8pm

DECORATE OUR ANGEL-THEMED
Christmas Tree
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL



Our tree is all about angels this Christmas.

Some of our local primary schools are getting creative and will be hanging angels of their own design to help us decorate.

You too can get involved by purchasing a beautiful Belleek angel, specially inscribed with your own name or that of a loved one, which will hang on our tree throughout the Christmas period (angels may be collected from the cathedral between 7th January and 14th January inclusive). A unique way to be present with us throughout our seasonal celebrations and give vital support to the Cathedral.

Order your angel by visiting www.christchurchtickets.com or by calling in to us. Angels cost €20.



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Christmas Events

London Concertante; Viennese Christmas

Thursday 15th December 20.00/8pm

The Mornington Singers; Noël!

Saturday 17th December 20.00/8pm

Chamber Choir Ireland

Sunday 18th December 20.00/8pm

Angelo Kelly & Family; Irish Christmas

Thursday 29th December 19.00/7pm

For further details and tickets visit www.christchurchtickets.com



**CATHEDRAL
NIGHTS**
Pause. Breathe. Pray.

Wednesday 30th November & Wednesday 14th December

Pause. Breathe. Pray.

At the end of a busy day this is an invitation to make space. The cathedral will be open from 19.00 /7pm- 21.00 /9pm for quiet reflection, music, readings from scripture and prayer. Stop for just a little while or stay for the whole evening.

All are welcome. Free of charge.

Carols by Candlelight

WITH OUR WORLD-FAMOUS CATHEDRAL CHOIR



TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 20.00/8pm

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER - 20.00/8pm

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER - 20.00/8pm

TICKETS €29.50

includes festive refreshments

The Friends of Christ Church

The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral invite you to join them.

We support all aspects of cathedral life from worship to music and organise social events. Benefits of membership include:

- Free entrance to the cathedral
- Lectures and many other events
- Friends' annual trip

For more details and membership enquiries please email
the Secretary:

cccubfriends@gmail.com



Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve	Sat 24th Dec.	Cath/Café/Shop	09.00-13.00/1pm	No Tours
Christmas Day	Sun 25th Dec.		Closed	
St. Stephen's Day	Mon 26th Dec.		Closed	
	Tues 27th Dec.	Cath/Café/Shop	09.00- 17.00/5pm	Last Tour: 16.00/4pm
	Wed 28th Dec.	Cath/Café/Shop	09.00- 17.00/5pm	Last Tour: 16.00/4pm
	Thur 29th Dec.	Cath/Café/Shop	09.00- 17.00/5pm	Last Tour: 16.00/4pm
	Fri 30th Dec.	Cath/Café/Shop	09.00- 17.00/5pm	Last Tour: 16.00/4pm
New Year's Eve	Sat 31st Dec.	Cath/Café/Shop	09.00- 17.00/5pm	Last Tour: 16.00/4pm
New Year's Day	Sun 31st Dec.		Closed	
	Mon 2nd Jan		Winter Times Start	

Join us for
THE SHEEP TRAIL
 at
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL!

WE'VE HAD A FLOCK OF MISCHIEVOUS SHEEP LET LOOSE IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL! HELP US FIND THEM SO WE CAN GATHER THEM UP IN TIME TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS. TAKE TIME OUT OF THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE SEASON AND MAKE SPACE TO BREATHE IN THE PEACE OF THIS HOLY PLACE. LET THE SHEEP TRAIL BE PART OF YOUR FAMILY'S JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISTMAS!

The Sheep Trail will be on from
SUNDAY
27 NOVEMBER
 until
SATURDAY
24 DECEMBER



Messy Advent

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME PARISH, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO TAKE PART IN THE SHEEP TRAIL THIS SEASON FREE OF CHARGE.

TO BOOK YOUR GROUP IN, PLEASE CONTACT THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE ON 01 477 8099 OR WELCOME@CHRISTCHURCH.IE



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