



BELFAST  
CATHEDRAL



## Services and Music List

February 2022

# 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, the 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. It has very recently received much acclaim from the national and musical press which have been full of praise for the choir's debut release on Resonus Classics:

*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)*

*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)*

*First-class singing, conducted by Matthew Owens  
(The Observer, 'best classical Christmas albums of 2021')*

For further information about Belfast Cathedral Choir, please contact the Director of Music, Matthew Owens, via [music@belfastcathedral.org](mailto:music@belfastcathedral.org)

#### CHILDREN'S SINGING AT BELFAST CATHEDRAL

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](mailto:music@belfastcathedral.org). In addition, there is a singing club for younger singers, the Songbirds, who meet each Wednesday afternoon. Please email [songbirds@belfastcathedral.org](mailto:songbirds@belfastcathedral.org) for further details.

#### 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.

# FEBRUARY

## 6 SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST (marking the 70th anniversary of the Accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II)

Purcell *Trumpet Tune*

Byrd *O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth*

Christoph Dalitz *Missa Salve Regina*  
(Northern Ireland Premiere)

Psalm 138 (Tone III)

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*  
(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Willan *Prelude on Song 24*

Richard Allain *A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*  
(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir and  
the upper voices of Belfast Cathedral Choir)

Walton *Crown Imperial*

3.30 p.m. THE GOOD SAMARITAN SERVICE

Guilmant *Grand Choeur alla Handel, Op.18, No.1*

Durufié *Ubi caritas*

Howard Goodall *The Lord is my shepherd,*

Vierne *Final (1er Symphonie)*

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# FEBRUARY

## 13 SUNDAY: The Third Sunday before Lent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST (sung by a cantor)

Thalben-Ball *Elegy*

Maxwell Davies *Missa parvula*

Couperin *Tierce en Taille (Messe pour les Couvents)*

Anthony Baldwin *Blest are the pure in heart*

Wills *Deo Gratias*

3.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER (with hymns, led by a cantor)

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## 20 SUNDAY: The Second Sunday before Lent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Tomkins *A Fantasy*

Byrd *Mass for four voices*

Psalm 65 (Tone VIII)

J.S. Bach *O Lamm Gottes, Unschildig, BWV 618*

Byrd *O sacrum convivium*

J.S. Bach *Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Whitlock *Lantana (Plymouth Suite)*

Ayleward *Preces and Responses*

(with Stone Lord's Prayer)

Psalm 104, vv 24-35 (chant by Parratt)

Whitlock *Fauxbourdon Service*

Harris *Holy is the true light*

Whitlock *Toccata (Plymouth Suite)*

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# FEBRUARY

## 27 SUNDAY: The Sunday next before Lent

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Alain *Le Jardin Suspendu*

Jackson *Communion Service in G*

Philip Wilby *Make me a light*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Gary Davison *The Lord's Prayer*

(sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir)

Langlais *Méditation (Suite Médiévale)*

Matthew Owens *My eyes for beauty pine*

Judith Bingham *St Bride, assisted by angels*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Leighton *Fantasy on 'Lumetto'*

Howard Skempton *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 128 (chant by Bennett)

Leighton *Second Service*

Cooper *The Call*

Leighton *Scherzo, Op. 41, ii*

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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*

Details of services, concerts, and events can also be found on the  
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