

# BELFAST CATHEDRAL

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**11.00am**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

*Face coverings **must be worn**  
when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns.  
We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings  
throughout the service.*

*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens. Under government guidance for the purposes of keeping Contact Tracing Records it is essential that you complete the following information. These will be retained for 21 days, after which they will be destroyed. Thank you.*

**PLEASE PLACE THIS SERVICE SHEET IN THE BOX AT THE WEST END OF THE  
CATHEDRAL AS YOU LEAVE**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone contact:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 2m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread.

Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

*Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service*

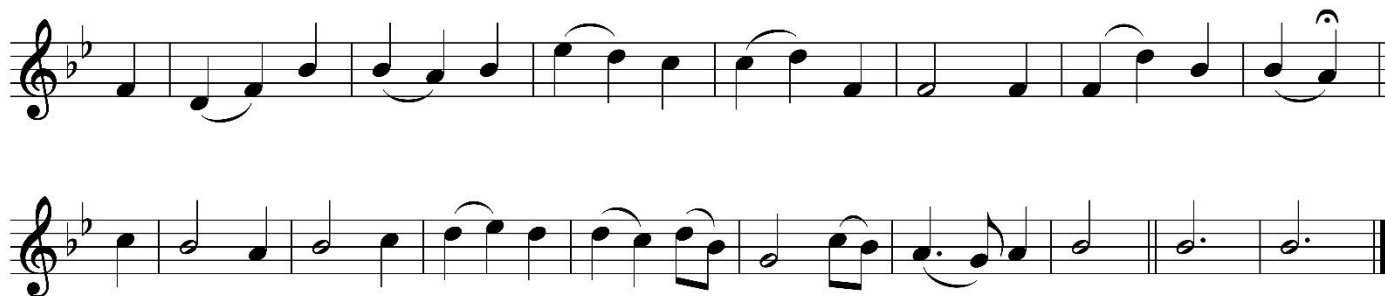
**Organ Prelude: Adagio in E (from 'Three Pieces for Organ, H. 63') Frank Bridge (1879-1941)**



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



Please stand to sing **HYMN 372\***:



A - men.

**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God who we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

*Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726) based on Psalm 34  
Tune: WILTSHIRE, George T. Smart (1776-1867) from his Collection of Sacred Music (1863)*

**THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:7*

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Please kneel or sit in silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand whilst the choir sings the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnum gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu  
Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu  
solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Setting: Missa Brevis, Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**



*Please sit for the* **EPISTLE READING:** James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings* **PSALM 124:**

If the Lord himself had not been on our side,  
now may Israel say:  
if the Lord himself had not been on our side,  
when men rose up against us;

They had swallowed us up quick:  
when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

Yea, the waters had drowned us:  
and the stream had gone over our soul.

The deep waters of the proud:  
had gone even over our soul.  
But praised be the Lord:  
who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.  
Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler:  
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.  
Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord:  
who hath made heaven and earth.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

Glory be to the Father:  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Tone VII*

Please remain standing to sing the **ALLELUIA:**



Sanctify them in the truth: your word is truth. *John 17:7*

Please remain standing

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Mark 9:38-50

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.



John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to

have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord, Je - sus Christ.

**SERMON** by the Reverend Dr Maithrie White

Please stand and face east to say the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God, the **Father**, the **Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



Please kneel or sit

Let us pray for God's protection and give thanks for God's goodness:

Keep the Church open to accept and affirm all who work for good. Save her from becoming narrow and defensive in her ministry. Give to all Christian people willingness to accept as well as to give, and to be gracious in accepting.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Chapter and the parishes they represent, today especially remembering Canon Gareth Harron, and the parish of Holywood, and Canon David Humphries, and the parish of Kilbride.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and sanctify all human efforts towards a better world. Be close to those who have compassion without faith and draw them into your Kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us peace with one another, in our homes and in our work. Bless our community with peace and harmony, and cast out all that makes for evil.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on children who are damaged and abused; save them and heal the harm they have received. Give compassion and courage to those who work for the protection of children.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed in Christ who, having been forgiven their sins have entered the Communion of the Saints. Help us so to live in this world that we too may come in purity to eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask that you stand with all whose lives have been touched by personal experience of Coronavirus, especially those suffering at present and those who have lost loved ones. Bless all who work as carers, in the fields of research and vaccination, and those with leadership responsibilities in these challenging times.

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Please stand*



## THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please remain standing to sing* **HYMN 553\***:



**Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life be past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind;  
Just and holy is thy Name;  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound:  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.**

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) Tune: HOLLINGSIDE, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*



## CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



*Please remain standing*

How can I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. *Psalm 116:12-14*

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

The Lord \_\_\_ is here. His spi - rit is with \_\_\_ us.

Lift \_\_\_\_\_ up your \_\_\_ hearts. \_\_\_ We lift them to \_\_\_ the Lord. \_\_\_

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. \_

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*The choir sings the* **SANCTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
 Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
 gloria tua.  
 Hosanna in excelsis.  
 Benedictus qui venit  
 in nomine Domini.  
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Lord God of Hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of  
 your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.*

*Setting: Missa Brevis, Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one

complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:***

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us peace.*

*Setting: Missa Brevis, Benjamin Britten (1913-76)*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*The choir receive communion first, whereupon the clergy will administer to the congregation. Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.*

*During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM:***

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast,  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our power of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
sets our hearts at liberty.

Come almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
pet us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)  
Setting: Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

## THE GREAT SILENCE

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.*



## GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

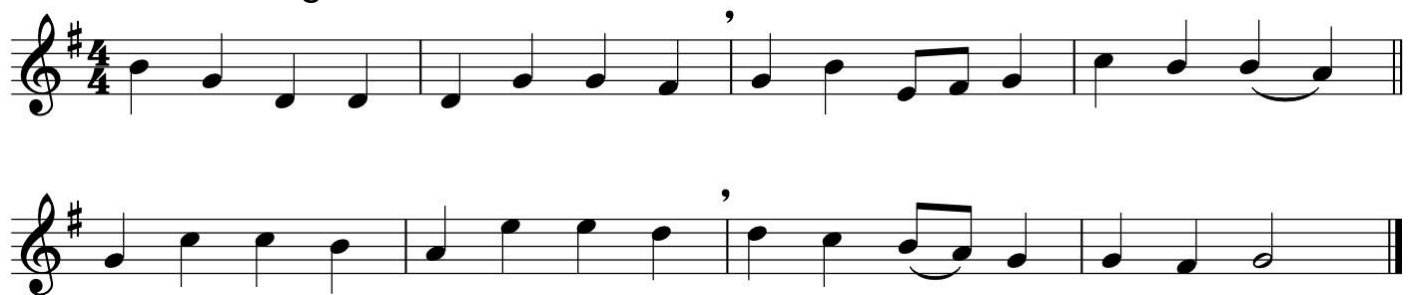


## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our guide, you feed us with bread from heaven as you fed your people Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until we come to your kingdom in heaven. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

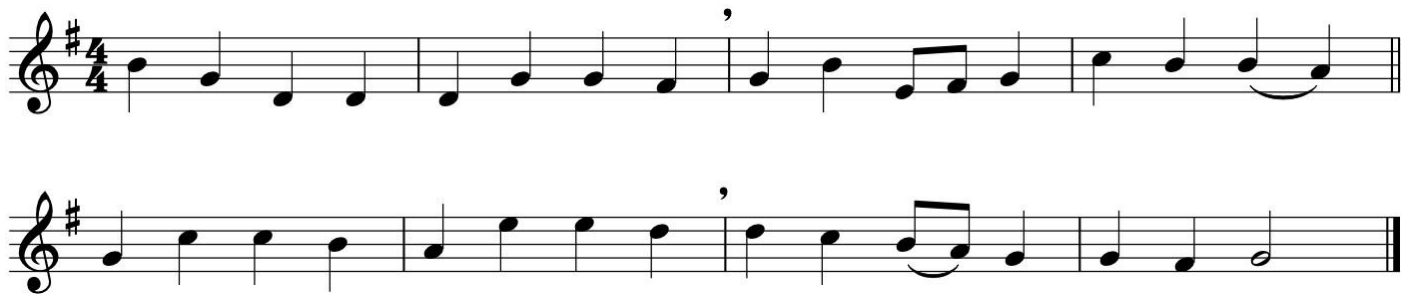
**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 9\***:



**There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.**

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**



**But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word,  
and our lives would fill with gladness  
in the presence of the Lord.**

*Words: Frederick W. Faber (1814-63)*

*Tune: CROSS OF JESUS, John Stainer (1840-1901), from 'The Crucifixion'*

### **THE BLESSING**

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself; May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service; May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your souls: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary: Paeon** *Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)*

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move.  
Thank you.*



**Introducing a brand new singing club, for children aged 6–9, at Belfast Cathedral**

Belfast Cathedral **Songbirds** will meet in a fun, relaxed environment to play musical and rhythmical games, learn new songs, and be introduced to basic theory and general musicianship.

Our Songbirds will also join Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir several times a year, such as at Christmas, to perform in Belfast Cathedral.

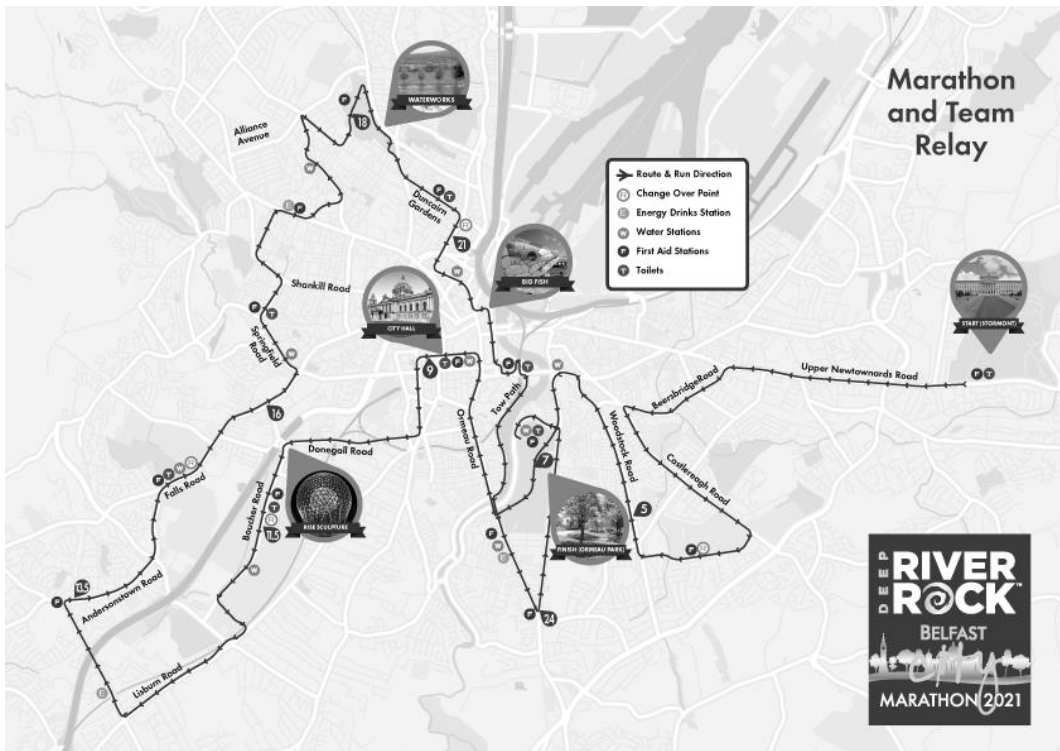
**When? Wednesdays at 3.30 – 5.00pm, from 15 September**  
(snacks and drinks provided mid-way through each session)

**Where? Belfast Cathedral Hall, to the rear of the Cathedral building**

**Cost? £5 per session per child, payable termly**

**How? With current restrictions, places are limited, so please contact us to avoid disappointment.**

[songbirds@belfastcathedral.org](mailto:songbirds@belfastcathedral.org)



**Belfast Marathon Route – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Starts 9.00am at Stormont Estate. Morning access to the Cathedral from East Belfast will be difficult. Best to use West Link, or view on-line at [www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral](http://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral)**



## NOTICES



Please join us this afternoon at 3.30pm for a special Celebration Service to mark the Centenary of the formation of the Northern Ireland District of the Royal British Legion. Seats have been allocated to invited guests, but there is a limited capacity of seats for the public, adhering to social distancing restrictions.  
*Preacher: The Reverend Canon Sam McVeigh, NI District Chaplain*

### **Services this week:**

**Tuesday – Thursday 1.00-1.15pm** Lunchtime Prayers in the Cathedral  
**Friday 1.00-2.00pm** The Church's Ministry of Healing Service in the Hall

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

***Please Note Belfast Marathon starts at 9.00am from Stormont Estate. Access from East Belfast will be difficult. Best to use West Link, or to view service on-line at [www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral](http://www.facebook.com/BelfastCathedral)***

*Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Cathedral Harvest Sunday and Gift Day**

**Please remember to make your FWO (Free Will Offering) contribution to the Cathedral as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:**

Cathedral Bank Branch: **Bank of Ireland, City Centre Branch,  
1 Donegall Square South, Belfast, BT1 5LR.**  
Name of Account: **Parochial No 1 Current Account**  
Sort Code: **90-21-27** Account Number: **10006051**

Please give your own name (and FWO number if you have one) as the Payment Reference.

*Thank you for your continuing financial support for Belfast Cathedral*