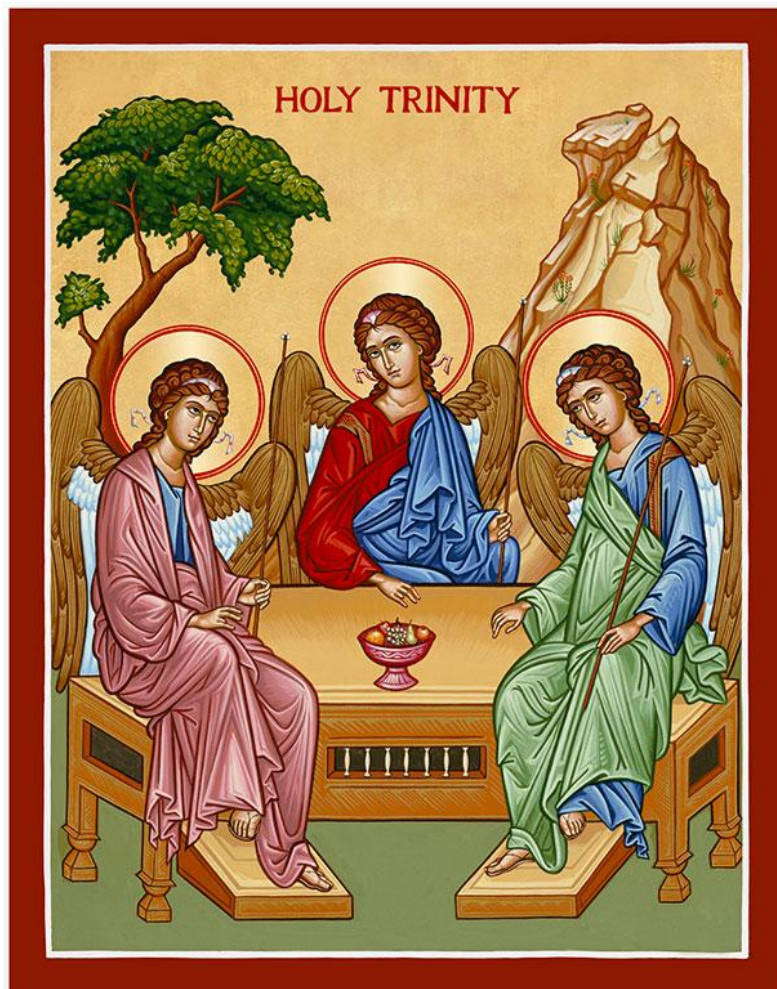




# BELFAST CATHEDRAL



## Services and Music List

May-June 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 on 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.

SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL 2026  
SATURDAY'S AT 1.10PM

JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

Derek Collins

JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Jack McCabe

JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Daniel Clements

AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>

Jack Wilson

AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>

Gareth Lewis

AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>

Darragh Magee &  
Finn Sloan

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

Ben McGonigle

AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

Peter Thompson

SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

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# May

01 FRIDAY

*Saint Philip and Saint James*

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Bertalot *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 8 (Plainsong)  
Sumsion *Evening Service in G*  
Greening *Alleluyas of St James*  
Hymn 115

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# May

## 03 SUNDAY: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST  
Shephard *The Wiltshire Service*  
John Rutter *A Clare Benediction*  
Preacher: The Rev'd Cameron Mack, *Curate*  
Hymns 259, 285, 444, 263  
Lang *Tuba Tune*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Ayleward *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 18, vv. 1-12 (Gauntlett)  
Dyson *Evening Service in F*  
Smith Moore *We shall walk through the valley*  
Hymn 72 (i)  
Whitlock *IV. Exultemus (Seven Sketches on Verses from the Psalms)*
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## 07 THURSDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Maryln Harper *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 37, vv. 1-11 (Plainsong)  
Dyson *Evening Service in C minor*  
Rutter *A Clare Benediction*
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## 08 FRIDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Ayleward *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 43 (Plainsong)  
Weelkes *Short Service*  
Gibbons *Almighty and everlasting God*

# May

## 10 SUNDAY: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Rogation Sunday*

11.00 a.m. CHORAL MATINS

Jack Wilson *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 66, vv. 7-18 (Atkins)

Britten *Jubilate in C*

Britten *Te Deum in C*

Jonathan Dove *Seek him that maketh the seven stars*

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, *Diocesan Reader*

Hymns 10 (i), 657 (ii), 458

Widor *VI. Finale (Symphony No. 4)*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Jack Wilson *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 53 (Saunders)

Wood *Evening Service in D*

Willan *Rise up, my love, my fair one*

Hymn 70

Stanford *Postlude in D minor*

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## 14 THURSDAY

### *The Ascension Day*

7.30 p.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Derek Collins *Saint Columba Mass*

John Rutter *O clap your hands*

Preacher: The Rev'd Janice Elsdon

Hymns 266, 284 (378), 431 (i), 255

Messiaen *III. Transport de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ  
qui est la sienne (L'Ascension)*

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## 15 FRIDAY

### *Saint Matthias*

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Bertalot *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 78, vv. 1-12 (Plainsong)

Moore *The Third Service*

Howells *My eyes for beauty pine*

Hymn 532



# May

## 17 SUNDAY: THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST  
Haydn *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*  
Bevan *There's a wideness in God's mercy*  
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Gill Withers  
Hymns 398 (ii), 524, 286 (i), 708  
J.S. Bach *Prelude and Fugue in G Major BWV 541*
- 3.10 p.m. ORGAN RECITAL Jack Wilson *Organist and Master of Music*  
J.S. Bach *Trio Sonata No. 1 in E flat Major BWV 525*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Radcliffe *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 89, vv. 1-16 (Elvey)  
Stanford *Evening Service in G*  
Arvo Pärt *Da pacem domine*  
Hymn 300  
Bélier *Toccata*
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## 21 THURSDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Maryln Harper *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 106, vv. 1-10 (Plainsong)  
Malcolm Archer *The Berkshire Service*  
Sarah MacDonald *Michaelmas*
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## 22 FRIDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Reading *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 108 (Plainsong)  
Willan *Fauxbourdons Tone VIII and III*  
Sullivan *The long day closes*

May

**24 SUNDAY: WHIT SUNDAY**

*The Day of Pentecost*

11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Darke *Communion Service in F*

Hurford *Litany to the Holy Spirit*

Preacher: The Very Rev'd Stephen Forde, *Dean*

Hymns 318, 294, 323, 296

Cochereau *IV. Toccata (from Symphonie Boston)*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG with the *Installation of Fr Martin Magill as Ecumenical Canon*

Reading *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 119, vv. 1-16 (Wilson)

Stanford *Evening Service in B flat*

Grayston Ives *Listen Sweet Dove*

Hymns 303, 305 (73), 313 (528)

Elgar *I. Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G Major)*

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**The Cathedral Choir break for Half-Term until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

# May/June

## 31 SUNDAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

- 11.00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST  
James MacMillan *The Galloway Mass*  
Hymns 324, 321, 316, 322
- 3.30 p.m. EVENING PRAYER  
Hymns 320, 317 (196)
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## 04 THURSDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Maryln Harper *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 23 (Plainsong)  
Malcolm Archer *The Berkshire Service*  
Hurford *Litany to the Holy Spirit*
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## 05 FRIDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Plainsong *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 29 (Plainsong)  
Dyson *Evening Service in C minor*  
Howells *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

# June

## 07 SUNDAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST  
Stanford *Communion Service in C and F*  
Dan Locklair *O Sacrum Convivium*  
Preacher: The Rev'd Cameron Mack, *Curate*  
Hymns 657 (i), 211, 417, 549  
J.S. Bach *Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 547*
- 3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG *marking the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme*  
Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 37, vv. 12-26 (Purcell)  
Brewer *Evening Service in D*  
Mawby *Do not stand at my grave and weep*  
Hymns 643 (i), 21 (i), 73  
Walton *Orb and Sceptre*
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## 11 THURSDAY

### *Saint Barnabas*

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Maryln Harper *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 60 (Plainsong)  
Malcolm Archer *The Berkshire Service*  
Mendelssohn *O rest in the Lord*
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## 12 FRIDAY

- 5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG  
Plainsong *Preces and Responses*  
Psalm 67 (Plainsong)  
Eoghan Desmond *Fauxbourdon Service*  
Walker *I will lift up mine eyes*

June

**14 SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Christopher Robinson *Communion Service*

Mendelssohn *O Rest in the Lord*

Preacher: The Very Rev'd Stephen Forde, *Dean*

Hymns 10 (i), 350 (ii), 426 (i), 368

Elgar *IV. Presto (Sonata in G Major)*

3.30 p.m. SAYING GOODBYE SERVICE

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# June

## 21 SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Lucy Walker *Missa Sanctae Annae*

Jack Wilson *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*

Preacher: The Venerable Barry Forde, *Archdeacon of Belfast*

Hymns 286(i), 599, 108 (iii), 529

Laurin *Fantasy and Fugue in D Major*

3.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Sarah MacDonald *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 106, vv. 29-46

Bryan Kelly *Evening Service in C*

Joubert *O Lorde, the maker of al thing*

Hymn 484

Boëllmann *IV. Toccata (Suite Gothique)*

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## 25 THURSDAY

5.30 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

Marilyn Harper *Preces and Responses*

Psalm 119, vv. 73-88 (Plainsong)

Malcolm Archer *The Berkshire Service*

John Rutter *The Lord bless you and keep you*

# June/July

## 28 SUNDAY: THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11.00 a.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

Jackson *Benedicite*

Ireland *Te Deum in F Major*

Elgar *The Spirit of the Lord*

Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, *Diocesan Reader*

Psalms 133-134

Hymns 528, 372, 92

Mulet *Tu es Petra*

3.30 p.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST *Opening the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council*

Jonathan Dove *Missa Brevis*

Jack Wilson *Alone with none but thee, my God*

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Maggie Swinson, *Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council*

Hymns 330 (318), 614, 400, 259

J.S. Bach *Prelude in E flat Major 'St Anne' BWV 552*

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## 04 SATURDAY

3.30 p.m. CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST *Closing the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council*

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange *Missa Brevis (World Premiere)*

Preacher: The Most Rev'd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally,  
*Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England*

Psalm 85 (Hemmings)

Hymns 346, 127, 672, 303

Widor *V. Finale (Symphony No. 6)*



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