



**NEWCASTLE
CATHEDRAL**

Events & Notices

21 December 2025

Notices

TODAY

Accessing Orders of Service on Your Phone

Thank you to everyone who accessed last Sunday's Order of Service via the QR code at the Font, helping us reduce paper use. This week, you can scan the QR code or visit newcastlecathedral.org.uk/services.

If enough people use the digital version, we hope to combine Hymns, Readings, and the Seasonal Order into a single PDF. Please continue to share feedback with Ruth.

Advent Course, 11.45am. Today: 'The Magi meet Jesus'

Cathedral Choir New CD

The Cathedral Choir's new CD, *O Nata Lux: Music for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany* is available from Priced at £12.99 in the retail space, the album will also be available on Sunday mornings to regular members of the congregation at a reduced price of £10 from the Choirs' Association during Advent.

Christmas Eve Services

Family-Friendly Crib Service, 11am

Prepare for Christmas with an interactive Nativity experience where you'll meet angels, shepherds and wise men, and sing your favourite carols. **No need to book.**

Nine Lessons and Carols, 6pm

A traditional candlelit service that tells the Christmas story – from creation to Christ's birth – through short passages and beautiful music. **No need to book.**

Midnight Mass, 11:30pm

Join us for carols and choral music as we gather for the first Eucharist of Christmas Day, rejoicing in the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **No need to book.**

Christmas Day Services

Eucharist, 8am

Morning Prayer, 8.30am

Festal Eucharist, 10am

Celebrate 'God with Us' at this joyful, family-friendly service on Christmas Day. You'll enjoy readings, carols, choral music, and an uplifting festive sermon.

Filming notice

Evening services and the 10am Eucharist on Sundays are live streamed via the Cathedral's YouTube channel. If you don't wish to feature, please speak to a member of our team.

WIFI Connection

Following changes to the Cathedral's WIFI, if you need internet connection, please connect to the NCVisitor network. No password is required.

ONGOING and UPCOMING EVENTS

Organ Recital

Monday 22 December, 1:05pm

This week's recital will be given by **James Watson, Newcastle Cathedral**. Retiring Collection. **Suggested donation £5.**

Small Sounds

Resumes Tuesday 6 January 2026.

St Nicholas: The Original Santa Clause Guided Tour

Every Sunday in Advent, 12-12.45pm

Join us on a guided journey through time to uncover the fascinating history, traditions, and legends surrounding St Nicholas – the patron saint of Newcastle Cathedral. Discover how a 4th-century bishop, remembered for his kindness and generosity, inspired the figure of Santa Claus we know today. Along the way, you'll encounter sculptures and stained-glass windows that bring his remarkable story to life. Learn how the image of Santa Claus has transformed across the centuries, and why this Cathedral honours St Nicholas's name. This tour is recommended for those aged 12 and above. **FREE, suggested donation of £7. Book via the website. Pre-booking is not essential, but spaces on the day are subject to availability.**

Newcastle Cathedral Choir's Candlelit Carols

Monday 22 December, 7.30-9pm

There is still time to join us and step into the stillness, joy and radiant light of Christmas with the Cathedral Choir's Candlelit Carols – an unforgettable evening celebrating centuries of tradition. The programme moves from ancient words of expectation to lullabies of peace, from joyful dances and timeless carols to striking contemporary works. With melodies both familiar and fresh, pause amid the busyness of the season to be uplifted by the beauty of voices in harmony. Tickets £21.50, carer tickets available. **Book via the website.**

Exhibitions

Christmas Stories Retold

30 November – 3 January

This Advent and Christmas, we are delighted to present a collection of work by last year's cohort of first-year Visual Communication and Digital Culture students from Northumbria University.

Drawing inspiration from the story at the heart of Christmas, the students have explored the themes and meanings of the story to create thoughtful, contemporary visual responses.

Whatever your own perspective – believing, unbelieving, or differently believing – we hope this exhibition enriches your reflections within this Cathedral space. **FREE.**

God is in the Detail

10 January – 27 February

Join us for a photographic exhibition by Alan Edington, Verger at Newcastle Cathedral.

Alan says, "My role is all about the often-unnoticed, behind-the-scenes care and attention that keeps this building welcoming for people from all walks of life who come to seek God. Jesus's words, 'Seek, and you shall find', offer a more hopeful vision of God who can be found everywhere and in everything – if we take the time to look. Through this collection of photographs of familiar, yet often overlooked, spaces around this city, I have seen God and invite you to 'seek' with me. Who knows what you might find?

The exhibition will be celebrated with a 'Meet the Photographer' event on Monday 19 January 2026 at 6:30pm.

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve, 24 December	Open until 6pm & for scheduled services listed on page 1
Christmas Day, 25 December	8am - 11.15am
Boxing Day, 26 December	8am – 12 Midday
Saturday 27 December	8am – 12 Midday
Sunday 28 December	8am – 11.30am
Monday 29 December	8am – 2pm
Tuesday 30 December	8am – 12 Midday
Wednesday 31 December	8am – 12 Midday
Thursday 1 January	8am – 12 Midday
Friday 2 January	8am – 12 Midday
Saturday 3 January onwards	Normal opening hours resume

Choral Eucharist for the Feast of Epiphany Tuesday 6 January, 6pm

Join us for our Sung Eucharist on the Feast of Epiphany, a time to reflect on the many ways Jesus brings light to the world, with beautiful music from the Cathedral Choir. This day marks the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Wise Men – also known as the Magi – who journeyed to Bethlehem, guided by a star, to worship the newborn King. The Feast of Epiphany invites us into a profound celebration of divine revelation and the light of Christ shining for all.

Medieval Mystery Plays: 'The Shipwright's Tale' and 'The Flood'

Thursday 8 January, 2-3pm

Newcastle City Guides present two Miracle/Mystery which were originally performed on carts in the streets. Both plays are lively and unusual interpretations of Biblical tales. In 'The Shipwright's Tale', the Devil is looking for a way to survive the flood and plans to seduce Noah's wife so he can get the secret of how to make another ark. In 'The Flood', Noah must fill the Ark with pairs of animals and his family before the deluge starts. **Tickets £10, book via the website.**

Services & Music for Week of 21st December

Sunday 21 December

4th Sunday in Advent

8:00	Eucharist	<i>St George's Chapel</i> <i>Book of</i> <i>Common Prayer</i>
8:30	Morning Prayer	<i>St George's Chapel</i>
10:00	Sung Eucharist	<i>Nave</i> President: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse Preacher: The Very Rev'd Lee Batson Hassler <i>Missa super Dixit Maria</i> Cornysh <i>Ave Maria</i> Hymns NEH 161, NEH 185, A&M 395
4:00	Choral Evensong	<i>Quire</i> Hymn 4 Rose <i>Responses</i> Proper Psalms 123, 131 1 Samuel 1.1-20; Revelation 22.6-end Antiphon: <i>O Rex Gentium</i> Drakett <i>The Wells Service</i> Monteverdi <i>Ave Maris Stella</i> Hymn 10 Bach <i>Meine Seele erhebt den Herren</i> <i>BWV 733</i>

Monday 22 December

8:15	Morning Prayer	<i>Crypt</i>
12:30	Eucharist	<i>Ascension Chapel</i>
1:05	Organ Recital	<i>Nave</i> James Watson, Newcastle Cathedral
5:30	Evening Prayer	<i>Quire</i> Psalm 108 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53; 2 Peter 1.1-15
7:30	Candlelit Carols	<i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir. Tickets available to purchase from the Cathedral Website</i>

Tuesday 23 December

8:15	Morning Prayer	<i>Crypt</i>
12:30	Eucharist	<i>Ascension Chapel</i>
5:30	Evening Prayer	<i>Nave</i> Psalm 110, 111 Isaiah 54; 2 Peter 1.16-2.3

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Wednesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

8:15	Morning Prayer	<i>Crypt</i>
11:00	Crib Service	<i>Nave</i>
12:30	Eucharist	<i>Ascension Chapel</i>
6:00	A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	<i>Nave</i> Wilberg <i>Ding Dong merrily on high</i> Nixon <i>The Holy and the Ivy</i> Briggs <i>A tender shoot</i> Pärt <i>Bogoroditse Djevo</i> Thomsett <i>Bululalow</i> William <i>Three Kings</i> Gardner <i>Tomorrow shall be my dancing day</i>
11:30	Midnight Mass of Christmas	<i>Nave</i> President: The Very Rev'd Lee Batson Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Ruth Hulse Charpentier <i>Messe de minuit pour Noel</i> Victoria <i>O Magnum Mysterium</i>

Thursday 25 December

Christmas Day

8:00	Eucharist	<i>St George's Chapel</i> <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
8:30	Morning Prayer	<i>St George's Chapel</i>
10:00	Festal Sung Eucharist	<i>Nave</i> President: The Very Rev'd Lee Batson Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Zoe Heming Malcolm <i>Mass of the Crib</i> Thomsett <i>Bululalow</i> Bertalot <i>Calypso Carol</i> Hone <i>Silent Night</i>

Friday 26 December

Stephen, deacon, first martyr

8:30	Morning Prayer	<i>St George's Chapel</i>
9:00	Eucharist	<i>St George's Chapel</i>

Saturday 27 December

John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30	Morning Prayer	<i>St George's Chapel</i>
9:00	Eucharist	<i>St George's Chapel</i>

Sunday 28 December

The Holy Innocents

8:00	Eucharist	<i>St George's Chapel</i> <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>
8:30	Morning Prayer	<i>St George's Chapel</i>
10:00	Sung Eucharist with Cantor	<i>Nave</i> President: The Very Rev'd Lee Batson Preacher: Katherine Govier, Cathedral Reader Jones <i>Gloria</i> Plainsong <i>Missa de Angelis</i> Bach <i>Bereite dich Zion</i>