



# St Bartholomew's News

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## New Director of Music

The Vicar has appointed Fraser Wilson ARCO as Organist and Director of Music in succession to Malcolm Wisener. This was on the unanimous request of the Standing Committee of the Vestry, in consultation with the Choirs and with the encouragement of Philip Stopford, Organist of Belfast Cathedral and external musical advisor.

Fraser was formerly Sub Organist at St John's, Ranmoor and Organ Scholar at Christ Church Cathedral. Currently acting Organist and Director of Music at St Matthews, Carver Street, Sheffield, he will assume his duties in 2008. Peter Parshall will remain as Interim Director of Music until his arrival.

*Robin Heather*

## Farewell to Malcolm Wisener

After 21 years' service, and after giving so much to so many people and to the parish, Malcolm Wisener directed the choir for the final time at Evensong on Sunday 23rd September.

During the service,

na Rogan and Roisin Horan then presented him with DVD on behalf of the girls' choir. Malcolm in turn thanked the many people involved with the choir over the years.

It was a lovely evening and a fine way to share mem-



*Robert Hilliard makes a presentation to Malcolm Wisener on behalf of the choir. [Photo: Don Cazzini]*

which had a record attendance, the Vicar spoke of Malcolm's dedication and commitment to the choir, and in particular to the liturgy of St Bartholomew's. Robert Hilliard thanked Malcolm on behalf of the choir and parish, and presented him with a small token of our appreciation. Clio-

ories and to thank Malcolm for such a wonderful 21 years and his fantastic legacy.

We all wish him every success in his new position at St Fin Barre's Cathedral, and are confident that he will take the musical tradition there from strength to strength.

*Robert Hilliard*

## An Appreciation - Malcolm Wisener

I have never encountered a time when Malcolm was not in control of things. From a quiet evensong to a Schubert mass, to shepherding the choir across Paris via the Metro from 'digges' to San Sulpice with ages ranging from 8 to 70 years. Tours were undertaken to several cathedrals across England and Wales as well as to cathedrals around Ireland. This year the choir



*Girls' Choir, 2003*

sang a Choral evensong in Westminster Abbey.

He came to St Bartholomew's at the age of 24 in September 1986, after some years as Assistant Organist in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Steadily, Malcolm built up our choir in quality and in numbers that few would have ever thought possible. He was endowed with an equal measure of a very talented organist, a superb choirmaster/teacher and had a full understanding and obvious love of

the churches liturgy.

Over twenty one years he instilled in hundreds of boy choristers a love of church music and the discipline required for it's performance that became part of their fuller education. Many parents would bear witness to the encouragement he will have given to some with a natural shyness or indeed with some minor behavioural problems.

In more recent years he embarked on the establishment of a girl's choir. This in itself was a very brave move in what had been musically male dominated from the churches

foundation. Malcolm of course achieved this and the success was exemplified when last year on Ascension Thursday the Girls Choir sang the Mozart in D Mass while three days later the Boys Choir sang the Schubert in G Mass at the respective Eucharists.

St Bartholomew's loss is of course a fortunate gain for St Fin Barre's Cathedral in Cork. Malcolm takes over

there on October 1st from another fine church musician and gentleman, Colin Nicholls. An extensive and glowing



*The Black Abbey, 1993*

appreciation of Colin Nicholls appeared in the Irishman's Diary in the 'Irish Times' some weeks ago.

All of us in St Bartholomew's thank Malcolm for his many achievements and countless kindnesses over the twenty-one years and



*Paris, 1998*

wish him an equally fulfilling twenty-one years (and more) in St Fin Barre's.

*Bobby Barden*

## Business as Usual

Following recent resignations, it is important to note that it is very much "business as usual" for Choir and Parishioners in the lead up to the Christmas festivities.

It has been a good year for new recruits to both the Boys and Girls choirs. Practices continue as normal on Wednesday and Friday nights under the Direction of Peter Parshall, interim Director of Music, assisted by our assistant organist, Eoghan Ward.

Both Choirs face a busy schedule up to the end of the year. The October music list is reproduced overleaf;

November and December can be found under "Music Lists" on the parish web site.

During the Month of November, we look forward to welcoming the Archbishop who will be visiting us on the 11th. The annual requiem will take place a week later, where we remember the faithful departed, with the choir singing the setting by Fauré.

The Girls' Choir continue their pattern of singing Choral Evensong with the Gentlemen each month. During the month of December they will also lead the worship at the Carol Service on 9th

December, and the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Other highlights in December include the Advent Procession (2nd Dec) and the Annual Concert of Carols and Festive Readings (16th Dec).

In the new year, we are planning to organise trips for both the Boys and Girls Choirs; more about these will follow in a future newsletter.

The Select Vestry will continue to meet regularly, and during the interregnum, the latest news will be made available on the weekly sheet.

*Robin Heather*

## The Vicar

The Reverend Michael Thompson wishes to express his profound thanks to those who have shown him kindness over the three years he has been Vicar of St Bartholomew's and Rector of Christ Church, Leeson Park.

He has decided not to accept any presentation from the parishes on his departure. His last day among us will be Sunday October 7th.

*Niamh Harty*

## Former Choristers

Former chorister Jim Maguire (1936-1941) attended the Solemn Eucharist on Sunday September 16th with his wife Marlene. He recalled many former choristers, including Dick Quin, who flew Lancasters during the war and later became a senior pilot with Aer Lingus. These were in the days when most of our boys came from within the parish and the Maguire family lived in Pembroke Gardens. Jim was accompanied by Robin Luke.

Former choirboy Fred Espey (1943-1948) recently swam the two miles from the Vico Gentlemen's Bath-

ing Place to the Forty Foot in around one hour. This is quite some feat at the best of times, but all the more so at the age of seventy-three! He had to time the swim to allow for the current through the Sound. Fred is a former Commodore of the Royal Irish Yacht Club, and like Jim Maguire also hailed from close to the parish, South Lotts Road. We wish him well with a knee operation he is presently undergoing. Up to now they say he could swim better than he could walk. He drops in to the occasional event in St Bartholomew's.

*Bobby Barden*



## 9:00am Eucharist

The Rural Dean, in consultation with the Archbishop, has ruled that this service will cease during the vacancy. The Vicar has made provision for it to continue until the end of October when it will cease.

The Rural Dean has written "*The outcome of my discussion with the Archbishop is that the 9:00am service should be discontinued from November until the new Vicar arrives, as was done during the last vacancy. The parish will still have two services each Sunday for however long the vacancy might last*".

It is anticipated that the service will start again following the appointment of a new incumbent.

*Michael Thompson*

## October Music List

### Sunday 7th - Dedication Festival

#### 11:00am: Solemn Eucharist

Service: *Jackson* in G  
Psalm: 133  
Motet: *Sicut cervus (Palestrina)*  
Hymns: 343, 210, 206, 376  
Organ: *Dialogue sur les grandes jeux (de Grigny)*

#### 6:00pm: Evensong (Girls' Choir)

Responses: *Smith*  
Psalm: 139 (v1-18)  
Service: *Darke* in F  
Anthem: *Behold the tabernacle (Harris)*  
Hymns: 393, 204, 251

### Sunday 14th - Trinity 19

#### 11:00am: Solemn Eucharist

Service: *Canterbury Mass (Piccolo)*  
Psalm: 23  
Motet: *Ave verum (Byrd)*  
Hymns: 444, 383 (ii), 282, 295  
Organ: *Postlude in C (Smart)*

#### 6:00pm: Evensong (Men's Voices)

Responses: *Ashfield*  
Psalm: 142  
Service: *Plainsong and Fauxbourdons (Morley)*  
Anthem: *Agnus Dei (Byrd)*  
Hymns: 150, 377

### Sunday 21st - Trinity 20

#### 11:00am: Solemn Eucharist

Service: *Darke* in E  
Psalm: 96 (v1-9)  
Motet: *Salvator Mundi (Tallis)*  
Hymns: 336, 333, 300, 346  
Organ: *Messe pour les couvents (Couperin)*

#### 6:00pm: Evensong (Men's Voices)

Responses: *Plainsong*  
Psalm: 132  
Service: *Hylton Stewart* in C  
Anthem: *Alone with none but thee (Grocock)*  
Hymns: 150, 208

### Sunday 28th - Trinity 21

#### 11:00am: Solemn Eucharist

Service: *Mass three voices (Byrd)*  
Psalm: 100  
Motet: *Agnus Dei (Byrd)*  
Hymns: 374, 339, 224, 114  
Organ: *Preambulum in F (Lubeck)*

#### 6:00pm: Compline (Men's Voices)

## Address Book

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