

The Abbeydale Singers



Lunchtime concert, 1.15 pm

Monday 27^h October

Christ Church Cathedral

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Founded in Sheffield in 1986 by our Musical Director Kevin Houghton, the choir has gradually expanded from an original eight voices to its present total of 34 singers. As one of the North of England's foremost vocal ensembles, the choir has a reputation for outstanding singing and enthusiastic engagement with our audiences. Our repertoire is wide, ranging from renaissance motets to contemporary choral pieces.

Our overseas concert tours have taken us to Dublin (in 2000), Bangor, Budapest, Prague, Bruges, Ghent and, most recently, Seville where our singing in a Latin Mass was described by the congregation as "absolutely breath-taking, heavenly, out of this world".

We're delighted to be back in Dublin again. It's a great privilege to be singing in Christ Church where yesterday we sang for the Cathedral Eucharist and Choral Evensong.

Our programme today ranges from Thomas Tallis and William Byrd, through Mendelssohn, Bruckner and Duruflé, to two contemporary composers – Michael McGlynn, who directs the superb *Anuna* choir here in Dublin, and our good friend Andrew Carter from York. We have included three Michael McGlynn pieces which are new to us; they were very well received in Sheffield when we performed them for the first time at our summer concert in July. Maintaining the Irish theme, we're finishing with two pieces by Andrew Carter: his delightful setting of *The Lark in the Clear Air* and the Irish premiere of his setting of Yeats' poem *The Cloths of Heaven*, specially commissioned for us in 2009.

We'll be singing again at 3.15 pm this afternoon at Castletown House and will be presenting another (free) Lunchtime Concert at 1.15pm on Wednesday 29th at St Ann's Church, Dawson Street.

Today's Programme

If ye love me	<i>Thomas Tallis</i>
Sing joyfully	<i>William Byrd</i>
Ave Maria	<i>Robert Parsons</i>
Four sacred part songs: Kyrie eleison Heilig Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>
Locus iste Christus factus est	<i>Anton Bruckner</i> <i>Anton Bruckner</i>
Tu es Petrus Ubi caritas	<i>Maurice Duruflé</i> <i>Maurice Duruflé</i>
Pie Jesu Pater noster Behind the closed eye	<i>Michael McGlynn</i> <i>Michael McGlynn</i> <i>Michael McGlynn</i>
The cloths of heaven The lark in the clear air	<i>Andrew Carter</i> <i>Trad arr Andrew Carter</i>

Thank you so much for coming to hear us today.
We hope you enjoy our singing and that you may
come and hear us again.

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Photo: Andy Curtis

Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

Sopranos: Esther Ankcorn, Naomi Baynes, Sarah Brown, Ann Charlett-Day, Michelle Hayward, Emily Pieters, Kirsty Prince, Hilary Pye, Sarah Rooper, Anna Ryder, Stephanie Spencer, Julia Stockton, Mary Taylor, Pat Turner

Contraltos: Helen Beach, Rachel Cockroft, Helen Cowen, Sue Haighton, Pam Mathieson, Philippa Matthews, Alice Newitt, Rachael Nyarko, Linda Wareham

Tenors: Nick Baynes, Stuart Evans, Peter King, Chris Nicholson, Chris Varnom

Basses: Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon, Steve Holden, Matthew Lovell, Peter Thompson, Robert Wareham

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