

St. Bartholomew's Choir

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April 2001

Organ Update

Although the work on our organ rebuild is progressing very steadily, it is also progressing extremely well. The new bellows - all six of them, where formerly there was only one - are now in place, as are the swell and choir organ soundboards. The refurbished 16-foot pedal pipes have been installed and the wind ducting which distributes air to the various soundboards and chests from the bellows has just been completed.

Work on the new console is almost finished. The console, at the moment sit-

ting in Mr. Trevor Crowe's workshop in Kildare, will be brought on site soon. Several ranks of the original pipes have been restored and revoiced and are now in church awaiting installation. Also, some new pipework has been imported from Holland. It is not possible just at present to predict exactly when all the work will be finished and when the whole of the newly restored organ will be back with us, but we should have some of it ready for playing quite soon.

Carol Concert

Our concert of Carols and Festive Readings with Alan Stanford on December 18th, was one of our most successful ever.

Even without the Organ, we were able to raise £2,766.42 for the Organ Fund. We are extremely fortunate to have such a good friend as Alan Stanford, who has generously agreed to do an Oscar Wilde' evening in aid of the Organ Fund.

Lamentations of Jeremiah

The gentlemen of the choir will be singing the Lamentations of Jeremiah by Thomas Tallis on Sunday April 1st at Evensong (7:00pm). This is a beautiful piece of music which is well worth hearing.

Tim Thurston featured part 1 of it in his program "Gloria" on March 18th, sung by the Tallis Scholars. We again congratulate our fellow choir colleague on "Gloria" which has one of the highest ratings for a music program with a religious theme.

Choir Photographs

Can you imagine the choir-boys wearing motorboards?

We are currently putting together a collection of photographs of the choir throughout the years, and one of the earliest ones we have right now (dated pre-1900) shows the choir-boys thus adorned!

The collection which we will display somewhere in the church includes photos from the time when

Canon Richard Travers Smith, followed by Canon Harry Vere White, were Vicars, and William Henry Vipond Barry was Organist, on to the present day. We will need help in identifying many of the people in them!

Don't forget also that a number of photographs are also available on the Choir web site.

Boys' Christmas Fare

The choristers collected their now traditional "Barden Bags" on Christmas Morning - however, breaking from tradition this year, they were not garbage bags! Instead, environmentally friendly paper sacks were used - and as always, the contents were as varied as ever -

including torches, model motorbikes, hats, car brochures, the usual tin of beans, and plenty to eat.

On February 4th, after the Sung Eucharist, Malcolm and some of the younger men took the boys to "Aladdin" in the Gaiety Theatre, where a good time was had by all.

Joseph Jones

Joseph Jones passed away on February 3rd, 2001. Joseph was for many years a Glebe Warden and Vestry Member at St. Bartholomew's. He took his duties for the church so seriously that even when his health began to let him

down he still refused to miss any Vestry Meetings. We will not forget his quick sense of humour either - nor his admonishing word for the 'faint-hearted'. We extend our sympathies to Mrs Jones and his family.

On Leave

Six of the younger gentlemen are absent at the moment, as they are concentrating on their pre-exam studies for the Leaving and Junior Certificate examinations. We wish them all the best and look forward to their return to the choir stalls. They are Sean Fitzpatrick, Brian Gageby, Graham Kerr, Stephen Kerr, Gillen Motherway, and Kevin O'Connor.

William Young

William (Bill) Young, a friend of a number of many choir members, passed away on March 11th, 2001. A packed St. Patrick's Cathedral bore tribute to Bill, who for over twenty years was Ireland's leading Bass.

He will be remembered specially for his warm and friendly manner. May he rest in peace.

Post-Easter Trip

The choir trip this year is to St. Finbarre's Cathedral in Cork. We leave from St. Bartholomew's at 2:00pm on Thursday 19th April, getting back to Dublin at around midnight on Sunday April 22nd. We are singing Evensong on Friday and Saturday, and both the Sung Eucharist and Evensong on Sunday.

New Choristers

Two more choristers will be welcomed to our choir stalls shortly, as soon as their probationary training is complete. They are Brian and Kevin Clancy.

Parish Mail Drop

The Vicar has had a card prepared which will be delivered by An Post to almost every house in the combined parishes of St. Bartholomew's with Christ Church, Leeson Park. It gives our joint Holy Week/Easter service listings, and in the spirit of generosity, provides details of all Christian worship within the joint parish boundaries.

Dublin Castle

The boys have been invited to sing at the opening of a medical conference - "Craniofacial Management into the 21st Century" - in St Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle on Wednesday March 18th. It will be opened by An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, TD and is organized by Trinity College Dublin.

"Antiques and Dreams" Auction

Alan Fletcher is appealing for items that can be auctioned in aid of the Organ Rebuilding Fund.

If you have ornamental items, silver, painting, china, furniture, unwanted gifts, good quality "white elephant" services, tickets, meals, vouchers, holidays, or any-

thing else Alan would love to hear from you. He can be contacted by phone 6683237 or at alan.fletcher@ucd.ie.

The auction takes place on Saturday 19th May in the Knights of Malta Hall, directly beside the Church.

Music List (at a glance) - April 2001

Sunday 1st April - Passion Sunday

11:30am: Sung Eucharist and Sermon
Service: *Darke* in E
Motet: *Crucifixus (Lotti)*

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)
Service: Plainsong and Fauxbourdons (*Tomkins*)
Anthem: The Lamentations of Jeremiah (*Tallis*)

Sunday 8th April - Palm Sunday

11:30am: Blessing of Palms and Solemn Eucharist
Service: Mass for 5 voices (*Byrd*)
Motet: Hosanna to the Son of David (*Weelkes*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Full Choir)
Service: Second Service (*Byrd*)
Anthem: Praise to thee Lord Jesus (*Schutz*)

Thursday 12th April - Maundy Thursday

8:00pm: Solemn Eucharist
Service: *Wood* in the Phrygian Mode
Gloria: *Stanford* in B flat
Motet: *Ubi caritas (Durufle)*

Friday 13th April - Good Friday

12:00pm: Choral Mattins
Psalm: 130
Miserere mei, Deus: Tone II
Benedictus: Tone VIII

1:30pm: The Liturgy of the Passion

Reproaches: *Sanders*
Agnus Dei: *Wood* in the Phrygian Mode
Motet: *O vos omnes (Casals)*

Saturday 14th April - Holy Saturday

9:00pm: The Easter Vigil
Exultet: *Sheppard*
Service: *Darke* in F
Motet: *Dum transisset sabbatum (Taverner)*

Sunday 15th April - Easter Day

11:30am: Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
Service: Little Organ Mass (*Haydn*)
Motet: Blessed be the God and Father (*Wesley*)

Sunday 22nd April - Second Sunday of Easter

Choir are singing the Services at St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork.

Sunday 29th April - Third Sunday of Easter

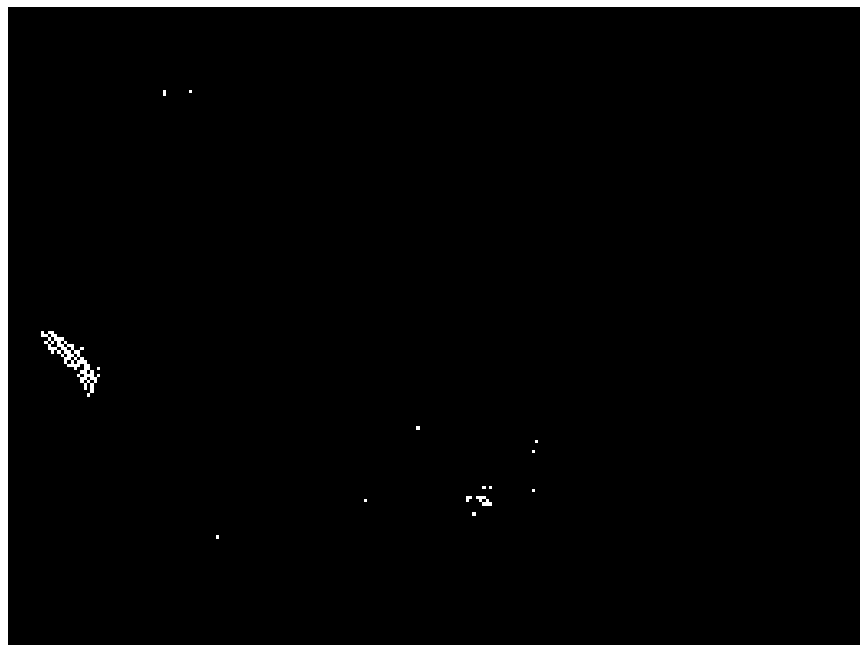
11:30am: Sung Eucharist and Sermon
Service: *Jackson* in G
Motet: And I saw a new heaven (*Bainton*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)
Service: *Sumsion* in G
Anthem: O Praise God in his holiness (*Weldon*)

Go-Karting

Shortly after Christmas, Bobby Barden organised his now traditional Go-Karting outing for the young(er) Gentlemen. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barden for once again organising such a fun event.

	<u>Avg. Lap</u>	<u>Avg. Speed</u>	<u>Best Lap</u>	<u>Laps</u>
Stephen Kerr	30.99	56 kph	29.55	28
Richard Bannister	31.78	54 kph	29.50	28
Graham Kerr	31.89	54 kph	30.39	27
David Kerr	31.95	54 kph	29.94	27
Ian Ellis	32.05	54 kph	29.98	27
Clive Hope-Ross	32.83	53 kph	29.93	27
Bobby Barden	33.32	52 kph	31.81	26
Brian Gageby	33.54	52 kph	30.54	26
Nick McMurry	33.61	51 kph	30.41	26
Kevin O'Connor	34.17	51 kph	29.16	26
Gillen Motherway	34.35	50 kph	32.77	26
Fr. William Ritchie	40.16	43 kph	33.69	22



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