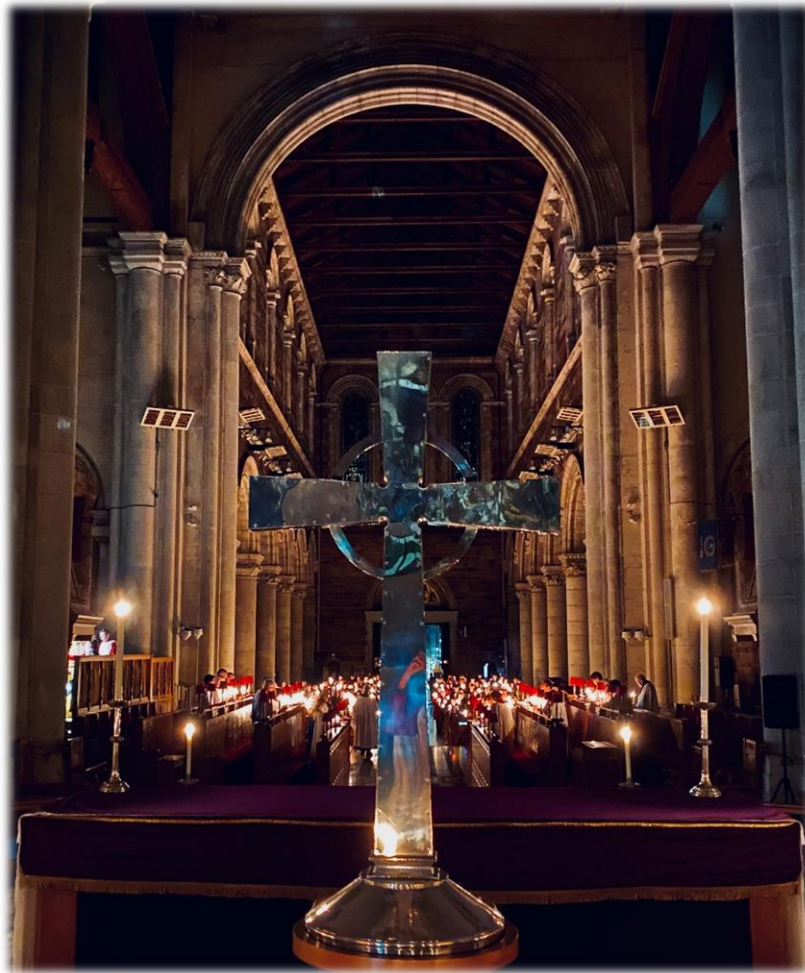




BELFAST CATHEDRAL



Services and Music List

February 2026

ABOUT 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 our 4-manual Harrison & Harrison organ. The Cathedral Choir sings for Sunday Services and Choral Evensong each Friday, as well as large diocesan and civic occasions. Over the years the Cathedral choir have sung on national and local radio and television, and have undertaken concerts and tours.

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.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong is a service unique to the Anglican Church. It can be traced back to 1549 when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, combined the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline into one service, to be used at the end of the working day. Cranmer's vision was to make daily prayer together, and daily exposure to the Scriptures, accessible to all people.

For nearly 500 years, Anglican cathedrals have set this service to music, which is sung by our choir and priests. Although the congregation is mostly silent throughout this service, that does not mean you cannot take part in the worship. We offer you the gift of rest and quiet reflection, and invite you to step out of the busyness of life, allowing the music and the Scriptures to transport you into a version of reality soaked in God's presence.

The service itself is centred on two canticles, or songs: the Magnificat (the Song of Mary, from the Gospel of Luke), and the Nunc dimittis (the Song of Simeon, also from the Gospel of Luke). In addition there are sung prayers (the Preces and Responses), a sung Psalm, or Psalms (from the Old Testament); and an anthem, which may reflect a particular season or Saint's Day. These choral offerings are interspersed with bible readings and spoken prayers.

We are very pleased that you are able to join us. Sacred music within the liturgy is one of the church's greatest cultural and religious heritages, and is enjoyed by those of all faiths and those of no faith. Whether you belong to our congregation, or are visiting for the first time, you are welcomed to be a part of a long tradition of Christian worship, which has lived in this building for more than 120 years.

It is our hope that you will feel a warm welcome here at Belfast Cathedral, and leave feeling refreshed and inspired.

INFORMATION

MID-WEEK SAID SERVICES AT 1.00 P.M.

- Holy Communion is celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit Monday-Wednesday.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in the Chapel of Unity each Thursday.
- The Churches Ministry of Healing meet for their service in the Cathedral Hall each Friday.

CHOIR

Unless otherwise specified, all choral services are sung by Belfast Cathedral Choir. Our choir sings services each Sunday, Thursday (choristers), and Friday in academic term-time, with our adult sopranos and choristers (boys and girls aged 7-14) rotating each Sunday a weekly basis.

COMMUNION

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

HYMNS

Hymn numbers in this publication and in orders of service refer to the Irish Church Hymnal (Fifth Edition) the New English Hymnal (marked 'NEH', where applicable), or Thanks & Praise (marked 'TP', where applicable).

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

It is asked that no photography or recording of any kind may take place during services, concerts, or rehearsals without the express permission of the Dean.

February

01 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saint Brigid

- 11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Shephard *The Wiltshire Service*
Grindle *Heaven Song*
Moeran *Nunc Dimittis in D*
Preacher: The Rev'd Janice Elsdon
Hymns 196, 200, 197 (37), 203
Saint-Saëns *VII. Allegro Giocoso (Sept Improvisations)*
- 3.30 p.m. THE GOOD SAMARITAN SERVICE
Hymns 366, 643, 634
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05 THURSDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Ebdon *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 29 (Plainsong)
Dyson *Evening Service in C minor*
Jack Wilson *Do not be afraid*
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06 FRIDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
John Bertalot *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 32 (Plainsong)
Jack Wilson *Fauxbourdon Service*
Walford Davies *Blessed are the pure in heart*

February

08 SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Morning service broadcast live on RTÉ One

11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Neil Cox *Missa Brevis*

Psalm 131 (Wilson)

Jack Wilson *Do not be afraid*

Preacher: The Rev'd Cameron Mack, *Curate*

Hymns 10 (i), 259, 468

J.S. Bach *Fugue in G Major BWV 577 'Gigue'*

3.30 p.m. A SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Vaughan Williams *Let all the world*

Preacher: The Rev'd Eileen Cremin

Hymn 3, 522 (i), TP 95

Sowande *Jubilate*

12 THURSDAY

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Ebdon *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 67 (Plainsong)

Plainsong *Evening Canticles*

Hurford *Litany to the Holy Spirit*

February

15 SUNDAY: THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The Transfiguration of our Lord

11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

James MacMillan *The Galloway Mass*

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, *Diocesan Reader*

Hymns 398 (ii), 501 (361), 325, 205 (ii)

3.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER

Hymns 209, 630

18 WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30 p.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Byrd *Mass for Four Voices*

Farrant *Call to Remembrance*

Tallis *In jejunio et fletu*

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Bob Cotter

Hymns The Litany, 599, 425 (ii), 207

J.S. Bach *Herzlich thut mich verlangen BWV 727*

19 THURSDAY

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Plainsong *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 98 (Plainsong)

Dyson *Evening Service in C minor*

Lloyd *View me, Lord*

20 FRIDAY

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Radcliffe *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 104, vv. 1-14 (Plainsong)

Weelkes *Short Service*

Attwood *Turn thou thy face from my sins*

February

22 SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

- 11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST
Darke *Communion Service in E*
Lloyd *View me, Lord*
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Mark Taylor
Hymns 208, 207, 108 (iii), 632
Eben *III. Moto ostinato (Sunday Music)*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Jack Wilson *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 108 (Marcus Ritchie)
Grayston Ives *The Eddington Service*
Sarah Macdonald *Crux fidelis*
Hymn 234
J.S. Bach arr. Fox *Come sweetest death, come, blessed rest*
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26 THURSDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Plainsong *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 119, vv. 145-152 (Plainsong)
Ian Wicks *The Cherubini Service*
Lloyd *View me, Lord*
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27 FRIDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses*
Psalm 126 (Plainsong)
Dyson *Evening Service in F*
Tallis *Hear the voice and prayer*



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