

Black Santa Sit-Out 2018

As the fifth Black Santa to take to the steps of Belfast Cathedral and as the newest Dean, I invite you to contribute to the 2018 Christmas Sit-out Appeal.

It is my privilege to follow in the footsteps of Dean Sammy Crooks, Dean Jack Shearer, Dean Houston McKelvey and Dean John Mann. I know that the people of Belfast and beyond see making a gift to Black Santa as a special part of preparing for Christmas. Over the past 42 years, parents and children, work colleagues and passers-by, people of faith and people of goodwill have reached into their pockets for pennies and pounds for the famous wooden barrel. Because Christmas is not about what we get for ourselves, it is at heart about what we give and what is given.

Every pound raised through the Black Santa Sit-out is given away again. The majority of recipients are local charities and organisations, established to help those who are least able to help themselves. Among them are charities supporting those who are homeless. A small percentage of funds raised goes to charities working overseas among those who have no food or prospects, and whose hope is placed in your hands.

This year I begin the Sit-out on Monday December 17, and it will continue until Christmas Eve. I will be helped by Canons of the Cathedral, the Bishop of Down and Dromore, and the Bishop of Connor's Commissaries, all dressed in the distinctive black cloak of Belfast's Black Santa.

This Christmas will be a challenging time for many in the city of Belfast, so please make your donation, small or large, by cheque or cash, BACS or via our website at www.belfastcathedral.org. Hold a social event, sing carols together or simply come and empty your purse or pocket into the barrel on the Cathedral steps.

However you come, whatever you give, know that your gift changes things for hundreds of charities and organisations who will benefit from your generosity, and for the thousands of people they support and help.

So call by, say 'hello' and share the gift of giving this Christmas time.

Thank you,
Dean Stephen Forde



Black Santa Donation Form 2018

You can donate by cheque, BACs or cash. If donating by cheque, please cross cheques and make payable to Sit-out. Donations by BACs transfer should be made to: Bank of Ireland, sort code 90-21-27, account number 60907288. Please email admin@belfastcathedral.org to let us know about your donation. You can now donate online by visiting our website www.belfastcathedral.org and click on either the *Donate* or *Black Santa* link

ALL DONORS: All donors please complete (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

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To gift aid your donation

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can 'gift aid' your donation by ticking the box below and signing the declaration. Please ensure that you have also completed the 'ALL DONORS' section above, including your full name, address and postcode which are needed to identify you as a taxpayer

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation to St Anne's Cathedral Sit-out (Charity Registered XN46142).

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in the 2017/18 tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p on every £1 that I donate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Postal address

Please post completed forms to:
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BELFAST,
BT1 2HB

Telephone: 028 9032 83323

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