



St Bartholomew's Choir

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Girls' Choir visits Cashel Cathedral

On Saturday 28th May, eleven members of the Girls' Choir and six of the Gentlemen travelled to Cashel in Co. Tipperary. There was a definite sense of excitement in the air, as this was to be the first time that the Girls' Choir had ventured from the relative safety of the choir stalls in St Bartholomew's.

The day began at the comparatively sensible hour of 10:00 am, with the group meeting at the church to collect robes and music.

A three hour drive brought us to our first port of call, the Deanery in Cashel. The Gentlemen of the Choir were shown to their rooms while the rest of the party enjoyed the peace of the large walled garden. The Dean, the Very Reverend Dr. Philip Knowles, gave us an informal tour of the Deanery and Gardens before we assembled in the adjoining Parish Room for a hot meal.

After lunch, we had a clear sunny afternoon to enjoy the Rock of Cashel. The wind was gusting at speeds of up to 70 MPH, but this did not deter the Girls who were

all enjoying themselves. We were shown the Medieval Cathedral, Cormac's Chapel, and the restored Vicar's Choral Hall. We then ventured down to the relative shelter of

utes to allow time for those attending mass in the nearby Church to take their seats. The programme consisted of several settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis as well as



Clergy, Warden and Choir in the grounds of the Cathedral

the Town of Cashel, and the Georgian Cathedral in John Street for rehearsal.

With the practice out of the way, the girls were taken to Mother Hubbard's Restaurant for refreshments, whilst the gentlemen adjourned to the cellar of the Palace Hotel.

The real work of the trip was an evening concert, scheduled to begin at 8:00pm but delayed by about ten min-

a number of motets from the repertoire. The singing was interspersed with four short pieces played by Andrew Mackriell on the Green Organ, famous for being used for one of the first performances of Handel's Messiah outside of Dublin.

The concert was greatly appreciated by the assembled audience. The proceeds were donated to the Cathedral

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Restoration Fund. The Dean thanked us all for making the event possible.

After the concert, the



The Girls in relaxed mood before the Service.

girls stayed overnight in the nearby Cashel Holiday Hostel, a converted Georgian town house. The Gentlemen passed the evening in a local restaurant before returning to the Deanery.

We all met again in the Cathedral at 10:00am on Sunday morning for rehearsal, ahead of the Choral Eucharist service at 11:30am. The service setting was *Sum-*

sion in F, with the motet *View me Lord (Lloyd)*.

After the service, the Dean opened the Bolton Library, and the Girls and Gentlemen were given the opportunity to look through some of the manuscripts.

The Mothers Union then provided Lunch in the Parish Room.

After the meal, Malcolm Wisener thanked the Dean and the people of Cashel for



The group waiting for the guide on the Rock of Cashel.

the warmth of their welcome and hospitality.

Robin Heather

New service time

The time of the Sunday morning Solemn Eucharist will be changing to 11:00am with effect from Sunday 5th June. The time for Evensong remains unchanged at 7:00pm.

Elgin Chorale

As always, the choir will be on holiday during the months of July and August, and members of the "Elgin Chorale" will be taking over the music for this period. Anyone willing to assist with this should speak to our assistant organist, Eoghan Ward.

Next Event

The next major event for the choir will be the Solemn Eucharist on St Bartholomew's Day. This will be sung by boys and men on Wednesday 24th August at 7:00pm. The rehearsal begins at 6:00pm.

Comments from the visit

Niamh Harty took the time to hear what the girls had to say during the trip.



We had a very humorous driver (John). We had a nice lunch and dinner. The Rock of Cashel was not very exciting. I liked the pieces we sang at the concert. Our room is nice.

Gillian Carr



The journey to Cashel was longer than I thought it would be, but it was worth the journey when I got there. The Rock of Cashel was amazing and the concert was brilliant.

Kate Somers



It's been fun. The trip to Cashel was shorter than I expected. The Cathedral is smaller than I expected and everyone was very nice. The hostel is cool.

Roisín Horan



It was fun. I liked the food. Everybody was really nice. I enjoyed the singing, and the Rock of Cashel besides the wind. I had a great time.

Edith Dodd



It was a very good trip, great food and I enjoyed the singing. I expected the Cathedral to be bigger, though. The Rock of Cashel was interesting – the wind was very strong.

Zoe O'Regan



I had a good time. The best bit was going to bed. I liked the concert lots.

Simone Murray



I enjoyed the trip. The singing was very enjoyable and the hostel was very nice.

Aislinn Traynor



It was good. I enjoyed the concert. I missed a lot of the beginning, though.

Ellen Mullen



I enjoyed the trip.

Clara Despard



The practice seemed so much longer than the actual concert. The Rock of Cashel was a bit windy – just a tad! – but we soon found the quietest place there. Mother Hubbard's was a bit better than we expected. I was astonished how short the journey to Cashel was. The Dean was very nice.

Cliona Rogan



I had a great time.

Megan Yusko

Sunday 5th June - Trinity 2**11:00am: Solemn Eucharist**Service: *Ireland* in C

Psalm: 33 (v1-12)

Motet: Jesu, joy of man's desiring (*Bach*)

Hymns: 353, 420, 294, 391

Organ: Toccata (*Boellmann*)**7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)**

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 41

Service: *Dyson* in C minorAnthem: Mine eyes for beauty pine (*Howells*)

Hymns: 150, 357

Sunday 12th June - Trinity 3**11:00am: Solemn Eucharist**Service: Missa O Quam Gloriosum (*Victoria*)

Psalm: 100

Motet: Ave maria (*Elgar*)

Hymns: 213, 216, 431, 479

Organ: Sonata in G, First Movement (*Elgar*)**7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)**Responses: *Ashfield*

Psalm: 43

Service: *Wood* in GAnthem: Sing we merrily (*Read*)

Hymns: 150, 361

Sunday 19th June - Trinity 4**11:00am: Solemn Eucharist**Service: *Darke* in E

Psalm: 86 (1-10)

Motet: Ubi caritas (*Duruflé*)

Hymns: 418, 461, 282, 114

Organ: Plymouth Suite (*Whitlock*)**7:00pm: Choral Evensong (Men's Voices)**Responses: *Tallis*

Psalm: 46

Service: Second Service (*Moore*)Anthem: Let my complaint (*Morley*)

Hymns: 150, 246

Sunday 26th June - Trinity 5**11:00am: Solemn Eucharist**Service: *Wood* in the Phrygian Mode

Psalm: 13

Motet: Ave verum (*Elgar*)

Hymns: 234, 378, 273, 372

No evensong.**Choirmaster:**

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