



Services and Music List

September and October 2020

The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, BSc, Dip. Theol, *Dean of Belfast*
The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, MA (Cantab), MA, *Dean's Vicar*
The Reverend Janice Elsdon, BA, *Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest*
The Reverend Dr Maithrie White, *Non-Stipendiary Part Time Curate*
Matthew Owens, MA (Oxon), MusM, FRCO, PPRNCM, HonFGCM, *Director of Music*
Jack Wilson, BMus, MMus (Cantab), *Assistant Director of Music*

WELCOME TO BELFAST CATHEDRAL

On Sunday 6th September, the singers of Belfast Cathedral Choir will resume their places in the magnificent quire stalls of our cathedral. After four months of silence, choral music will be offered once again in uplifting worship. The months of lockdown, since 22nd March, 2020, have been incredibly difficult for musicians and singers across all the cathedrals of these islands. However, with the lifting of restrictions choral music is returning, and cathedral worship will be enhanced with anthems, settings, hymns, and psalms.

At Belfast Cathedral, we are particularly pleased to have received a sizeable grant from the Church Music Trust. This has given significant help with the costs of providing a professional choir at a time when many of the cathedral's income streams have been severely curtailed by the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

September sees the arrival of Mr Jack Wilson to commence his position as Assistant Director of Music and principal accompanimental organist at Belfast Cathedral, working with Mr Matthew Owens as the cathedral's Director of Music. Jack has recently been awarded his MMus degree from the University of Cambridge. The cathedral choir is, therefore, well placed to lead the new Bishop of Connor's first Service of Ordination with the making of six deacons on Sunday 13th September.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on the musical life of the cathedral, choral services at the Cathedral have been restricted to Choral Morning Worship and Evensong. For the present, it has not been possible to resume weekday services of Evensong, although a weekday service of daily prayer is resuming at 1.00pm in the cathedral nave.

Through the month of October, choral highlights will include music for Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 11th October, and the first choral eucharist at the cathedral since the start of lockdown. This will be celebrated at 11.00am on St

Luke's Day, 18th October. However, a full choir will sing for each Sunday Service at 11.00am and 3.30pm.

Looking to the start of November, the choir will make significant musical contributions to the Season of Remembrance, on both Sunday 1st November (for All Saints' Day), and with a performance of Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday 8th November.

On Thursday 12th November, the Cathedral Choir will lead a highly important Service of Choral Evensong at 5.30pm as Belfast Cathedral launches "Remember", a Northern Ireland memorial to all who have died across the province throughout the period of the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope that you will join us when you can.

The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, *Dean of Belfast*

ABOUT BELFAST CATHEDRAL

Belfast Cathedral, (the Cathedral Church of St Anne) is a Cathedral of the Church of Ireland, and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion (Episcopalian). It is unusual in serving two separate dioceses, The Diocese of Connor, and The Diocese of Down and Dromore; it therefore has not one but two Bishops' Seats.

The Cathedral has stood for 120 years as a place of Christian worship in the heart of the City of Belfast. Featuring the 56-metre stainless steel *Spire of Hope* (added in 2007), detailed mosaics by the sisters Gertrude and Margaret Martin, elaborately carved stonework by sculptors Rosamond Praeger, Morris Harding, and Esmond Burton, and beautiful stained glass windows, this Hiberno-Romanesque building is one of the ecclesiastical and architectural highlights of Northern Ireland.

The splendid acoustic of the Cathedral is the setting for the 4-manual Harrison & Harrison organ, a Wells-Kennedy chamber organ, and a 2-manual organ by the renowned Dutch firm, Klop. The fully adult, professional Cathedral Choir currently sings for Sunday Services as well as large diocesan and civic occasions. Over the years the Cathedral choirs have sung on national and local radio and television, and have undertaken concerts and tours. There is also a Children's Choir, giving musical opportunities to children across Belfast and beyond.

Belfast Cathedral sits at the heart of The Cathedral Quarter, which is known for its unique and artisan shops, wide variety of restaurants, and buzzing nightlife, close to the Titanic Quarter, and the city centre itself.

The clergy, staff, congregation, and volunteers of Belfast Cathedral look forward to offering you a warm welcome.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong takes place in the Quire (or choir section) of the Cathedral. During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, the congregation is invited to be seated in the Nave.

Evensong is taken from the centuries-old *Book of Common Prayer*. Prepared primarily by Thomas Cranmer, who became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1533, it was viewed as a compromise between old and new ideas. The book's service of Evensong uses elements of the ancient monastic evening services of Vespers and Compline. It is centred on two canticles, or songs: the Magnificat (the Song of Mary, from the Gospel of Luke), and the Nunc dimittis (the Song of Simeon, also from the Gospel of Luke). In addition there sung prayers (the Preces and Responses), a sung Psalm, or Psalms (from the Old Testament); and an anthem, which may reflect a particular season or Saint's Day. These choral offerings are interspersed with bible readings and spoken prayers.

Sacred music within the liturgy is one of the church's greatest cultural and religious heritages, and is enjoyed by those of all faiths and those of no faith. The choir and minister offer an evening thanksgiving to Almighty God on behalf of the congregation gathered in this iconic building. It is our hope that you will feel a very warm welcome and leave Belfast Cathedral feeling refreshed and uplifted.

INFORMATION

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Belfast Cathedral uses the New Revised Standard Version translation of the bible for all services. Reading selections are taken from the Church of Ireland Lectionary.

CHOIR

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by Belfast Cathedral Choir, a fully adult, professional choir. There are also opportunities for boys and girls aged between 7 and 14 to sing in the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, which is recruiting this term. The Cathedral's Director of Music, Mr Matthew Owens, is always pleased to hear from parents of prospective choristers. Please email him via music@belfastcathedral.org

COMMUNION

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive here, whatever denomination you are.

HYMNS

Hymn numbers in this publication and in orders of service refer to the Irish Church Hymnal or the New English Hymnal (marked 'NEH', where applicable).

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

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A SUPERB OPPORTUNITY FOR
MUSICALLY TALENTED
BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 7-14

BELFAST CATHEDRAL IS
RECRUITING CHORISTERS

For full details about auditioning for
Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir,
please contact the Cathedral's Director of Music,
Mr Matthew Owens

Email: music@belfastcathedral.org
Telephone: 028 90 328 332

SEPTEMBER

6 SUNDAY: THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Stanford *On a theme of Orland Gibbons (Song 34),
The Angels' Song, Op. 105, no. 1*

Hymn 320

Psalm 149 (Stanford)

Stanford *Jubilate Deo in B flat*

Fauré *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

Hymn 338

Hymn 549

Stanford *Postlude on an old Irish church melody,
Op. 101, no. 5*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Battishill *Voluntary in B flat*

Hymn 294

Ayleward *Preces and Responses,
with Stone Lord's Prayer*

Psalm 32 (Bairstow)

Purcell *Evening Service in G minor*

Purcell *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*

Hymn 384

Goodwin *Trumpet Voluntary*

SEPTEMBER

13 SUNDAY: THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Ridout *The Canticle of the Rose, IV – God the Son*
Hymn 30

Psalm 114 (Tonus Peregrinus, harmonised)

Philip Stopford *Episcopal Jubilate Deo*

Richard Lloyd *View me, Lord*

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, *Diocesan Reader*
Hymn 9

Hymn 108

Ridout *The Canticle of the Rose, VI – God the Son*

3.30 p.m. THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

J.S. Bach *Präludium G-dur, BWV 541*

Bridge *Adagio in E (Three Pieces for Organ, H. 63: II)*

Vaughan Williams *Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'*

Hymn 28 (T&P)

Psalm 119 (Elvey)

Hymn 379

Philip Stopford *Ordination Litany*

Hymn 296

Hymn 451

David Briggs *Angus Dei (Truro Eucharist)*

Duruflé *Ubi Caritas*

Schubert *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymn 478

Dupré *Prélude en si majeur (Trois Préludes et
Fugues op. 7)*

SEPTEMBER

20 SUNDAY: THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Stanford *Six Occasional Preludes Op. 132, no. VI*

Hymn 612

Psalm 105, vv 1-15 (Attwood)

Stanford *Benedictus in C*

Stanford *Oh! For a closer walk with God*

Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon,

Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest

Hymn 639

Hymn 593

Stanford *6 Short Preludes and Postludes Op. 105, no. VI*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Greene *Diapason Movement (from a voluntary)*

Hymn 644

Tomkins *Preces and Responses,*

with Stone Lord's Prayer

Psalm 104: 24-35 (Parratt)

Byrd *Short Service*

Byrd *Teach me, O Lord*

Hymn 21

Bennett *Adagio (from 'A Voluntary')*

Weekday Cathedral Prayers take place Monday – Friday at 1.00 p.m. in the Nave of the Cathedral; all are welcome.

SEPTEMBER

27 SUNDAY: THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Ireland *Intrada (Miniature Suite for Organ)*

Hymn 528

Psalm 78 vv 1-4, 11-17 (Oakley)

Ireland *Jubilate Deo in F*

Stainer *God so loved the world*

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock,

Dean's Vicar

Hymn 92

Cocker *Tuba Tune*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG and thanksgiving for church and cathedral organists, church musicians, and the work of the Down, Dromore and Connor Organ Scholarship Scheme

Vaughan Williams *Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'*

Hymn 350

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 126 (Ware)

Dyson *Evening Service in D*

Vaughan Williams *Antiphon (from 'Five Mystical Songs')*

Hymn 70

Alain *Litanies*

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OCTOBER

4 SUNDAY: THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Frescobaldi *Canzona Quarta*

Hymn 97

Purcell *Jubilate Deo in B flat*

Purcell O God, thou art my God

Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

Hymn 634

J.S. Bach *Fuge g-moll, BWV 578*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Whitlock *Folk Tune*

Hymn 6

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses,*

Psalm 23 (Walford Davies)

Francis Jackson CBE *Evening Service in G minor*

*(in celebration of the composer's 103rd birthday on
Friday 2nd October)*

Howard Goodall *The Lord is my Shepherd (Psalm 23)*

Hymn 635

John Rutter CBE *Toccata in Seven*

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OCTOBER

11 SUNDAY: THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER with Harvest Thanksgiving and
Cathedral Parish Gift Day
Haydn *I & II* (from '*Eight Pieces for Musical Clocks*')
Hymn 37
Psalm 65 (Buck)
Nares *Jubilate Deo in C*
Haydn *Achieved is the Glorious Work*
(from '*The Creation*')
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock,
Dean's Vicar
Hymn 47
J.S. Bach *Präludium und Fuge C-dur, BWV 531*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG with Harvest Thanksgiving and
Cathedral Parish Gift Day
Elgar *III. Andantino & IV. Allegretto piacevole*
(*11 Vesper Voluntaries*)
Hymn 39
Ayleward *Preces and Responses*,
with Stone *Lord's Prayer*
Psalms 60 and 61 (Elgar and Finzi)
Whitlock *Fauxbourdon Service*
Elgar *Fear not, O land*
Hymn 38
Karg-Elert *Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59*

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OCTOBER

18 SUNDAY: THE FEAST DAY OF ST LUKE, EVANGELIST

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Leighton *Fanfare*

Hymn 461

Howard Skempton *Missa Brevis*

Preacher: The Very Reverend Eddie O'Donnell,
Ecumenical Canon

Hymn 305

Willan *Chorale Prelude on the Melody "O wie selig"*

Francis Jackson CBE *Collect for Saint Luke*

Hymn 566

Howard Skempton *Prelude and Fugue (2017),*
Northern Ireland Premiere

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Cocker *Angelus*

Hymn 468

Ayleward *Preces and Responses,*
with Stone *Lord's Prayer*

Psalm 103, vv 1-12 (Walford Davies)

Harwood *Evening Service in A Flat*

Harris *Strengthen ye the weak hands*

Hymn 476

Andrew Carter *Trumpet Tune*

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OCTOBER

25 SUNDAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

11.00 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

Boëllmann *Prière à Notre-Dame (Suite Gothique)*

Hymn 6

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, *Diocesan Reader*

Hymn 597

Hymn 567

Jack Voluntary

Boëllmann *Menuet (Suite Gothique)*

3.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

J.S. Bach *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731*

Hymn 484

Hymn 601

Howells *The Chosen Tune*

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