

# *Mars: From Imagination to Science*

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**7<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**



## *Daily Programme & Opening Times*



EQUIPPING  
CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP in an  
AGE of  
SCIENCE



CATHEDRAL  
ISLE OF MAN

# The Mars Bar

During Public Opening Hours offering  
Coffees, Assorted Teas, Mars Cakes (made by  
Peel Bakers) and Biscuits

Where possible we use Fairtrade products.



## Photography

Photography is permitted with the following provisos:

We encourage you to share images of Mars on social media

Do not take photos that include children without parental or Teacher Consent

Commercial photography is not permitted

## Dogs

Dogs are welcome if on a lead, except in the Mars Bar (Tables are available outside the food area for those with dogs).

## School Parties

During School Days children are present with their teachers, please respect their space

## Community Meal

The Big table on Mondays operates on an "Eat what you like, pay what you can" basis. It will be offering soup and crumble during the Mars Exhibition on **Mondays** from 16<sup>th</sup> February

## Opening Hours

Where a ticketed evening event is listed (see page 4), the Cathedral will close 30 minutes before the start time of the event. Some evening events will continue beyond 21:00

Saturday 7-Saturday 14 February 09:00-21:00

**Sunday 15 February 09:00 - 21:00 \*\*\***

Monday 16-Saturday 21 February 10:00 - 21:00

**Sunday 22 February 09:00 - 21:00 \*\*\***

Monday 23-Saturday 28 February 09:00-21:00

**Sunday 1 March 09:00 - 21:00 \*\*\***

Monday 2 March 09:00 – 21:00

## Sunday Services:

*You will be restricted in viewing areas offered during service times and you are asked to be respectfully silent*

8:30 – 09:15 Holy Communion 1662

10:30 – 12 noon Choral Eucharist

15:30 – 16:15 Choral Evensong

21:00 – 21:15 Night Prayer

## Thank you for your Donation

We appreciate contributions to the £250 daily maintenance costs of the Cathedral.

Donation Boxes are at the rear of the Cathedral. Digital payments can be made or you can use the QR Code below.



## Souvenirs available on the gift stall

# Daytime Events

Saturday	7 February	10:30 <b>Free Talk for Children</b> with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Society 11:30 Meet the Mars Society: <b>News and Discovery Beneath the Red Planet</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 February</b>	08:30 <b>Said Eucharist</b> (BCP) 10:30 <b>Family Eucharist sung by the young Cathedral Choristers</b> 15:30 <b>Choral Evensong sung by Schola</b> (adult voices)

**Monday-Friday 9-13 February** 0930-1200 and 1245-1515 School Groups (open access for other visitors)

Wednesday	11 February	11:45 <b>Teddy Bear's Picnic</b> Booking essential ( <a href="mailto:ginnyviner@yahoo.com">ginnyviner@yahoo.com</a> )
Saturday	14 February	10:30 <b>Free Talk for children</b> with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Society
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15 February</b>	08:30 <b>Said Eucharist</b> (BCP) 10:00 <b>Choral Eucharist</b> with Upper Voices 15:30 <b>Choral Evensong</b> with the young choristers

**Monday-Friday 16-20 February** Half Term Week (no school visits)

Monday	16 February	09:00 <b>Pilates</b> booking essential ( <a href="mailto:Lizzy@pilates-isle-of-man.co.uk">Lizzy@pilates-isle-of-man.co.uk</a> ) 12:00 <b>Big Table</b> (Community Meal)
Tuesday	17 February	14:00 <b>The Mannic Ukers</b> – the <b>u3a Ukulele Band</b>
Wednesday	18 February	10:00 <b>Body and Soul</b> – music and movement for children with SUMT
Thursday	19 February	09:15 <b>Chair-based Exercise</b> book with Lizzy Main 11:00 <b>The Big Book Group</b> – The Martian by Andy Weir
Friday	20 February	09:15 <b>Paracise</b> – all welcome, no need to book 10:15 <b>Paracise</b> – booking essential ( <a href="mailto:donnawhalley@hotmail.co.uk">donnawhalley@hotmail.co.uk</a> )
Saturday	21 February	09:00 <b>Pilates</b> book with Lizzy Main ( <a href="mailto:Lizzy@pilates-isle-of-man.co.uk">Lizzy@pilates-isle-of-man.co.uk</a> ) 10:00 <b>Mars Mission: A Cosmic Collage Adventure</b> Artreach Workshop <b>Corrin Hall</b> , Book: <a href="#">Mars Event Link to tickets on Artreach Studios</a> 10:30 <b>Free Talk for Children</b> with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Society 14:00 <b>Mars Mission: A Cosmic Collage Adventure</b> Artreach Workshop <b>Corrin Hall</b> , Book: <a href="#">Mars Event Link to tickets on Artreach Studios</a>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 February</b>	08:30 <b>Said Eucharist</b> (BCP) 10:00 <b>Choral Eucharist</b> with Cantor 15:30 <b>Said Evening Prayer</b>

**Monday-Friday 23-27 February** 0930-1200 and 1245-1515 School Groups present (open access for all visitors)

Monday	23 February	12:00 <b>Big Table</b> (Community Meal)
Saturday	28 February	10:30 <b>Free Talk for Children</b> with Stuart Mullan of the Mars Society
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 March</b>	08:30 <b>Said Eucharist</b> (BCP) 10:30 <b>Choral Eucharist</b> with Schola (adult voices) 15:30 <b>Songs of Praise</b> with young choristers and choral scholars 17:30 Half hour <b>showcase of Ballroom dancing</b> by young Manx dancers
Monday	2 March	12:00 <b>Big Table</b> (Community Meal)

# Evening Events

Apart from Saturday 21st February when the Cathedral closes at 18:00, there will be a series of events as shown below. When ticket events are scheduled, the Cathedral will close half an hour before the start time. These are the ticketed events, with links to the booking details (only **Close Encounters** is a free event):

- **Launch Party** - <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/37275>
- **Dinner** - <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/37279>
- **Soundbath (15<sup>th</sup> February)**: <https://Soundology.as.me/mars>
- **The Martian (18<sup>th</sup> February)**: [eTickets.im](https://www.eTickets.im) (NB this is at the **Centenary Centre**)
- **Elizabeth and Daniel concert (20<sup>th</sup> February)**: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/trad/1992542>
- **Free tickets for Close Encounters (24<sup>th</sup> February)**: <https://www.pioneer.im/diary>
- **Ceili (28<sup>th</sup> February)**: <https://ynchruinnaght.com/>
- **Jazz (1<sup>st</sup> March)** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blue-notes-under-the-red-planet-tickets-1981513468124?aff=oddtcreator>

Evening Prayer will take place at 17:30 in the Chancel most evenings. Most evenings will end with a short service of Compline at the end of the arranged event.

Donations are welcome at all events to help defray expenses associated with all the arrangements.

Visitors are welcome during the opening hours (see p2), and are asked to respect any activities that are in progress. No new admissions half an hour before closing times.

Friday	6 February	19:00 Prelaunch Gathering for volunteers
Saturday	7 February	19:00 Launch Party with <b>Mine's a Shanty</b> and canapés from <b>Filbey's</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 February</b>	18:30 <b>Free Peel Celebration</b> organised by Peel Town Commissioners
Monday	9 February	19:00 <b><i>This house believes that Mars Exploration is humanity's most important scientific endeavour</i></b> - a <b>debate</b> between St Ninian's and Ballakermeen High Schools, with <b>Tallis</b> (Free)
Tuesday	10 February	<b>Quiet night</b> , closing after a short service of Compline at 21:00
Wednesday	11 February	19:30 The Search for God: can science help? <b>Dr David Wilkinson</b> (Free)
Thursday	12 February	19:00 <b>Dinner</b> + after dinner talk: <b>Life on Mars? Aliens, human colonies and imagination</b> by <b>Reverend Professor David Wilkinson</b> (Filbey's catering)
Friday	13 February	19:00 <b>Poetry</b> with <b>Bradley Chambers</b> , the 11 <sup>th</sup> Manx Bard
Saturday	14 February	19:30 <b>Caarjyn Cooijagh</b> <i>Graih as Caggey</i> ( <b>Songs of Love and War</b> ) (Free)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15 February</b>	18:30 <b>Sound Bath</b> with Amy Howse
Monday	16 February	19:00 <b>Meet an Astronomer</b> - Isle of Man Astronomical Society (informal)
Tuesday	17 February	19:00 <b>War of the Worlds</b> – Jeff Wayne's 1978 Musical Version (Free)
Wednesday	18 February	<b>Quiet night</b> , with film: <b>The Martian</b> at the <b>Centenary Centre</b> at <b>19:15</b>
Thursday	19 February	19:15 <b>Simeon Wood</b> (Free)
Friday	20 February	19:00 <b>Elizabeth Davidson-Blythe &amp; Daniel Quayle</b> with special guests <b>Smooiinaght Mie</b>
Saturday	21 February	20:00 <b>Private Event</b> (Guides)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 February</b>	19:00 <b>The Red Frontier: From Victorian Myths to the New Space Age</b> Free talk by Stuart Mullan of the IoM branch of the Mars Society
Monday	23 February	<b>Quiet night</b> , closing after a short service of Compline at 21:00
Tuesday	24 February	19:00 <b>Close Encounters</b> , a one man show by <b>Alex Brown</b>
Wednesday	25 February	19:30 <b>Any Questions</b> with a Mars Rover Engineer (Gwyn Jones), an academic (Steve Barrett), Member of the Mars Society (Stuart Mullan) (Free)
Thursday	26 February	19:30 <b>Series of short lectures</b> - <b>Dr Steve Barrett</b> (Liverpool University) (Free)
Friday	27 February	19:00 <b>Youth under Mars</b> with SUMT - a free evening for secondary age
Saturday	28 February	19:00 <b>Ceili</b> (organised by Culture Vannin)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1 March</b>	19:00 <b>Mood Indigo</b> presents <b>Blue Tones under a Red Planet</b>
Monday	2 March	<b>Quiet night</b> , closing after a short service of Compline at 21:00