

St. Bartholomew's Choir

<http://www.stbartholomews.ie/>

January 2003

Girls Choir Debut

The Girls Choir will be singing their first Evensong with the men on Sunday February 9th at 7:00pm. The service is Sung in A, with "The Lord bless you and keep you" by Rutter as the anthem.

The girls, ranging in age from 7 to 16, have been rehearsing since September 2002. They are Madeline Boyle, Nicola Cantan, Gillian Carr, Chiara Farrell, Aimee Jones, Etan Kinsella

Mc Lennan, Aishling O'Flynn, Katie O'Flynn, Zoe O'Regan, Cliona Rogan, Grace Tallan, and Edith Todd.

This will be quite a historic occasion as there has never been a girls choir in the parish before. Please come along to support them.

The girls will also sing Evensong on Sunday March 2nd and Sunday March 30th.

Archbishop's Visit

The new Archbishop, John Neill, took the service on Sunday January 19th. Bishop Neill was of course vicar of St Bartholomew's for almost seven years from 1978, and it was a very special occasion to welcome him back as Celebrant and Preacher.

The occasion was saddened, however, by being our first Sunday without Fr William who has commenced his leave of absence. Our prayers, thoughts, and good wishes go with him.

His Grace preached a stirring sermon in which he reminded us, as we near the season of Unity, that ecumenism begins in our own parishes, among ourselves before we reach out to others.

Recording Sessions

There will be further work on the preparation of our second CD during March. Dates will be announced shortly.

Concert of Carols and Festive Readings

Our annual concert of Carols and Festive Readings took place on Sunday December 15th 2002 to a capacity crowd. Over 3,000 Euro was raised from ticket sales, with proceeds divided between two charities, the "Friends of St Lukes" and the "Concern Fund for Ethiopia".

This years programme introduced several works never sung by the choir before; the spectacular "Nova Nova" by Chilcott, and the more tra-

ditional "Jacob's Ladder" arranged by Darlington. Solos in the latter were performed by Andrew Dempsey and Brian Gageby. A number of carols not heard in St Bartholomew's recently were also included in the programme; People look East (Traditional) and Personent Hodie (Holst).

The choir would like to thank Alan Stanford for once more taking time out from his busy schedule.

Chester Trip

The dates for our post-east-er trip this year have now been finalised, with the trip going from Tuesday April 22nd to Sunday April 27th. Malcolm Wisener is finalising the party that are travelling as the firm accommodation arrangements must be made very soon.

Chester Cathedral was founded as a Benedictine Abbey in 1093, and created a cathedral in 1541

and dedicated to Christ and St Mary . Chester was started by the Romans as a gar-rison town on the River Dee between Wales and Wirral. It has a prosperous history with its galleried timber and plastered houses and shops. The city has featured regularly in the Stena Line's Irish brochure of places to visit in England travelling Dublin Port/Holyhead and on by bus or train.

Karting

For many years now, Bobby Barden has taken the gentlemen of the choir Karting in the week after Christmas. This year, the two head boys were also

invited to compete.

Bobby has generously agreed to run this event again in May, so start practicing now!

	Laps	Avg	Best	Speed
Stephen Kerr	33	27:03	25:22	64
David Kerr	33	27:24	25:41	63
Graham Kerr	32	27:39	26:04	63
Richard Bannister	31	28:46	27:07	61
Colin Rogan	30	29:79	26:91	58
Ian Ellis	28	31:41	26:64	55
Steven Fagan	28	31:45	28:27	55
Brian Gageby	28	32:12	28:34	54
Killian Rogan	22	34:77	29:46	50
Andrew Dempsey	23	38:86	27:61	44
Andrew Bannister	22	39:14	31:37	42

(Sorted by Average Lap)

Movement Within

Two of the boys have moved into the Alto line. These are Andrew Dempsey, our former head boy, and Peter Le Brocquy Cox, who joined us last year. Stephen Fagan has moved from the Alto line to the tenor line.

Upcoming Concert

Our choir will be combining with the choirs of St Patrick's, Christ Church, and the Palestrina choir to perform the Fauré requiem at a concert in aid of a charity which works to clear land mines in Bosnia and plant crops in their place.

Web Site Updates

The parish web site, <http://www.stbartholomews.ie/>, has received a number of updates recently.

As always, if you have anything that should be added to the parish web site, speak to Richard Bannister (or e-mail him at richard@indigo.ie).

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