



THE GOOD SAMARITANS SERVICE
with the distribution of donations from the
Annual Black Santa Christmas Sit Out Appeal



*The Good Samaritan Window at the East End of Belfast Cathedral
(the only feature retained from the original Parish Church of St Anne,
which formerly stood on this site)*

Sunday 5th February 2023 at 3.30pm



WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome our special guests today, Tim McGarry along with representatives from Energia and from Price Waterhouse Cooper who once again assisted us with our on-line presence.

We also thank our signer for assisting with our service

Today we are thrilled to distribute £130,000 to representatives of 126 local charities.

Thank you for your attendance today, and for the work of the charities that you represent.

During today's service, when the name of your charity is read out, we ask you to remain at your seat and **STAND**. This will allow us to acknowledge the work which you and your charity undertake. Your charity payment will be made by BACS in the week beginning Monday 6th February.

After today's service if you would like to have a photograph taken for your own publicity purposes you are welcome to do so in the designated area. All photographs will be freely available on the cathedral website (www.belfastcathedral.org) from Thursday 9th February. If you experience difficulties, or require higher resolution images, please contact admin@belfastcathedral.org

Please acknowledge the receipt of your grant from the Belfast Cathedral's Black Santa Appeal in your own project publicity materials.



Organ Prelude

Please stand to sing **HYMN 366:**



**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)
Tune NEH 436: PRAISE, MY SOUL John Goss (1800-80)*

Please sit as the Dean introduces the service

*Please stand while the Choir sings the **OPENING RESPONSES:***

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Setting: Spicer (b. 1952)

*Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM I:***

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor
stood in the way of sinners:

and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord:

and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side:

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither:

and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of
the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement:

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:

and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

*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.

Chant: Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** 2 Kings 4:1-7

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, 'Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.' Elisha said to her, 'What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?'

She answered, 'Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.' He said, 'Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbours, empty vessels and not just a few. Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.' So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, 'Bring me another vessel.' But he said to her, 'There are no more.' Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.'

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT:**

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

Setting: George Dyson (1883-1964)

Please sit for the **READING:** Luke 10:25-37- *The Good Samaritan*

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Setting: George Dyson (1883-1964)

Please be seated for the presentations

PRESENTATIONS – THE DEAN:

GROUPS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON SERVING REFUGEE COMMUNITIES

Agherton Parish Church

All Nations Ministries

Armstrong Storytelling Trust

British Red Cross

Glenside Farm Comber CIC

NI Refuges and Asylum Seekers Women Assoc. (Bomoko NI)

OTH Music Collective

Parish of Kilroot

Shelter Box Trust (The Rotary Club of Portadown)

St Donard's Community Church

Starling Collective

Please remain seated while the Choir sing the Anthem Be Still

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

*Words: Dave Evans (b. 1957; based on Exodus 3:1-6)
Music: Arr. Indra Hughes (b 1978)*

PRESENTATIONS:

GROUPS WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS

ON SERVING COMMUNITIES IN FINANCIAL NEED

Good Morning Ballymena

Rehability

Tools for Solidarity Downpatrick

Broughshane Improvement Committee

Samaritans of Ballymena

Belfast City Centre Chaplaincy

Home Start Ards Comber & Peninsula

Carrickfergus & Larne Child Contact Centre

Thrive Ireland Ltd

Something More for You

Craigyhill Community Development Group

Goodwill Gifts

Home-Start Banbridge

Advocacy VSV

Muckamore Parish Development Association

Monbrief Pre School

People's Kitchen Belfast

Ardglass & Dunsford Parish Church (Youth & Children Outreach)

The St Anne Trust

Life Hub NI

Branial Community Church

Parish of St John the Evangelist

Belfast Homeless Services Ltd

Home-Start Omagh District

ESC Films

RAF Association

Fibromyalgia Support N.I

Kilskeery Parish Community Association

Adoption UK

Tullycarnet Church

Trillick Senior Citizens

Christ Church Mother & Toddler Group

Ballymena club for the Hard of Hearing

Sensory Kids

Randalstown Ulster Scots Cultural Society

Street Ministries Belfast

All About Us - ASD Teens
Redeeming Our Communities
Belfast Lough Sailability

Corpus Christi Parish Trust
Ballymacarrett Youth And Community Project
Mother's Union Connor diocese
Portstewart Community Association
Armagh Child Contact Centre
Bangor Soroptimist Club
Meningitis Now
Home-Start North Belfast
St Michaels's Parish
Bright Lights
Larne Community Development Project

United Parish of St Stephen & St Luke Millfield Belfast
Dunaghy Flute Band
Restored Ministries
St Clement's Parish Church
Newtownards Sea Cadets
Killough Kids & Youth Outreach
Little Treasures Playgroup Kinawley
Foreglen Community Association Social Club 60+
Home-Start Craigavon
Home-Start South & East Belfast
Baby Angels Organisation
St Pauls & St Barnabas - For Hope Counselling

TIM McGARRY – REFLECTIONS.

PRESENTATIONS:

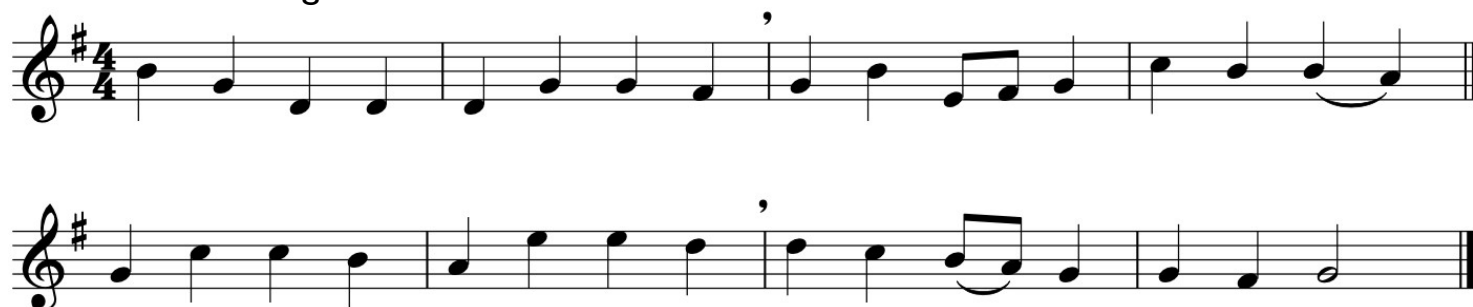
GROUPS SERVING THE COMMUNITY

4 Corners Festival
ABC Community Network
Amber Community Development Agency
Antrim Community Choir
Antrim Retirement Group
Assistance Dogs NI
Boys' Brigade EAB Heritage Society
Cast Ministries
Charles Wood Festival of Music & Summer School
Christ Church Primacy

Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade
Church's Ministry Of Healing
Coleraine and District Samaritans
Donaghadee Youth for Christ
Fermanagh Rural Community Network
Fermanagh Visually Impaired Persons Club
Fertility Network NI
Fusion Theatre

Goal Line Youth Trust
Good Morning Ballycastle
Hope4Me & Fibro Northern Ireland
Jigsaw NI
Kesh Evergreens Senior Citizen Club
Kindertee Community Playgroup
Moneyreagh Community Church
N.I. Sightlines

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.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more keenly felt than heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.**

**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 NEH 3(2), 461: CROSS OF JESUS, John Stainer (1840-1901) from The Crucifixion

PRESENTATIONS:

GROUPS SERVING THE COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

Naiscoil an Traonaigh

Northern Ireland Deaf Sports (NIDS)

Pepper Johns Memorial Centre

RAMS NI

Seaforde Parish Toddler Group

Seeds of Hope

Shopmobility Ballymena

Shopmobility Enniskillen

St Bernard's Thursday Club

St Hilda's Youth

St John's Parish Lurgan

St Patrick's Parish Youth Club

Tamlaght Community Association

The Bright Umbrella Drama Company

The Dock Titanic Quarter

The Fisherman's Mission

The Gathering Church-Plant

The Goliath Trust

The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland

The Oxygen Therapy Centre

The Pushkin Trust

The Zacchaeus Outreach Project

Trendsetters (Age Concern) Irvinestown

Trillick Community Group

Ulster Youth Orchestra

Youth Lyric

**I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?**

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

**I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?**

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

**When I needed a shelter were you there,
were you there?**

When I needed a shelter were you there?

**Wherever you travel, I'll be there,
I'll be there.**

Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

***And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
I'll be there?***

Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Tune: NEIGHBOUR Sydney Carter (1915-2004) arr. Donald Davison (1937-2013)

PRAYERS

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers, which conclude with the **LORD'S PRAYER:***

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

*Please stand to sing **THE OFFERTORY HYMN 454*:***

The Offering will be divided to support the ongoing life and ministry of Belfast Cathedral and to the start of the 2023 Belfast Black Santa Appeal.

HYMN 454:



**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

**King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways,
he claims our lips, to speak his truth,
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**

**We are his Church, he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find,
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

Words: James Quinn (1919-2010)

Tune NEH 322: DUKE STREET Melody from H. Boyd's Psalm and Hymn Tunes (1793)

later attrib. John L. Hatton (d. 1793)

*Please remain standing for the **BLESSING** and the **PROCESSION** of choir and clergy*

Organ Postlude

*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move
Thank you for your co-operation!*



NOTICES



Lunchtime Prayers at Belfast Cathedral

1.00 -1.15pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

All most welcome.

1.00-1.45 pm Friday: Service of Healing in the Cathedral Hall

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

11.00am Eucharist

3.30 pm Evening Prayer

2023 Revision of the Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members

In this triennial year, the Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members is now open for revision. If you have subscribed to cathedral finances in the past year through Free Will Offering, Standing Order, Cheque or Credit Card, and are over 18 you are eligible to register.

Please complete one of the Registration Forms at the West End as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.

You can also make your Free Will Offering contribution in support of the ongoing work and life of Belfast Cathedral by giving via online banking to:

Account Name: "Parochial No 1 Current Account"
Sort Code: 90-21-27 Account Number: 10006051

***Have you considered giving to our cathedral by Standing Order?
Please set up a standing order using the account details above.***

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OUR THANKS

The Dean (Black Santa) and Canons of Belfast Cathedral (Black Santa's Helpers) want to thank each person and organisation that supported the 2022 Black Santa Christmas Sit Out Appeal by their generosity, raising the £130,000 to be distributed at today's Good Samaritans Service.

We also thank the many members of the cathedral staff, and members of cathedral community who freely gave of their time and enthusiasm for the unseen, but essential tasks behind the scenes that made for the success of this year's Black Santa Appeal.

Our thanks to Benny Miskelly and all the staff at Price Waterhouse Cooper who ensured the effectiveness of our on-line presence.

Also our thanks to Tim McGarry, along with Tony Morrison director, Stephen Hamill, organist and the choir Cantemus for each of their contributions to this service.

And finally, our thanks to each of you, for the amazing work you each do for thousands of people every week through all the charities represented here today.



**For full information on the 2022 Sit-out
please visit our dedicated website:
www.belfastblacksanta.org**