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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

- 09.15 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel*)
- 11.15 Choral Eucharist / Choral Matins
- 15.15 Choral Evensong

Monday - Friday

- 09.00 Sung Matins (*during school term*)

Monday - Friday

- 11.05 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel on
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saints' Days and Festivals*)
- 17.30 Choral Evensong / Evening Prayer

Saturday

- 11.05 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel*)

A SHOT FROM THE CANON

Autumn has made its presence felt, turning our thoughts to the dark days of winter and to the season of Advent. Advent has inspired composers, writers, poets and artists to produce a wealth of work far beyond the season's apparent potential to inspire: it's relatively short, it falls during winter, and it's obliterated by Christmas preparations. But it simply won't lie down or go away. The Advent wreath's candles mark our waiting and our keeping watch. Passive though these might seem, their value mysteriously captivates our hearts and minds: we simply can't underrate Advent's inspiring hopefulness of watching and waiting. CM

PRAYING WITH THE PREBEND

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

Isaiah 40: 9

Shout, as you journey on,

Songs be in every mouth:

Lo, from the North they come,

From East and West and South.

In Jesus all shall find their rest:

In him the sons of earth be blest.

Advent Hymn by Charles Edward Oakley (1832–65)

NOVEMBER PREACHERS

November 6	The Ven C. W. L. McCauley	<i>Prebendary of Mulhuddart</i>
November 13	The Revd D. W. Oxley	<i>Prebendary of St. Audoen's</i>
November 20	The Revd. G. V. Wharton	<i>Prebendary of Dunlavin</i>
November 27	The Revd M. T. Kingston	<i>Prebendary of Yagoe</i>

CHRISTMAS EVE TICKETS

Subscribers to the Cathedral and members of the Friends are reminded that applications for tickets for the Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols should be made to the Dean's Vicar at the Cathedral office by Friday 26 November. Applications MUST include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a subscription/membership renewal fee where applicable. Each Friend or subscriber is entitled to apply for a maximum of two tickets.



CHAPTER NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER CLERK



At its meeting on 18 July the Chapter elected Canon Jennifer McWhirter to the prebendal stall of Taney, which became a Chapter stall following the amalgamation of the Sees of Tuam and Limerick. It is good that we continue to have Canon McWhirter on Chapter following her move to Clogher diocese. At its meeting on 24 September the diocesan synod of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe elected the Reverend John Godfrey as Prebendary of Kilmactalway to represent their diocese on the Chapter of Saint Patrick's. Canon-elect Godfrey is rector of Aughrim. We look forward to their installations here.

On Sunday 23 October I had the privilege of installing David Leigh as Lay Vicar of the Prebendary of Yagoe. David was appointed assistant organist 1997 and is now Organist and Assistant Master of the Music. The Chapter agreed unanimously that he should become a lay vicar, and we Chapter members wish him every blessing in his console and chancel ministry.

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DEAN'S VISIT TO NEW YORK

The Dean and Rosemary were delighted to visit New York City to promote awareness among Irish Americans of Saint Patrick's as the national cathedral of The Church of Ireland, and to highlight several projects for which funding is being sourced. The Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods, joined the Dean in meeting representatives of the Churches, the Consulate, and many other areas of civic life.

The Rector of Saint Thomas's Church, Fifth Avenue, the Reverend Canon Carl Turner, who invited the Dean to preach at the Sunday morning service, helped arrange the various meetings, and information sessions.

The Dean described the success of the visit as "far beyond our expectations", and said he draws immense hope and encouragement from the fact that many good and lasting friendships have been formed, bonds made between key contacts both in New York and in Ireland, and strategies formulated which will provide, hopefully, a positive and fruitful outcome for Saint Patrick's.

It is intended that the next issue of Close News will contain a comprehensive report, with some more pictures, of the New York trip.



Saint Thomas's Fifth Avenue

THE SNOWMAN

Friday 23 December · 4.00pm ·

Our last concert of the year, and the most popular, the choristers give their seasonal concert performance of Blake's THE SNOWMAN.

*"It was a cold, cold winter's night. In a cottage in the country,
hidden away beneath the hills, a little boy lay sleeping.
Snow began to fall, lightly at first and then with giant flakes,
which started to settle on the ground.
At first light of morning, the little boy turned over, yawned and sat up.
He ran to the window and looked out.
Everything was covered in snow..."*

Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of LauraLynn Children's Hospice.

This event is free of charge and registration is required.

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/snowman22

Further details of these, and all events are
available from our website www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

CHRISTMAS AT THE CASTLE

Pictured are the boy and girl choristers at the Chapel Royal, getting ready to record for RTÉ. *Christmas at the Castle* was recorded for airing on RTÉ One television on Christmas Eve.



AFTER DARK



Stuart Nicholson



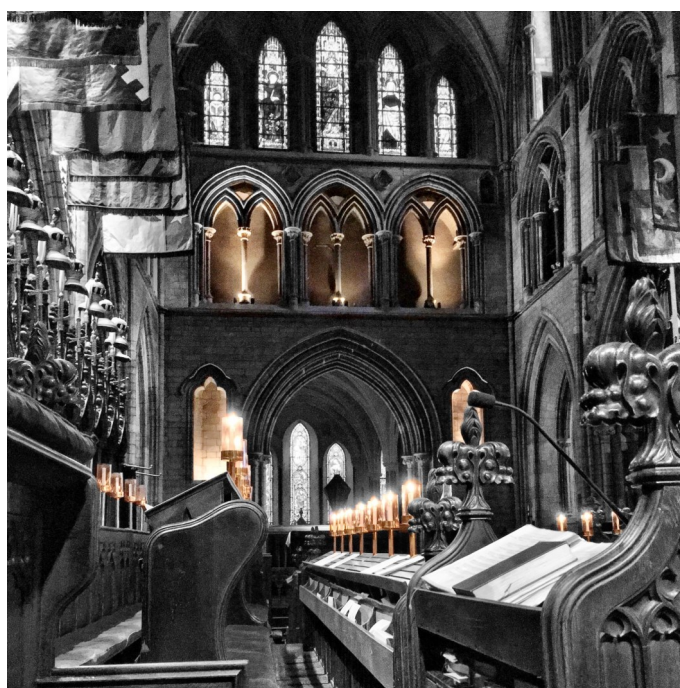
Victoria Green



Morgan Crowley



Harry Meehan



With not a spare seat in the Cathedral on Monday 31st October the audience was treated to a candlelit recital by Stuart Nicholson (organ), his wife Victoria, (guitar), Harry Meehan (organ) and Morgan Crowley, (narrator). Suitably chilling music included John Williams' *Hedwig's Theme*, Saint-Saens' *Danse Macabre* and Bach's immortal *Toccat and Fugue in D minor*.

We are most grateful to Stuart, Victoria, Harry and Morgan for this most entertaining evening which all proceeds went to BUMBLEance, the Children's Ambulance Service.



Choristers



CHORISTER MEDALS



Ella (Deputy Head Girl)



Aoibheann (Deputy Head Girl)



Matthew (Gordon Medallist)



David (Roger Medallist)



David (Deputy Head Boy)



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Leonard (Marchant Medallist)



Sam (Winstanley Medallist)



David (St. Peter's Medallist)



Mimi (Head Girl)

THE GAUDETE SINGERS
DIRECTED BY DAVID LEIGH

Bach and Beyond



Bach motets - Jesu, meine Freude
Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir

With Brahms, Bruckner &
Mendelssohn motets

Sunday 13th November 8pm

**St Patrick's Cathedral Lady Chapel
Dublin 8**

Tickets available on the door:

€20 €15 conc. €5 student

Including a glass of wine or soft drink after the concert



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Bach and Beyond

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St Patrick's Cathedral Lady Chapel Dublin 8



SAFEGUARDING TRUST

The Safeguarding Handbook, as well as Safeguarding Trust, can be viewed on the Cathedral website. If you have a general enquiry or any concern relating to safeguarding at Saint Patrick's Cathedral please telephone the office on 01-453 9472. The Dedicated Liaison Person (Acting) is Clark Brydon. If you recognise a safeguarding emergency in which a child or vulnerable adult is in danger, Tusla Child and Family Agency can be contacted on 01 856 6856.

WILL US WELL

When making, or amending, your Will please consider including a legacy bequest to the Cathedral. If you are interested in supporting us in this way, let your solicitor or Will-writer know that you wish to make provision for the Cathedral in your Will. For more information please contact the Cathedral Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods.

HANDEL BY CANDLE



There will be a special performance of the Christmas music from Handel's oratorio *Messiah*, along with other festive music, performed by the Cathedral Choir on **Friday 16 December at 7:30pm**. Whilst the Cathedral Choir has a long association with *Messiah*, having sung for the première in 1742, it is a work that is rarely performed by them these days. So don't miss this opportunity to hear the voices of the choristers and lay vicars sing this wonderful music in the beautiful candlelit surroundings of the Church of Ireland's National Cathedral.

Tickets are available now from our website

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/handel22

CHRISTMAS AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Music is at the heart of Worship at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. At *Advent* and *Christmas* the Church uses music to help worship soar. It also enables us to express what we want to say to God for the birth of his Son, Jesus, in the stable at Bethlehem. All are welcome to worship with us.

27 November 6.00pm

Advent Procession

11 December 3.15pm

Carols for All

18 December 3.15pm

Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve 4.00pm

Nine Lessons & Carols (By ticket only)

25 December 11.15am

Christmas Day Eucharist

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/christmas22



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