



St Bartholomew's News

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December 2005

2006 Choir Trip

Planning is well underway for the annual post-Easter choir trip. This year we will be joining with the Choir of St Patrick's Cathedral on a visit to the greater London area. Confirmed events so far are:

* A concert in St Lawrence Jewry (near the Barbican) on Wednesday April 19th.

* An Evensong on Thursday April 20th in Southwark Cathedral.

* An Evensong on Saturday April 22nd in Westminster Abbey.

As always, several fundraising events will be arranged to help make this trip a reality. Further details will be available in the new year.

Richard Bannister

Concert with Alan Stanford

The annual choir concert with Alan Stanford takes place this year on Sunday December 11th at 7:00pm. Tickets cost €10 (concessions €5), and may be purchased from any member of the choir or at the back of the church. Proceeds are in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland.

Bobby Barden

Romanian Orthodox

The Girls Choir with the Gentlemen will sing carols with the Romanian Orthodox Choir in Christ Church Leeson Park on Sunday December 18th at 7:00pm. This will be a nice opportunity to worship with our fellow Christians who now use our sister church for their worship.

Bobby Barden

Robert Hilliard

Regular readers and/or church-goers may remember that Robert Hilliard was not around for three months of last winter. He was in Canada where he did a course to train to be a ski instructor. He greatly enjoyed the experience and is now fully qualified to teach skiers of all ages and abilities.

However, this means that he will be leaving us for the winter once more; he will be putting all this training to good use, as he has accepted a job as ski instructor at Mount Snow Ski Resort in Vermont, USA. He will be taking up this role in early December, but anticipates being back among us in good time for Easter Week.

Richard Bannister

AIB Choral Society

Our friends in the AIB Choral Society will be hosting two events in the church during December.

A concert, Carols by Candlelight, will take place

on Tuesday December 13th at 8:00pm. Tickets cost €15 and may be purchased from Bruce Middleton on 087 2708018.

This will be followed

by a Community Carol Service on Thursday December 15th at 1:00pm, where there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Vincent de Paul.

Richard Bannister

A New Star in St Bartholomew's

On Friday 18th November we arrived for a lunchtime concert to find the church full of television gear; strong lights and a huge camera beam stretching to the ceiling. BBC Wales was making a film of Elin Manahan Thomas, a young Welsh soprano whom

John Eliot Gardiner chose to make the first recording of the newly discovered Birthday Ode by Bach. As well as being a lead soprano in JEG's superb Monteverdi Choir, she is also a member of the choir of the chapel of the Tower of London whose organist is Colm

Carey, son of our former Vicar, the late Dean Maurice Carey. Colm shone in a dramatic organ work by our own Donncha Dennehy of Trinity and provided a particularly sensitive accompa-

niment to a truly lovely voice. In the early 80s I was at a concert in Cambridge of a young soprano called Emma Kirkby - I had exactly the same feeling hearing Elin - a real star in the making. Hildegard, Carissimi, Vierne, Purcell and a stunning 3 minute "Opera" by Judith Weir showed her to have complete command of the widest repertoire and a real ability as a performer - with a simply gorgeous voice. Keep an eye out on BBC in February 2006 - and for live and CD appearances of a wonderful artist.

Tim Thurston

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Dalkey Island Probus Club invites you to come and sing well known Carols in St John's Church, Sandymount on Friday 30th December 2005 at 10.30 am accompanied by The Steadfast Band
Conductor Rodney Beste
Organist Derek Maybury
in aid of the St John's Restoration Fund

Christian Study Centre "People Look East"

This year we are examining eastern roots and influences on our Faith. Dr Alan McCormack launched the new session with a stimulating address on his recent visit to China and the work of the Dublin University Far East Mission. When in China last summer he was able to meet up with our own Jerusha McCormack (no relation); Jerusha and her partner Prof. John G. Blair are Visiting Professors of Western Civi-

lization with Chinese Comparisons at Beijing Foreign Studies University. They will be back briefly for a short break over Christmas. We hope to hear more of the situation in China from them and from Father Patrick Comerford of the Church Missionary Society.

In 2006 our attention will turn to the Orthodox and Oriental Churches. Father Godfrey O'Donnell of the Romanian Orthodox Parish

will give an introductory talk on orthodoxy next term. We hope also to hear from Liza Anderson, Mitchell Scholar, who is a welcome addition to our community at St Bartholomew's since her arrival from Philadelphia this term.

The centre meets in Church some Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm for a talk and questions and we conclude with Sung Compline at 7:00 pm.

Michael Thompson

New Vestments

The splendid new set of three Purple and Silver Vestments for the Celebrant and two assistants at the Solemn Eucharist have been partly funded by a generous donation from the Sisters of the Community of St John the Evangelist and others in memory of former members of that community, of the Community of St Mary the Virgin (which they absorbed) and former staff and residents



of St Mary's Home. Any donations towards the cost of this set will be gratefully received by the Vicar. This might be

a good point to note that the very fine set of Crib figures, given by the Sisters to the church last year, were formerly those belonging to the Community of St Mary the Virgin, founded by Father Richard Travers Smith, second vicar of this parish. It was the first Religious Sisterhood for Anglicans to be founded in Ireland. "They being dead, yet speak".

Michael Thompson

Midnight Mass

The Girls' choir are currently learning Mozart's Mass in D (K194) for the annual Midnight Mass. This setting is one of Mozart's lesser known works, and neither choir has sung it before.

Bobby Barden

New Choirboys

Several new boys have joined the choir in the last few months. It is our pleasure to welcome Leonard Boyle, Matthew Boyle, Fergal Cooke, Adam Dargan, Edgar Henihan, Johnny Kehoe-Roche, Luke Kehoe-Roche, and Liam Newman.

Bobby Barden

Armenian Vespers

The Girls Choir and the Gentlemen sang Ecumenical Vespers to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on Sunday November 13th. They were conducted by His Grace Bishop Nathan Hovhannisian, Primate of the Armenian Church of Great Britain and Pontifical Legate to the See of Canterbury. Also taking part were the Right Reverends Bishop Michael Jackson and Bishop Peter Barrett together with the Vicar and Rev. Deacon Ararat Terteryan.

Bobby Barden

Glory of Christmas

The boys have once again been invited to sing in the Glory of Christmas concerts in the National Concert Hall organised by Raymond Gubbay Ltd. These take place at 8:00pm on Thursday December 22nd and at 3:30pm and 8:00pm on Friday December 23rd.

Unfortunately we do not receive any complimentary tickets. As such, all those wishing to attend should contact the National Concert Hall booking office directly on 01-4170000. Prices range from €19.50 to €39.50.

Bobby Barden

Boys go Bowling

On Sunday November 20th, twelve boys headed off to Leisureplex Stillorgan, for some bowling and food. There was a good mixture of the "old-timers" - Emmet, Calvin, Oisín, Rupert and Robert - with the "new kids on the block" - Leonard, Matthew, Johnny, Luke, Douglas, Adam, and Fergal. The one hour of bowling flew by, with a lot of the boys "multi-task-



ing" by playing air-hockey and other games in between their turns at bowling. Naturally this made for tired and hungry boys, who devoured the food and drinks served later. A great time was had by all!

Niamh Harty

The choir would like to thank both Niamh Harty and Malcolm Wisener for the putting in the hard work necessary to make this event happen.



Choir CD

There have been several people enquiring about the status of the second choir CD, recorded some time ago now.

Editing of the recording is currently in progress, and while it was hoped to have the CD available for Christmas this deadline will unfortunately not be met. However, we are very hopeful that work will be finished early in the new year.

In the meanwhile, thirty second extracts from three tracks (Magnificat in D, Hear my Prayer, and Thou wilt keep him) are available for download from the parish web site.

Special thanks are due to Andrew Mackriell for his efforts in moving this project along.

Richard Bannister

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