

St. Bartholomew's Choir

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Recent Concerts

Our annual concert with Alan Stanford in December was, as usual, a fabulous success. The proceeds of the concert were donated for the work of Musik Makers, based out of St Francis Xavier's Church in Gardiner Street. A cheque for Euro 1500 was presented on our behalf to Brother Tom Phelan SJ by the Vicar and Bobby Barden.

The concert was repeated in All Saints Church, Carnew on Saturday 16th January, at the invitation of the Rector, Father Dermot Dunne. The choir particularly enjoyed the magnificent acoustics on offer. In this case, the proceeds were divided equally between the Choir Fund and All Saints Church, with each getting 600 Euro.

Welcome!

John Curran has joined the Tenor line. John also sings with Cantando and is a former member of the Palestrina Choir. In the boys ranks we have welcomed Robert Cooke and Isaac Dempsey.



Presenting the Cheque

2005 Trip

Even though our Paris trip is still two months away, our destination for Easter 2005 has been announced; we will be singing the services in Wells Cathedral.

Wells is in the south east of England. The cathedral is enriched by several architectural features which includes its scissor arches, its octagonal chapter house reached by flights of stone steps, its moated Bishop's Palace, and of particular interest to us, of course its fabulous acoustics.

Further details will be announced closer to the time.

Vierne Messe Solennelle

Those who were inspired by hearing this wonderful music at the Corpus Christi Eucharist last June will be pleased to know that it will be repeated on Sunday 8th February at the 11.30 Eucharist.

The work particularly demonstrates the glory of our re-built organ and the choir are looking forward to their second opportunity to sing the setting.

The Kyrie from the service last June may be downloaded from the parish web site.

Epiphany Carol Service

The Girls Choir sang an Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 17th January.

Although an Epiphany Carol Service has never been done in St Bartholomew's before, it was a great success, with over one hundred people attending.

The five carols sung were A maiden most gentle

(French Traditional), Jesus Child (Rutter), Still still still (German Traditional), The Shepherd's Farewell (Berlioz), and When Jesus our lord (Mendelssohn).

The Girls Choir will be singing next at Evensong on Sunday February 8th; please come along and support them if you can.

The Glory of Christmas

The boys took part in three performances of the Glory of Christmas concert in the National Concert Hall in December. Emmet Kiberd and Killian Horan both sang several solos, with the conductor, John Pryce-Jones, noting that this was by far his favourite part of the concert.

The writer was in the audience for the third concert, which started a quarter of an hour late because nobody could find the con-

ductor. When he finally appeared, he admitted to the audience that he'd actually been asleep in a local hotel when the phone rang at 8:01pm. As you can imagine this caused quite a bit of merriment!

Special thanks are due to Malcolm Wisener, Eoghan Ward, Richard Bannister, and Barbara Conroy who took the boys to Burger King on both nights without losing anyone.

Choir CD update

Choir members are reminded that the second recording session for our new CD takes place on Saturday 13th March 2004 at 2:30pm.

Work on our second CD commenced last year, with three tracks being recorded.

In the mean while, we are now down to the last few copies of Sing Praises, our first CD. If you would like to purchase a copy (Euro 10) please speak to either Alan Fletcher or Richard Bannister.

King Family

Around 1956 we had a father and son duo in the choir. Michael, a boy chorister and his late father, Charles, in the men's section. We are grateful to Mervyn Percival for noting the recent death in England of Elsie, Charles's wife. The Kings were also hugely involved in other parts of our parish life when Reverend Sydney Craig was Vicar, on the vestry, the sanctuary guild and daughter Mary in the guide troop. May Elsie and Charles Rest in Peace.

Gloria

Several people have been asking what happened to Gloria, until recently broadcast on Lyric FM at 6:00pm. Here comes the answer from Tim Thurston himself:

I can now advertise Gloria without any guilt about encouraging people to be late for Evensong. It's now being broadcast on Lyric FM from 8:30 to 10:00 every Sunday morning. The extra 30 mins will allow me to play an appropriate Bach Cantata every week. I'm thrilled with this aspect as I believe them to be the most wonderful corpus of - more or less - unknown music there is - and they are at the very heart of Bach's supreme greatness.

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Sunday 1st February - Candlemas

11:30am: Solemn Eucharist

Service: Missa Collegium Regale (*Haywells*)

Motet: When to the temple Mary went (*Eccard*)

Organ: Finale Symphonie No. 1 (*Vienne*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Full Choir)

Responses: *Chicus*

Service: *Lyson* in D

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (*Wesley*)

Sunday 8th February - Septuagesima

11:30am: Sung Eucharist

Service: Messe Solennelle (*Vienne*)

Motet: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (*Burston*)

Organ: Toccata (*Musiel*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Girls Choir)

Responses: *Smith*

Service: *Stanford* in B flat

Anthem: Gaelic Blessing (*Kitter*)

Sunday 15th February - Sexagesima

11:30am: Sung Eucharist

Service: Canterbury Mass (*Viccolo*)

Motet: Ubi Caritas (*Turn, He*)

Organ: Sonata No. 1 (*Mendelssohn*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)

Responses: *Aspfield*

Service: Plainsong and Fauxbourdons (*Mortley*)

Anthem: Sing we merrily (*Keaid*)

Sunday 22nd February - Quinquagesima

11:30am: Sung Eucharist

Service: *Stanford* in C and F

Motet: And I saw a new heaven (*Burton*)

Organ: Trio Sonata No. 1 in B flat (*Bach*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)

Responses: *Tallis*

Service: Second Service (*Moore*)

Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine (*Haywells*)

Wednesday 25th February - Ash Wednesday

8:00pm: Solemn Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Introit: Miserere (*Allegri*)

Service: *Wood* in the Phrygian Mode

Motet: Nolo Mortem Peccatoris (*Mortley*)

Sunday 29th February - First Sunday of Lent

11:30am: Sung Eucharist

Service: Missa Secunda (*Hassler*)

Motet: Bow thine ear (*Byrd*)

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in B minor (*Bach*)

7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Girls Choir)

Responses: *Smith*

Service: *Lyson* in F

Anthem: View me Lord (*Hayd*)

Choir Karting

Bobby Barden was kind enough to once again sponsor a Karting session for the younger gentlemen, as well as some who have managed to avoid growing up. As with previous years, the two head boys were invited to come

along too.

The second group to go out on the track had significantly better results than the first group, with an advantage of several seconds per lap. Ian Meldon has stirred up quite a bit of controversy over this on

the grounds that the later group would have had a lighter fuel load and the advantage of warmer tires. Readers are invited to draw their own conclusion.

As always a fantastic time was had by all.



Person	Laps	Best	Avg.	Spd.	Group
Stephen	30	28.64	29.98	46	B
Graham	29	28.64	30.52	45	B
David	28	29.76	31.22	44	B
Bobby	28	29.60	31.74	43	B
Richard	27	31.52	33.00	41	A
Andrew	26	30.72	33.49	41	A
Killian	24	31.52	36.66	37	A
William	24	31.68	36.98	38	B
Ian	23	31.52	37.87	36	A
Conor	23	32.16	38.02	36	A
Sebastian	17	43.68	50.57	27	A

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