

Saint Bartholomew's Church

Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Dear Choir Friend,

11/4/1992

As we near Eastertide, I thought it might be a good idea to bring you up to date on events in St. Bartholomews and particularly in the choir.

Thanks to your generosity, parents of boy choristers are now receiving bursaries towards their education and the recruitment drive is well under way. You may have seen our advert in 'South News', Church of Ireland Gazette, Church Review and the Feis Ceoil Programme. Former choristers are asked to do all they can to help find new choristers. What an embellishment to any boys education membership of our choir is.

St. John's College, Cambridge

Thanks to the generosity of Brian & Sarah MacMurray the choir attended a superb recital in Trinity College Chapel on Saturday March 14th.

Book of Memory

Four new entries were made in the Book of Memory and in keeping with the tradition, they are remembered and prayed for each year on the Sunday preceding the anniversary of their death.

Noel Quinn	April 21st, 1981
Harry Lundberg	November 12th, 1974
Fred Leach	March 27th, 1948
Elizabeth Fleming	March 23rd, 1984

Please let me know if there are any other names you might like included.

Malcolm Proud

Malcolm is helping us to revive our Mid Summer Festival by giving a recital on Wednesday June 17th in the church. The programme will include harpsichord, organ and a number of choir items. Put this in your diary and bring a friend along.



George Talbot

George recently left us to sing in Christ Church Cathedral and in doing so, joins Catriona, his wife, there. George was a great support and a very popular fellow with us. We wish him all the best in his further musical career and have made him a small presentation to show our appreciation. Sometime before he left, he became Dr. Talbot (Doctor of Italian). I hope the 'ribbing' we gave him wasn't why he left!

Occasional

If there are any former choristers who would be prepared to help out when we have problems with Mens Voices this would be very helpful. We are fortunate in having quite a few young men who are developing, but if an anchor-man has to miss - it presents problems. John Lundberg has already volunteered and we are delighted to welcome him. If you would be prepared to help on such occasions please phone Malcolm Wisener - Tel. 683237 and tell him if you are tenor, bass or alto.

Feast of the Dedication - Sunday October 4th

Evensong 7.00 p.m., Choir Re-Union

I am delighted to say that Reverend Robin Armstrong has very kindly accepted an invitation to preach at our next choir re-union.

Last October we welcomed over 50 former members mostly from 40/50 years ago. There will be a reception afterwards in the parish room. Put it in your diary now!!

David Tillitson

David, a former St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir Scholar has joined the choir. we are delighted to welcome him to the bass line, he shows a great enthusiasm in travelling from Blanchardstown.



Niall Morris

Niall, many will remember as an outstanding leading soprano in our choir, has developed into an international tenor. In February, he sang in the National Concert Hall when the Dun Laoghaire Choral Society performed the Mozart Requiem. The conductor was another St. Bartholomew's musician, Mark Armstrong.

Having completed his music degree in Kings College London, Niall has embarked on a career in Opera working out of London.

David Milne

David, who I'm sure still considers St. Barth's his alma-mater now conducts the Guinness Choir and the Dublin University Choral Society: His son, Nicholas Milne teaches violin and sings with us.

Culwick Choral Society

Our own Malcolm Wisener is shortly adding to his many music accomplishments by becoming conductor of the famous Culwick.

St. Bartholomews Bells

Our peal of bells was recently re-wired. Problem is - there are no enthusiasts to play them! Are you interested or do you know any campanologists. Please contact me if you can help.

Ronnie Fleming

Remember him ? from Shelbourne Road - well he visits St. Bartholomews from his home in Middlesex on Sunday April 26th. He is home to attend a wedding elsewhere in Dublin.

Choir Robes

We are wearing 'tatters' - if there are any 'terribly wealthy' former choristers who'd like to 're-tog' the choir, please contact the vicar.




125th Birthday of St. Bartholomews

Consecrated by Archbishop Trench on December 23rd, 1867 we are now celebrating our 125th anniversary thus result all the important events which are scheduled in the enclosed leaflet.

Well, that's about it! I hope I have touched on some matters which are of interest to you! Please come along as often as you can and ensure St. Bartholomews and our choir tradition are there for future generations to benefit from your support.

Bobby Barden

R.W. Barden



Kevin includes Mozart, Byrd, Palestrina and Orlando Gibbons in his repertoire!

- He has sung in Hereford and Ripon Cathedrals. Also in Christchurch and St. Patricks Cathedrals!
- He camps in Dingle and boats to the Skelligs!
 - Also he plays rugby and soccer!
- And he has a scholarship and pocket money!
Not bad - for a nine years old?

Why not join Kevin and his 'accomplished' pals in St. Bartholomews Church Choir, Ballsbridge.

For enquiries or to arrange a simple audition - phone
Malcolm Wisener, 683237 after 6.00 p.m.
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