



Services and Music List

January 2022



Belfast Cathedral Choir's debut disc with Resonus Classics is available. It includes music for this season of Epiphany. For details, please email music@belfastcathedral.org

**"The choir's tonal purity and impeccable tuning are a pleasure"
(BBC Music Magazine, five stars)**

**"The clarity of the choir's singing is exceptional"
(Choir and Organ, 'pick of the festive fair')**

**"Matthew Owens, late of Wells Cathedral, has re-established the choir at St Anne's Cathedral as a professional adult ensemble and it could well be the finest all-adult standing choir of its kind anywhere, with near-perfect vowel harmony, blend, enunciation, nuanced awareness of phrase and an exceptional, bright and pure soprano group."
(Gramophone)**

"A Belfast Christmas sends us to the city's Anglican cathedral for a lively offering, including six premiere recordings mostly of British pieces, all good to hear. Conducted by Matthew Owens, the cathedral's professional, all-adult choir alternates between the suave and the boisterous, while Gráinne Meyer's harp accompaniments on three tracks are uniformly delightful."
(The Times, ★★★★★)

"Owens's Belfast choir — founded as recently as 2019 — is a chamber ensemble of adult professionals, making their record debut here. It's another impressive programme of mainly contemporary composers, six in all, four of them called Philip. The fourth and most famous, Philip Ledger, is the late MD of King's Cambridge, and his exuberant arrangement of *On Christmas Night (The Sussex Carol)* is the best-known piece here, but his younger namesakes, Stopford (*Adam lay ybounden*), Wilby (*Moonless Darkness* with harp accompaniment) and Moore (a touching alternative to Harold Darke and Gustav Holst's *In the Bleak Midwinter* and the two carols by Elizabeth Poston) are welcome rarities. Owens ensures that the acoustic of Belfast Cathedral contributes to the seasonal joy of the music."
(The Sunday Times)

"A superb new CD, designed to put all but the most Scrooge-like into a sympathetic festive mood."
(MusicWeb International)

"First-class singing, conducted by Matthew Owens"
(The Observer, 'best classical Christmas albums of 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.

BELFAST 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 within this Services and Music List booklet.

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.

JANUARY

2 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday of Christmas

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

W. Lloyd Webber *Interlude on the Coventry Carol*

Missa de Angelis

Britten *A New Year Carol*

Guilmant *Offertoire sur deux Noël's*

The Cathedral Choir returns to sing services from Sunday 9 January

There is no service in the afternoon

The Healing Service takes place in the Cathedral Hall each Friday,
from 1.00-1.45 p.m.

JANUARY

9 SUNDAY: The First Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of our Lord)

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

J.S. Bach *Präludium G-dur, BWV 541,i*

Croce *Missa prima: sexti toni*

Psalm 29 (Tone VIII)

J.S. Bach *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ BWV604*

Marenzio *Tribus miraculis*

J.S. Bach *Fugue G-dur, BWV 541,ii*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Stanford *Prelude on an old Irish melody,*
Op. 101, No. 5

Ayleward *Preces and Responses*
(with Stone *The Lord's Prayer*)

Psalm 48 (chant by Matthews)

Stanford *Evening Service in B flat*

Mendelssohn *When Jesus our Lord*

Stanford *Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons*
(*Song 22*), *Op. 105, No. 2*

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JANUARY

16 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Walton *Scherzetto*

Walton *Missa Brevis*

Psalm 36, vv 5-10 (Tone II)

Walton *Elegy*

Richard Allain *Cana's Guest*

Walton *March from Prelude to Richard III*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Purcell *A double verse*

Smith *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 82 (chant by Seivewright)

Ayleward *Short Service*

Attwood *O God, who by the leading of a star*

Blow *A voluntary for cornet and echo*

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

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JANUARY

23 SUNDAY: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Dupré *Andantino (Vingt-Quatre Variations No.5)*

Simon Beattie *Missa Sanctae Annae*

(world premiere)

Psalm 19 (Tone III)

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Dubois *Offertoire (Dix pièces, 1887)*

Paul Edwards *No small wonder*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Litaize *Prélude et Danse Fuguée*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Whitlock *Lantana from Plymouth Suite*

Humphrey Clucas *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 115 (chant by South)

Whitlock *Evening Service in D*

Crotch *Lo! star-led chiefs*

Whitlock *Toccata from Plymouth Suite*

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JANUARY

30 SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Finzi, arr. Gower *Intrada* from *Dies Natalis*

Berkeley *Missa Brevis*

Psalm 48 (Tone VIII)

Finzi, arr. Brunelle *My lovely one*

Howard Goodall *Love divine*

Leighton *Ite, Missa est* (from 'Missa de Gloria')

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Howells *Preludio 'Sine Nomine'*

Rose *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 147 (chant by John Bertalot)

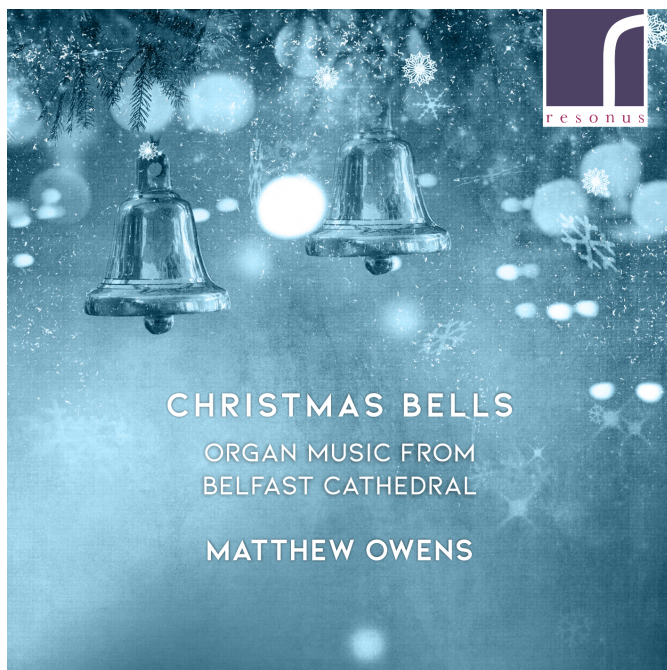
Howells *Evening Service 'Collegium Regale'*

Warlock *Bethlehem Down*

Howells *Paeon*

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Festive fare on the organ of Belfast Cathedral, with world premiere recordings alongside works of Bach, Liszt, Guilmant, and many more. It includes music for this season of Epiphany. Please email music@belfastcathedral.org for details

"It's beautifully articulate [...] and it creates a soothing atmosphere that totally transports you to a quiet pew in Belfast Cathedral"
(BBC Music Magazine)

"The recording perfectly frames well-judged, atmosphere-laced performances by Owens on the Harrison & Harrison of Belfast Cathedral, where he is director of music. A Christmas treat."
(Choir and Organ)



BELFAST
CATHEDRAL
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANNE



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

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Telephone: 028 9032 8332

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

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



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