



Services and Music List November 2021



WELCOME TO 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 sings for Sunday Services as well as large diocesan and civic occasions. There is also Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, giving musical opportunities to children across Belfast and beyond, as choristers who sing regularly in cathedral services (normally once a fortnight on a Sunday morning) as well as the latest choir, Belfast Cathedral Songbirds.

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.

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.

BELEAST CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by Belfast Cathedral Choir, a fully adult, professional choir.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There are opportunities for boys and girls aged between 7 and 14 to sing in the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir. The Cathedral's Director of Music, Matthew Owens, is always pleased to hear from parents of prospective choristers. For further information, email music@belfastcathedral.org

BELFAST CATHEDRAL SONGBIRDS

This is a new singing club for children, aged 6-9; please see information on the next page.

COMMUNION

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

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

No photography or recording of any kind may take place during services, concerts, or rehearsals without the express permission of the Dean.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Visitors and worshippers are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing whilst in the cathedral.





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



BELFAST CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS RECRUITING CHORISTERS

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

This unique choir gives children the opportunity of a first-class musical education and the opportunity to sing as Choristers of Belfast Cathedral but with a much lighter commitment than a 'traditional' cathedral choir. The children rehearse on a Wednesday from 5.00pm – 6.30pm and sing, alongside the Cathedral Choir, during the Sung Eucharist, every fortnight, as well as other special occasions throughout the year.

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

> Email: music@belfastcathedral.org Telephone: 028 9032 8332

7 SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday before Advent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Bruckner Vorspiel d-moll

Rheinberger Messe Es-dur, JWV 57

Psalm 62 vv 5-12 (Tone IV)

Preacher: The Reverend Janice Elsdon, Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest

Bruckner Präludium C-dur

Bruckner Tantum ergo sacramentum

Bruckner Nachspiel d-moll

3.30 p.m. ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT SERVICE

Guest They shall grow not old

Burgon Nunc dimittis Elgar They are at rest

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Isaac Thompson

Weekday Cathedral Prayers take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 1.00-1.15 p.m., in the Nave of the Cathedral; all are welcome.

An Act of Remembrance, for Armistice Day, will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday 11 November, at 11.00 a.m.

14 SUNDAY: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

The congregation is asked to be seated by 10.55 a.m.

Duruflé Prélude sur le nom d'Alain Stanford Communion Service in C & F

Psalm 16 (Tone I)

Preacher: The Very Reverend Stephen Forde, Dean

Howells Aria from Six Short Pieces for Organ

Bainton And I saw a new heaven Duruflé Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

3.30 p.m. SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A devotional performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, Op. 48, interspersed with war poetry,

scripture, and prayers

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21 SUNDAY: THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Willan Chorale Prelude on 'Vulpius'

David Briggs Truro Eucharist

Psalm 93 (Tone V)

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

Gary Davison The Lord's Prayer (world premiere,

sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Howells Chorale (from Six Short Pieces for Organ)

Franck Panis angelicus (sung by Belfast Cathedral

Children's Choir)

Alain Litanies

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Stanford Prelude on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons

(Song 22)

Rose Preces and Responses

Proper Psalm: 93 (chant by Attwood)

Wood Evening Service 'Collegium Regale'

Handel Lift up your heads (from Messiah)

Guilmant Marche sur un thème de Hændel,

Op. 15, No 2

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28 SUNDAY: ADVENT SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

J.S. Bach Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, à 2 claviers et pédale, BWV 659

Byrd Mass for five voices Psalm 25 vv 1-9 (Tone I)

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Mark Niblock, Dean's Vicar

J.S. Bach Trio super Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland. BWV 660

Handel And the glory of the Lord (from Messiah)

J.S. Bach Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

6.00 p.m. ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

A service of readings, traditional congregational carols,

and music for Advent

The congregation is asked to be seated by 5.50 p.m.

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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, FRSA

Director of Music

Tristan Russcher, BA Hons (Oxon), FRCO Associate Organist (from 14 November)

Details of services, concerts, and events can also be found on the Cathedral's website and social media channels at







belfastcathedral.org

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