Welcome to Tynwald Day

The Midsummer sitting of Tynwald Court at St John’s is a ceremony with origins more than a thousand years old. Its central feature is the promulgation and captioning of new Acts of Tynwald, which is the final stage in the Manx legislative process.

The ceremony is in three parts. It begins in the Royal Chapel with a service of worship at 11am. Then the Members of Tynwald and other participants move to Tynwald Hill where the Acts are promulgated and any petitions are brought forward. Finally, the Court returns to the Royal Chapel where the Acts are captioned.
Members of Tynwald

The Hon S C Rodan, President of Tynwald

Legislative Council

Lord Bishop
Mr J L M Quinn QC, HM Attorney General
Mr D M Anderson
Mr M R Coleman
Mr C G Corkish MBE
Mr D C Cretney

House of Keys

The Hon J P Watterson, Speaker
Dr A J Allinson
Mr D J Ashford
Mr T S Baker
Hon K J Beecroft
Miss C L Bettison
Hon G G Boot
Mrs D H P Caine

Officers of Tynwald

Mr R I S Phillips, Clerk of Tynwald and Secretary of the House of Keys
Mr J D C King, Deputy Clerk of Tynwald and Clerk of the Legislative Council
Mrs Corkish, Third Clerk of Tynwald
The Ven Andrew Brown, Chaplain of the House of Keys

Ceremonial Officeholders

Sword Bearer  Yn Lhaihder  Military Liaison Officers
Mrs B Williams  Mr R Carswell  Cdr C Bland RN

Representatives of the Judiciary

Her Majesty’s First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls His Honour D C Doyle
Her Majesty’s Second Deemster His Honour A T K Corlett
His Honour Deemster A A Montgomerie
His Worship the High Bailiff J A Needham
Who’s who on the Hill

The top tier of Tynwald Hill is normally occupied by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, President of Tynwald, Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, Members and the Clerk of the Legislative Council, Surgeon to the Household, Sword Bearer, Seneschal and His Excellency’s Private Secretary.

The second tier is occupied by the Speaker, Members and Secretary of the House of Keys and their Chaplain.

The third tier is occupied by the High Bailiff, the representative of the Commission of the Peace, Chief Registrar, Mayor of Douglas, Chairmen of Castletown, Peel and Ramsey Commissioners, Archdeacon, Vicar General, Clergy (including the Roman Catholic Dean and representatives of the Free Churches and Salvation Army), Chief Secretary, Chief Constable and Chairmen of Commissioners from Port Erin, Port St Mary, Garff and Onchan.

The First Deemster stands at a lectern on the south side of the Hill to promulgate the new laws in English, while the Second Deemster stands on the north side for the reading in Manx Gaelic. The Coroners sit on this lowest tier of the Hill, with Yn Lhaihder, the Captains of the Parishes, the Deemster and Superintendent of Police.
The President

The Hon Stephen Charles Rodan BSc (Hons) MR Pharm S was elected the fourth President of Tynwald in July 2016. Mr Rodan was first elected to the House of Keys in 1995 as Member for Garff and he has held several major Government posts including Minister for Education for five years and Minister for Health and Social Security for two years. Mr Rodan was elected as Speaker of the House of Keys first in 2006 and again in 2011. Prior to becoming a national politician he served on Laxey Commissioners for four years, two of those as Chairman.

The President’s robe is unique in embodying motifs which are significant in Manx culture and history. In the absence of the Sovereign the President, along with the Speaker, captions the Acts at the Sitting of Tynwald Court which is held in the Royal Chapel after their promulgation on Tynwald Hill.

The Sword of State

The first documentary evidence of the use of a ceremonial sword is found in the Customary Laws of 1417 where it states that on Tynwald Hill the Lord will sit ‘with your Sword before you holden with the Point upward’.

Today when Tynwald Court sits in Douglas the Sword is always present, resting on a table in the centre of the Tynwald Chamber.

On Tynwald Day, during the ceremony, the sword is carried in front of the Sovereign, or their representative, by the Sword Bearer.

Bernadette Williams has been the official Tynwald Day swordbearer since 1998; she is the first woman to carry out the role.

The Speaker

The Hon Juan Paul Watterson BA FCA CMgr FCMI SHK, Member of the House of Keys for Rushen, was elected as Speaker of the House of Keys in September 2016, the youngest person to hold the office.

First elected to the House of Keys in 2006, Mr Watterson served as a Member of the Department of Health and Social Security, the Department of Local Government and the Environment, and the Department of Economic Development before being appointed Minister for Home Affairs, a position he held until 2016.

As Speaker, Mr Watterson is responsible for controlling proceedings of the House of Keys being its spokesperson and defender of its privileges. The Speaker’s robe was donated by the House of Commons for the commemoration of the centenary of popular elections to the House of Keys in 1867.
HM Attorney General

John Quinn QC was appointed HM Attorney General and Queen’s Counsel in March 2017 after serving for four years as HM Acting Attorney General. Mr Quinn was born and raised in the Isle of Man where he attended St Mary’s School, Douglas followed by boarding school at Upholland College, Skelmersdale. Called to the Manx Bar in 1978, he is a past President of the IOM Law Society; past Chairman of the Bank of Ireland (Isle of Man) Limited and a past Chairman of Hospice Care. In his busy general legal practice he was a founder partner in Quinn Kneale Advocates (30 years), prior to which he was an in-house corporate lawyer. His interests include farming, gardening and music making.

The Deemsters

The primary role on Tynwald Day of the Island’s First and Second Deemsters, or High Court judges, is to promulgate any new Acts which have been passed by Tynwald and received Royal Assent during the previous year.

They are invited by the Lieutenant Governor, “Learned Deemsters, I exhort you to proclaim to the people in ancient form such laws as have been enacted during the past year and which have received the Royal Assent”.

One of them reads the long titles of the Acts in English, the other in Manx Gaelic.

The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls is Chief Justice of the Island’s High Court of Justice, and in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor acts as his deputy.

The first written reference to Deemster can be traced back to the early 1400s but the office of Deemster is probably much older dating back to the Norse Kingdom and the origins of Tynwald in the 10th century.

First and Second Deemsters

His Honour the First Deemster, D C Doyle (left) took up his office in December 2010 having previously been Second Deemster from March 2003. He was called to the English Bar in 1982 and the Manx Bar in 1984 and served as an advocate in private practice until his appointment as Second Deemster in 2003. His Honour became a Bencher of Gray’s Inn in 2011.

In addition to his judicial duties he enjoys walking and running.

The Second Deemster, His Honour A T K Corlett (right) took up his office in April 2011 having been appointed Deputy Deemster in 2007. He was called to the English Bar and the Manx Bar in 1984 and served as an advocate in private practice until 1995 when he became Government Advocate. He returned to private practice between 2001 and 2007. In addition to his judicial duties he enjoys walking, theatre, cinema and the visual arts.
Chief Minister

The leader of the Isle of Man Government, the Chief Minister, is chosen by Tynwald after each general election to the House of Keys. The Chief Minister, and the eight Ministers selected by him or her, seven of whom head the Departments of Government, make up the Council of Ministers, the central executive body accountable to Tynwald.

The Council of Ministers meets weekly to carry out a range of functions, including the consideration of policy priorities, the approval of Government business for submission to Tynwald, and co-ordination of the work of Departments.

Although the proceedings of the Council of Ministers are confidential, extracts from those proceedings are made public on the Isle of Man Government website and, together with other Government information, can be found at: www.gov.im.

The current Chief Minister, elected in October 2016, is Hon Howard Quayle MHK.

The Lieutenant Governor

Sir Richard Gozney graduated from St Edmund Hall, Oxford in 1973 and joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

In 1989, after foreign postings in Jakarta, Buenos Aires and Madrid, His Excellency was Private Secretary to three Foreign and Commonwealth Secretaries: Sir Geoffrey Howe, John Major and Douglas Hurd.

As a student Sir Richard had been a volunteer teacher at Rusinga Island Community School in Kenya and was delighted when in 1993 he was appointed British High Commissioner to Swaziland. After three years in Swaziland he became Head of the Foreign Office Department advising on the foreign policy aspects of defence and then Chief of the Intelligence Assessment Staff.

Returning overseas when he was appointed British Ambassador to Indonesia in 2000 and then British High Commissioner to Nigeria in 2004; His Excellency’s last FCO posting was as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda from where he retired in 2012.

His Excellency, who took up his appointment in May 2016, is married to Diana. His outside interests include bird watching, walking and sailing.
Legislative Council

House of Keys
150th Anniversary of Popular Elections

2017 marks the 150th anniversary of the first popular election to the House of Keys, previously a self-elected body. Mid-19th-century calls for reform were led by journalists Robert Fargher and James Brown. Following negotiations between Governor Loch and the UK authorities, reforming legislation was enacted in 1866, giving the vote to male landowners and allowing Tynwald some say over finance for the first time in a century. The first elections took place in early April 1867.

Some Members of the first popularly elected House of Keys 1867 (clockwise from top left): William Fine Moore (1814-1895), Douglas; John Moore Jeffcott (1817-1892), Castletown; Richard Rowe (1823-1886), Garff; John Stevenson Moore (1804-1895), Glenfaba; The Revd William Bell Christian (1815-1886), Ramsey; William Dalrymple (1815-1890), Middle; George W. Dumbell (1804-1887), Douglas; and Edward C. Farrant (1830-1890), Ayre.
The Clerks

**Clerk of Tynwald**

Roger Phillips, the Clerk of Tynwald, is also Secretary of the House of Keys, Counsel to Mr Speaker and Registrar of Members’ Interests.

He was a barrister and a House of Commons Clerk before coming to the Island to take up his current post in September 2008.

He is the chief procedural and legal adviser to Members of Tynwald as well as being responsible for the provision of services to Members by the Clerk of Tynwald’s Office, of which he is the Chief Executive.

He is an Associate of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy.

**Deputy Clerk of Tynwald**

Jonathan King, the Deputy Clerk of Tynwald, is also Clerk of the Legislative Council and Deputy Secretary of the House of Keys. He worked as a civil servant in the UK before coming to the Island to take up his current post in 2007.

**Third Clerk of Tynwald**

Joann Corkish is Third Clerk and deputises for the two Clerks. With a lot of help from a fantastic team she co-ordinates Tynwald Day, alongside her responsibility for HR, Finance and Committee work.

**Seneschal, Messengers and Security Guards**

The Seneschal, Paul Dougherty, has overall responsibility for the Tynwald precincts and manages the Messengers and Security Guards. The Messengers and Security Guards play a vital role by assisting at every sitting of Tynwald, the House of Keys and the Legislative Council, and with marshalling on Tynwald Day.
Yn Lhaihder

Robert Carswell

RBV has performed the duty of Yn Lhaihder (The Reader) on Tynwald Day since 2013. Yn Lhaihder carries out the fencing of the court in the Manx language immediately following the Coroner for Glenfaba and Michael who fences the court in English at the beginning of the proceedings on Tynwald Hill.

The role of Yn Lhaihder on Tynwald Day is not only central in reaffirming the Manx identity of the formal proceedings but also in upholding the centuries-old continuity of Tynwald Day events.

The Coroners

The Coroners appointed for the coming year for the four sheadings are pictured clockwise from top left: Kelly Sloane, Middle; Gareth Leece, Ayre and Garff; Mark Wrigley, Rushen and Gordon Leece, Glenfaba and Michael. Every year on Tynwald Day the Coroners take the oath in ancient form to execute their offices ‘without respect of favour or friendship, love or gain, consanguinity or affinity, envy or malice’.

In 1417, as today, ‘the Chief Coroner, that is the Coroner of Glanfaba, shall make Affence, upon Paine of Life and Lyme, that noe Man make any Disturbance or Stirr in the Time of Tinwald’ when he is asked to fence the Court at the beginning of the proceedings on the Hill.

The Ushers

A number of ushers are available to assist guests and participants on Tynwald Day. During the processions they carry distinctive staves topped with the three legs of Man.
The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, known as the Royal Chapel

The earliest reference to a chapel at St John’s dates only from 1557, but it is likely that there was a keeill on the same site at least 1,000 years ago; part of a Runic cross was found here, which can be seen in the porch of the present building. This view of an early 18th century chapel was drawn on the day of its demolition, 19th July 1847.

The present Royal Chapel, “decent and convenient for the worship of God and for the meeting of the Tynwald Court” was consecrated on 8th March 1849; a stone-topped wall was built to support the ancient bank around the Processional Way and Tynwald Hill at the same time.

The Lord Bishop

The new Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, the Rt. Revd. Peter Eagles, will take up his post following his enthronement later this year.

The Diocese of Sodor and Man is the smallest but nevertheless one of the most ancient of the Church of England. As a lord spiritual, the Bishop has a seat in Tynwald Court and the Legislative Council, but not in the House of Lords.

The Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese is His Honour Geoffrey Tattersall, QC, Judge of Appeal in the Isle of Man Courts.

The Chaplain

The Venerable Andrew Brown MA was educated at Haslingden Grammar School and the University of Oxford, St Peter’s College. He was ordained deacon in 1980 and ordained presbyter in 1981, followed by varied parish ministries within the Manchester Diocese. From 2003 he was Canon Theologian of Derby Cathedral until moving to the Isle of Man to take up his appointment as Archdeacon of Man in October 2011.

He is also Vicar of the Parish of St George and All Saints in Douglas and was appointed Chaplain to the House of Keys in December 2016. As Chaplain, he takes prayers at sittings as well as providing pastoral care to Members of Tynwald.
The Tynwald of 1417

The Lordship of Man was granted to the first Sir John Stanley and his heirs by King Henry IV in 1406. Sir John Stanley I died in Ireland in 1414, seemingly without ever having visited the Isle of Man. His eldest son, Sir John Stanley II, “received the Land as Heyre apparent”. A serious uprising against his Lieutenant Governor, John Letherland, brought him to the Island in 1417. On his arrival he proceeded to hold a Tynwald Court at St John’s, to which the Barons, Deemsters, Officers, Tenants, Inhabitants and Commons of the Land were summoned according to ancient custom.

At the request of Sir John Stanley II, the second Stanley King of Man, the first description in any detail of a Manx Tynwald was given in that year, when the Deemsters and Keys recalled the customary procedure in the time of Orry (or Godred) who won the battle of Scacafell, near Ramsey, in 1079, making himself King of Man and the Isles, and founding a dynasty which lasted for two centuries.

The assembly of Tynwald is described in the Ordinance of 1417 which sets out the “Constitution of old Time”. It reads as follows:

Lecture

There will be a lecture today about the events of 1417 by Joe Wolf, a doctoral student at Harvard University with a particular interest in the law, language and the legal and political history of the Isle of Man in medieval times.

The lecture will take place in St John’s Chapel at 3.00pm, with an introduction by the 19th Earl of Derby, a descendant of the Stanleys.

Admission is free and everybody is welcome.
All the Fun of the Fair

Alongside the Ceremony on Tynwald Day there is the fair. Originally a midsummer fair at which livestock would have been traded, it has developed over the centuries. These days the animals have all disappeared, but well over 160 different stallholders and exhibitors can now be found on the fair field behind the grandstand.

The entertainment on Tynwald Day is a fine reflection of the diversity the Isle of Man has to offer. On the Tynwald Green there will be Manx dancing and music, local Silver Bands, Vikings, dog agility trials and children’s entertainment.

The Bunscoill Ghaelgagh offers ‘Take Part in Art’ with arts and crafts activities for children with ‘Yarny Grainney’ and Sue Quilliam.

Before and after the 1417 Lecture by Joe Wolf in the Chapel there will be live performances by local singers, choirs and musicians.
Don’t forget to explore the Viking village in Cooil y Ree to experience what life was like in ancient times.

The Arboretum is home to the Global Village offering Manx-connected fun, food and entertainment from around the world.

**Tynwald Fest**

New for 2017 is Tynwald Fest. Come and join us on Tynwald Green from 5.00pm to enjoy local food and drink with live music and dancing throughout the evening - perfect for all the family.

Towards the end of the day the Ellan Vannin Pipes and Drums will bring the day to a close with a performance on Tynwald Hill.

Further details and times for the many activities and performances can be found in a separate leaflet.
Order of Proceedings

Before the ceremonial occasion begins there will be performances on Tynwald Green by the Castle Rushen High School Big Band and the Manx Folk Dance Society.

10.10am  Secondary school students, carrying their school banners, process to Tynwald Hill, led by the Onchan Silver Band and the Manx Flag. They move along the Processional Way in front of the President of Tynwald and the Minister for Education and Children.

10.15am  Petitioners for Redress to meet the Clerk of Tynwald at the Lychgate.

10.20am  The Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment, leading the Guard of Honour from The Queen’s Colour Squadron, the Standard Bearers and all the Manx units and organisations march on. The Guard of Honour and Military Band take up their positions on Tynwald Green, the Standard Bearers take up their positions at the War Memorial, and the detachments and branches from the Manx units form up at the east end of the Processional Way from the War Memorial to the West Door of the Royal Chapel. The Fanfare Team of the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment moves into position on the wall opposite the War Memorial.

10.25am  Processions from the Robing Room to the Royal Chapel commence and the Tynwald guests, preceded by the Military Liaison Officer, move across Tynwald Green to take their places on the Processional Way prior to the arrival of the Lieutenant Governor.

10.32am  His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney KCMG CVO arrives. As he steps from his car, the Fanfare Team sounds a fanfare and His Excellency is received by the Military Liaison Officer and the Captains of two Parishes.

10.37am  His Excellency mounts the saluting dais. A General Salute follows and His Excellency, accompanied by the Military Liaison Officer, inspects the Guard of Honour and the front rank of the Military Band.

10.41am  His Excellency, accompanied by the Military Liaison Officer, moves to the National War Memorial, where he places a wreath. The ‘Last Post’ is played, followed by a one minute silence and ‘Reveille’. Spectators and Guests are invited to stand in silence. This will be announced in the Chapel.

10.46am  His Excellency, preceded by the Fanfare Team, two Police Sergeants and the Manx Flag then processes to the Robing Room, immediately followed by the Tynwald guests who enter the Royal Chapel at the West Door.

Notes for ticket holders

All chapel and grandstand ticket holders should be in their places by 10.20am. Those on the grandstand please stand when Salutes are made, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor passes, and for the hymns and anthems which will be led on the grandstands by the Manx Festival Chorus.
PROCESSION TO THE ROYAL CHAPEL

Please stand as each procession enters the Royal Chapel

The first procession is from the Robing Room to places reserved in the Royal Chapel:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (to the South Door)
- The Coroners
- The Senior Salvation Army Officer
- The Ministers of the Free Churches
- The Chairman of the Isle of Man District of the Methodist Church
- The Roman Catholic Dean
- The Beneficed Clergy
- The Dean of Cathedral Isle of Man
- The Vicar-General
- The Chairmen of the Town and Village Commissioners
- The Mayor of Douglas
- The Chief Registrar
- A Representative of the Commission of the Peace
- The Captains of the Parishes
- Yn Lhaihder
- The High Bailiff
- The Chief Secretary

The second procession is from the Robing Room to places reserved in the Royal Chapel:

- Two Messengers of the House of Keys
- The Chaplain of the House of Keys
- The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
- The Speaker of the House of Keys
- The Chief Minister
- The Members of the House of Keys
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- The Members of the Legislative Council
- HM Attorney General
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster

11.00am  The Service in the Royal Chapel begins.
ORDER OF SERVICE
Throughout the service please join in all items printed in bold type.

Welcome
Led by the Dean of Cathedral Isle of Man:
Welcome. On this Tynwald Day we meet together to give thanks to God for the many benefits we have received during the past year, to pray for our Island and its Government in the coming year and to dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God and the people of our Island.

Please stand

Hymn
Richmond
O praise the Lord with grateful hearts,
O thank him year by year;
Let us who love the Lord our God
His glorious name revere.

The corn he bounteously provides,
The fish drawn from the sea,
Display the fullness of His love
And wonderful mercy.

When the disciples of our Lord
Had laboured through the night,
But nothing in their nets had caught
When onward came the light,

He said to Peter, “You must now
Launch out into the deep.”
They straightway filled their boats
with fish,
And harvest huge did reap.

And have we not abundant cause,
Dwellers in Mannin Veen,
With joy to thank our gracious God
For all His blessings seen?

His good gifts often come to us
Above what we can pray;
May we remember all His grace,
And worship Him alway.

TWJ Woods (Vicar of Maughold
1754-1769) Translated from Manx
by JW and CK Radcliffe

Please kneel or sit

Act of Penitence
Led by the Chaplain of the House of Keys

God be gracious to us and bless us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Make your ways known on the earth.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Our sins are forgiven in Christ.
Amen.

The Collect
Yee ooolley-niartal, voyds ta cheet dy chooilelly smooinaght dy irriney as dy hee: greesee, ta shin guee ort, ayns cree dy chooilelly ghooiinney, graih firiinagh y chee; as stiure liorish dty chreenaght ghlen as sheeoil adsyn ta goaill coyrl son ashoonyn y theihll, dy vod dty reeriaght goll er y hoshiaght dy feagh, derrey vees y seihll lane dy hushtey dty ghraih; trooid Yeesey Creest nyn Jiarn.
Amen.
Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray thee, in the hearts of all the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility thy Kingdom may go forward till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please sit

Solo
Ruth Tickle, winner of the Cleveland Medal 2017, sings “The Holy City”, accompanied by Gareth Moore. The words are by Frederick Weatherly and the music is by Stephen Adams.

The Bible Reading
Mark 12. 28-34
The Chairman of the Methodist District
One of the scribes, who had listened to these discussions and had observed how well Jesus answered, came forward and asked him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ He answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, o Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this: “You must love your neighbour as yourself.” No other commandment is greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well said, Teacher. You are right in saying that God is one and beside him there is no other. And to love him with all your heart, all your understanding, and all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself - that means far more than any whole-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw how thoughtfully he answered, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that nobody dared put any more questions to him.

Silence

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn
Swedish folk melody
O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
An Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed, led by the Chaplain of the House of Keys
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please kneel or sit

An Act of Dedication
The Roman Catholic Dean
Let us pray.
O Lord our God, guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
Hear us, good Lord.
Guard and strengthen your servant Elizabeth our Queen, Lord of Man, and all the members of the Royal Family, that they may put their trust in you, and seek your honour and glory.
Hear us, good Lord.
Endue the High Court of Tynwald here assembled with wisdom and understanding that through them we might be wisely and justly governed.

Hear us, good Lord.
Bless those who administer the law, and all who hold public office, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.
Hear us, good Lord.
Give us a broader vision of the needs of the whole world, a deeper compassion to fill these needs, and a desire to uphold the rights and freedoms of all your children regardless of creed or race.
Hear us, good Lord.
Almighty God our heavenly Father, we praise thy holy name for our Island heritage and we beseech thee with thy favour to behold all who dwell here. May thy blessing rest upon all the labours of our minds and hands. Keep we pray thee in thine almighty care all who go down to the sea in ships and all who travel by land and air. Help us to order with grace and dignity our common life in town and shedding that we may live and our children grow in health and godliness. May thy grace be with all who visit our shores that they may find re-creation of body and soul and with us may glorify thee, the giver of all good things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Please stand
Hymn
Battle Hymn of the Republic
It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds the city on the rock and not on sand:
may the living God be praised!
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*
*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*
*May the living God be praised!*

It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;
who recalls us to our senses when a nation’s life turns sour;
in the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power;
may the living God be praised!

When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate;
those who win our admiration by their service to the state;
when self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great;
may the living God be praised!

God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease -
for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;
may all peoples live together, share its riches, be at peace;
may the living God be praised!

*Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

The Blessing
The Chaplain of the House of Keys

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

O land of our birth,
O gem of God’s earth,
O Island so strong and so fair;
Built firm as Barrool,
Thy throne of Home Rule
Makes us free as thy sweet mountain air.

*Please sit*

Members of the congregation are requested not to leave their seats until invited to do so by the Ushers.

The choir and choristers leave the Royal Chapel. The official guests and the congregation follow in pew-by-pew order as guided by the Ushers and proceed down the Processional Way to seats at the foot of Tynwald Hill. Manx music is played on the organ.

*Please remain standing for the blessing*
THE PROCESSION TO TYNWALD HILL

The Superintendent of Police calls out members of the procession to Tynwald Hill which departs from the West Door in the following order:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the West Door)
- The Coroners
- The Senior Salvation Army Officer
- The Ministers of the Free Churches
- The Chairman of the Isle of Man District of the Methodist Church
- The Roman Catholic Dean
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- The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
- The Members of the House of Keys
- The Chief Minister
- The Speaker of the House of Keys
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- The Members of the Legislative Council
- HM Attorney General
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- The President of Tynwald
- Fanfare Team (from the West Door)
- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the West Door)
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household
- The Manx Flag (joins at the West Door, after the Surgeon to the Household, and precedes the President of Tynwald to the foot of the Hill)

Before the procession reaches the War Memorial, it halts and takes up an alignment on either side of the path facing inwards so as to enable His Excellency to pass through and be the first to step on to Tynwald Hill.
The Fanfare Team plays as His Excellency leaves the Royal Chapel and then it precedes the Sword Bearer on the Processional Way. On the approach of His Excellency the Guard of Honour present arms. The procession reforms behind His Excellency in reverse order. The Military Liaison Officer and the Superintendent of Police bring up the rear.

Persons sitting at the foot of the Hill stand when His Excellency arrives and sit when he sits down on the Hill.

Any petitioners assemble by the War Memorial.

**ON TYNWALD HILL**

His Excellency, the President of Tynwald, HM Attorney General and other Members of the Legislative Council, the Clerk of the Legislative Council, the Seneschal, the Sword Bearer, the Private Secretary to His Excellency and the Surgeon to the Household occupy the top tier.

The Speaker, the Chief Minister, Members and Secretary of the House of Keys together with their Chaplain are accommodated on the next tier.

The High Bailiff, the Representative of the Commission of the Peace, the Chief Registrar, the Mayor of Douglas, the Chairmen of the Town and Village Commissioners, the Vicar-General, the Clergy, the Roman Catholic Dean, the representatives of the Free Churches, the Salvation Army and the Chief Constable occupy the tier below.

The First Deemster sits at the place appointed on the south side of the Hill for the promulgation of the laws in English and the Second Deemster sits in the corresponding position on the north side of the Hill for the reading in Manx. The Deemster, Yn Lhainder, the Captains of the Parishes, the Coroners and the Superintendent of Police sit on the lowest tier.

When His Excellency is ready and the officials have taken up their positions on the Hill:

*Please stand*

**GENERAL SALUTE (ROYAL ANTHEM)**

*Please sit*

His Excellency says:

*Learned First Deemster, direct the Court to be fenced.*

The First Deemster then says:

*Coroner of Glenfaba Sheading and Yn Lhainder, fence the Court.*

The Coroner of Glenfaba Sheading fences the Court saying:

*I fence this Court in the name of our Most Gracious Sovereign Lady The Queen. I charge that no person do quarrel, brawl or make any disturbance and that all persons do answer their names when called. I charge this audience to witness this Court is fenced. I charge this audience to witness this Court is fenced. I charge this whole audience to bear witness this Court is now fenced.*
Yn Lhaihder immediately thereafter fences the Court in the Manx language:
Ta mee cur yn Whaiyl shoh fo harey ayns ennym Chiarn Vannin, nagh jean peiagh erbee troiddey, baghyrt ny jannoo boiranys erbee, as dy jean dy chooilley pheiagh freggyrt tra vees eh er ny eam.
Ta mee cur recortys er yn eanish shoh dy vel yn Whaiyl shoh fo harey. Ta mee cur recortys er yn eanish shoh dy vel yn Whaiyl shoh fo harey. Ta mee cur recortys er y clane eanish shoh dy vel yn Whaiyl shoh nishtagh fo harey.

The First Deemster then says:
Incoming Coroners, take the oath in ancient form to execute your offices for the ensuing year, and receive your staves of office from the hands of His Excellency.

The Coroners elect then proceed up the Hill in the following order:
- Coroner of Glenfaba and Michael
- Coroner of Ayre and Garff
- Coroner of Middle
- Coroner of Rushen

They occupy the step below the top step and, when all four are in position on bended knee, take the following oath, administered by the First Deemster:

By that Book and by the holy contents thereof and by the wonderful works that God hath miraculously wrought in heaven above and in the earth beneath in six days and seven nights, you shall, without respect of favour or friendship, love or gain, consanguinity or affinity, envy or malice, well and truly execute the office of Coroner for each Sheading to which you have been appointed for the ensuing year. So help you God.

The Coroners receive their staves of office from His Excellency and then return to their places at the foot of the Hill.

His Excellency then says:

Learned Deemsters, I exhort you to proclaim to the people in ancient form such laws as have been enacted during the past year and which have received the Royal Assent.
An abstract of the laws is set out at the end of this booklet.

The First Deemster says:
*Has Your Excellency any further commands?*

His Excellency says:
*If any persons wish to present a Petition let them now come forward.*

If there are any Petitions for Redress they are presented to the Clerk of Tynwald at the foot of the Hill. The Clerk of Tynwald conveys any Petitions for Redress to His Excellency.

His Excellency, having been handed the Petitions, says:
*I shall refer these Petitions to the Standing Orders Committee of Tynwald who will report thereon at their earliest convenience.*

After the Petitioners have withdrawn to the north of the Hill, a fanfare is sounded and the troops are called to attention.

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Please stand and sing

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

O land of our birth,  
O gem of God’s earth,  
O Island so strong and so fair;  
Built firm as Barrool,  
Thy throne of Home Rule,  
Makes us free as thy sweet mountain air.

His Excellency then says: *This concludes the proceedings on Tynwald Hill. There will now be a sitting of Tynwald Court in the Royal Chapel. With the Learned Deemsters, the Captains of the Parishes and others here assembled, I am pleased to accept the invitation of the President of Tynwald to be present at the sitting of Tynwald Court and to witness the Captioning of the Acts just promulgated.*
PROCESSION FROM TYNWALD HILL

The Superintendent of Police calls the procession from the Hill which, on clearing the detachments, halts and aligns on either side of the path to enable His Excellency, preceded by the Sword of State, to pass. The Superintendent of Police is the last person to leave the Hill and brings up the rear of the procession, accompanied by the Military Liaison Officer.

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary
- The Coroners
- The Senior Salvation Army Officer
- The Ministers of the Free Churches
- The Chairman of the Isle of Man District of the Methodist Church
- The Roman Catholic Dean
- The Beneficed Clergy
- The Dean of Cathedral Isle of Man
- The Vicar-General
- The Chairmen of the Town and Village Commissioners
- The Mayor of Douglas
- The Chief Registrar
- A Representative of the Commission of the Peace
- The Captains of the Parishes
- Yn Lhaihder
- The High Bailiff
- The Chief Secretary
- The Chief Constable
- The Members of the Legislative Council
- HM Attorney General
- Two Messengers of the House of Keys
- The Chaplain of the House of Keys
- The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
- The Members of the House of Keys
- The Chief Minister
- The Speaker of the House of Keys
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- The President of Tynwald
- Fanfare Team (from the foot of the Hill)
- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the foot of the Hill)
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household
- The Manx Flag

The first part of the procession moves to the Robing Room. The Speaker of the House of Keys, preceded by a Messenger of the Legislative Council, leads the rest of the procession into the Chapel through the West Door.

Persons holding tickets for the Royal Chapel proceed from their places at the foot of Tynwald Hill to their seats in the Royal Chapel, as directed by the Ushers.

The Guard of Honour, Band and Standard Bearers move from the Processional Way, across the Tynwald Green to the road opposite the Lychgate to await the departure of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. The Manx units withdraw from the Processional Way across the Tynwald Green to their assembly area.

Spectators are asked to remain seated until the procession has re-entered the Royal Chapel.
The Captioning of the Acts

When Tynwald Court has assembled in the Royal Chapel and the invited guests are in their places, the following procession moves from the Robing Room into the Royal Chapel:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (to the South Door)
- Two Gardyn Coadee (who will stand either side of the communion rail)
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- The Manx Flag (to the South Door)
- The President of Tynwald
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council

Please stand as the President of Tynwald enters the Royal Chapel

Please remain standing as His Excellency enters the Royal Chapel accompanied by the Deemsters

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (to the South Door)
- Fanfare Team (to the South Door)
- The Deemster
- The Second Deemster
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household

His Excellency and the Deemsters take their seats behind the Bar of the Court: once they are seated, the Gardyn Coadee close the Bar of the Court and the Sword of State is placed before the President.

Please sit

The President of Tynwald says:

Honourable Members, I have invited His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Deputy Governor, First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls, His Honour the Second Deemster and His Honour the Deemster to be present to witness this sitting of the Court, and I call upon the Clerk of Tynwald to escort them to their places.

Please stand

The President of Tynwald says:

Members of the Council, Mr Speaker and Members of the House of Keys, we shall now caption the Acts just promulgated on Tynwald Hill.

The Seneschal hands the promulgated Acts to the President of Tynwald to be certified. Once the President of Tynwald has signed them, each Act is taken by a Messenger to the Speaker of the House of Keys for his signature and then returned to the Seneschal’s red case.

The President of Tynwald says:

Members of the Council, Mr Speaker and Members of the House of Keys, that concludes the business of the Court. Tynwald Court will now stand adjourned to Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 10.30am in Douglas. I now call upon Hon Members to stand for the departure of His Excellency and his party.

Please stand
The Gardyn Coadee open the Bar of the Court. His Excellency, accompanied by the Deemsters, leaves the Royal Chapel proceeding to the Robing Room through the South Door:

- Fanfare Team (from the South Door)
- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the South Door)
- The Sword of State
- His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
- The Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor
- The Surgeon to the Household
- The First Deemster and Clerk of the Rolls
- The Second Deemster
- The Deemster

The President of Tynwald says:

The Council will now retire and Members of the House of Keys will remain to transact such business as Mr Speaker may put before it.

The President of Tynwald and the Members of the Legislative Council leave the Royal Chapel and proceed to the Robing Room through the South Door in the following order:

- Two Sergeants of the Isle of Man Constabulary (from the South Door)
- The Manx Flag (from the South Door)
- The President of Tynwald
- The Tynwald Seneschal
- Two Gardyn Coadee
- The Clerk of the Legislative Council
- HM Attorney General
- The other Members of the Legislative Council
- One Messenger of the Legislative Council

The Deputy Speaker moves:

That all Bills and other business before the House remaining unfinished at this date be suspended and continued at the same stage to the first meeting of the House in the next legislative year.

The Speaker asks for a Seconder (traditionally a long-serving Member).

A vote is taken and the business is concluded.

The Speaker says:

Hon Members, that concludes the business before the House. The House will now stand adjourned to 10.30am in Tynwald Court in Douglas on 18th July 2017.

Please sit

Please stand
At the conclusion of the sitting of the House of Keys the following leave the Royal Chapel through the South Door:
• Two Messengers of the House of Keys
• The Chaplain of the House of Keys
• The Clerk of Tynwald, Secretary of the House of Keys and Counsel to the Speaker
• The Members of the House of Keys
• The Chief Minister
• The Speaker of the House of Keys

They line each side of the path to enable the Speaker to proceed through their ranks to the Robing Room.

Please sit until directed by an Usher to leave

The official guests leave the Royal Chapel via the South Door.

Those persons remaining in the Royal Chapel leave through the West Door, as directed by the Ushers.

An official photograph is taken.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor returns to the Robing Room with the President of Tynwald and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

Members of Tynwald and the official guests move towards the Lychgate for the departure of His Excellency. The following procession then moves from the Robing Room to the road side of the Lychgate and halts:
• The Sword Bearer
• His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor
• The Manx Flag
• The President of Tynwald
• The Speaker of the House of Keys

The route will be lined by the Ushers and police.

The Guard of Honour Present Arms for a General Salute and National Anthem.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor bids farewell to the President of Tynwald and the Speaker of the House of Keys. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and his party depart.

The Fanfare Team, the Sword Bearer, the Manx Flag, the President of Tynwald, the Speaker of the House of Keys and the Military Liaison Officer retire through the Lychgate to the Robing Room.

Roger Phillips
Clerk of Tynwald
June 2017
Marine Infrastructure Management Act 2016 which provides for a consenting process for certain activities in the Island’s marine environment.

Concessionary Travel Schemes Act 2016 which enables the Department of Infrastructure to make concessionary travel schemes.


Preferential Payments (Amendment) Act 2016 which amends the Preferential Payments Act 1908 so that amounts owing by debtors in respect of certain deposits are preferential payments for the purposes of that Act.

Road Races Act 2016 which makes fresh provision about road races.

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Amendment) Act 2016 which provides for the marriage of same sex couples, for civil partnerships of opposite sex couples, and for permitting marriages according to the usages of belief organisations to be solemnized on the authority of a registrar’s certificate.

National Health and Care Service Act 2016 which provides for national health and care services and authorises the provision by the Department and others of private care facilities.

Highways (Amendment) Act 2016 which amends the Highways Act 1986 and repeals the Highway Act 1927.

Custody (Amendment) Act 2016 which amends the Custody Act 1995, makes provision about court security officers and restricts the power to pass extended sentences of custody.

Slattys Reirey Bun-troiggalys Marrey 2016 ta kiarail saase dy hirrey kied son obbraghyn ennagh sy vooir mygeayrt Mannin.

Slattys Skeimyn Leagh Troailt Leodit 2016 ta Ihiggey da’n Rheynn Bun-troiggalys jannoo skeimyn leagh troailt leodit.


Slattys Eeckyn Foayrit (Lhiasaghey) 2016 ta Ihiasaghey Slattys Eeckyn Foayrit 1908 dy yannoo argid Ihishtynit liorish jatteryn bentyn da tashtaghyn ennagh nyn eecyn foayrit cordail rish oyryn y Clattys shen.

Slattys Ratchyn Raaidey 2016 ta jannoo kiarailyn noa bentyn da ratchyn raaidey.

Slattys Poosee as Shesheeys Theayagh (Lhiasaghey) 2016 ta kiarail son poosey eddyr sheshaghyn ta keintys cheddin oc, son shesheeys theayagh eddyr sheshaghyn bwoirrin as fyrren, as son Ihiggey da poosaghyn cordail rish cliaightaghyn sheshaghtyn credjue ve jeant arrymagh liorish pooor teisht recortysser.

Slattys Shirveish Slaynt as Kiarrail Ashoonagh 2016 ta kiarail son shirveishyn slaynt as kiarail ashoonagh as ta cur pooor da’n Rheynn as fir elley dy chiarail ynnynydyr kiarail phreevaadjagh.


Slattys Pryssoonnee (Lhiasaghey) 2016 ta Ihiasaghey Slattys Pryssoonnee 1995 as ta jannoo kiarailyn bentyn da gardyn y whaiyl as cur cagliagh er y phooar dy yannoo briwnyssyn pryssoonee sodjey.
The processional way will be lined by detachments drawn from the Joint Ex-Services Association, Royal British Legion, Royal British Legion (Women’s Section), Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service, Isle of Man Prison Service, Isle of Man Civil Defence Corps, Isle of Man Coastguard, Royal National Lifeboat Institution Isle of Man, Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force, King William’s College CCF, Air Training Corps, St John Ambulance Senior Cadets, and Scouts and Guides.

The organist for the Service will be Mr Derek Crellin. He first played for Tynwald Day in 1960 and has played nearly every year since. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude. The singing in the Chapel will be led by the St John’s Church Choir, directed by Mr Derek Crellin, and the St German’s Cathedral Choristers, directed by Dr Peter Litman. The singing on the grandstand during the Service will be led by the Manx Festival Chorus, conducted by Dr John Bethell MBE DMus.

Organist Frank Woolley will play his composition “Celebration March” at the end of the Service as the congregation disperses.

The trumpeters for the Service will be Ellie Harrison (Manx Youth Band) and Hazel Matthews (Rushen Silver Band).

The fanfare introduction to the National Anthem used during the ceremony is by Charles Guard. During the morning the military band will also play ‘Mona’s Delight’ by John Kinley, ‘The Atholl Salute to Tynwald’ by Pipe Major Sandy Spence and ‘The Tynwald March’ by Charles Guard.

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The Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment

The Queen’s Colour Squadron