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### **Events and services**



### Columbanus Festival, Bangor 17 - 20 November

The Columbanus Festival includes workshops, walks and talks which will commemorate the life and legacy of Columbanus from Bangor to Bobbio.

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The events will be located at various venues around Bangor and will include readings, a guided walk, calligraphy workshops for children and adults. A highlight of the series is the Columbanus Festival Concert on Saturday 19 November at Bangor Abbey (Photo above).

For a full listing of the events at the festival - see two sites

#### The Friends of Columbanus, Bangor

[https://friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk/2022/10/31/columbanus-festival-2022/]

#### **Ards and North Down Council**

[https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/columbanus-festival-2022/columbanus-festival-programme-2022]

### A United Celebration Church Service

A cross-community church service, which celebrates and commemorates the life and times of Columbanus will beheld in St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor.

Led by Canon Father Gunn, the service will have readings by representatives of the Catholic, Presbyterian, Church of Ireland and Methodist churches.

Guest speaker is Rev David Stanfield from 1st Bangor Presbyterian Church.

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Local schools will provide music and songs.
Columbanus Festival 2022: A United Celebration Church Service. There is no need to book a place. Everyone is most welcome.

See also Page 12 here and **The Friends of Columbanus, Bangor** [https://friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk/]

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**Book online:** 

www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk or 07985 200 265



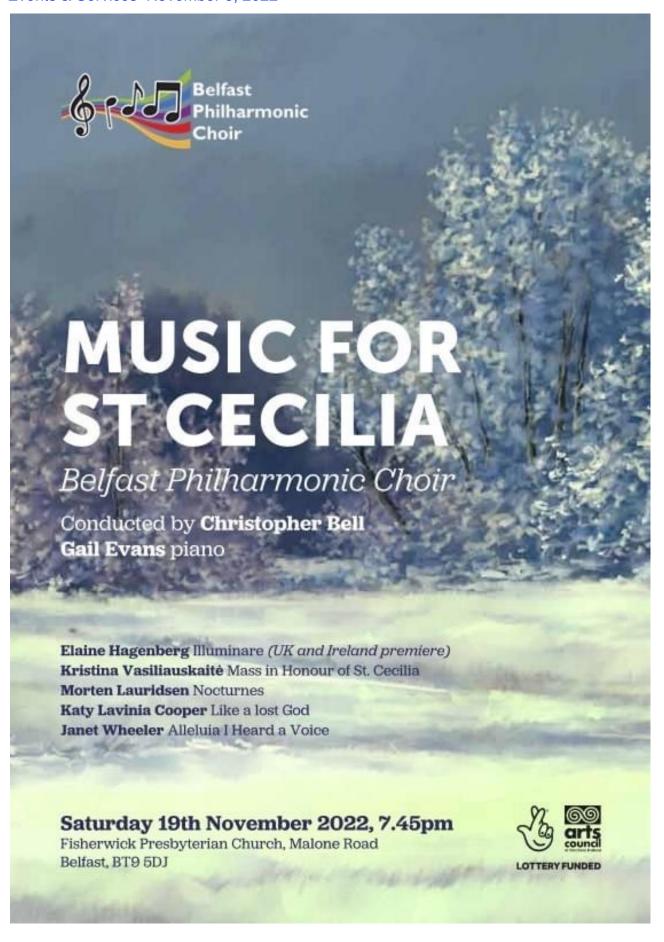


# Music for St Cecilia - Belfast Philharmonic Choir

Belfast Philharmonic Choir performs a programme of music in advance of St Cecilia's Day, patron saint of music and of singers. The concert on Saturday 19th November 2022, at 7.45pm showcases living composers - primarily women composers - with an array of works showcasing the human voice and its power to move and console.

Led by conductor Christopher Bell, the choir will sing the premiere UK and Ireland performance of Elaine Hagenberg's stunning Illuminare. This work is full of passion and drama, with darkness threatening throughout but eventually overcome in hope and peace.

Lithuanian composer Kristina Vasiliauskaitė's Mass in Honour of St. Cecilia reveals the power of faith and music with soaring polyphony, using the full forces of the choir.



Lauridsen's well-known Nocturnes complement the rest of the programme with their delicate and layered poetry settings, atmospheric with romance and evening mood. The programme finally includes Katy Lavinia Cooper's poignant Like a lost God and Janet Wheeler's Alleluia I Heard a Voice, displaying the strength of the choir unaccompanied in a contemporary setting of biblical verse. Accompanist Gail Evans will also perform piano solos, once again celebrating female composers.

This exciting programme represents the power and diversity of contemporary classical music, and the range of Belfast Philharmonic Choir, in the magnificent acoustic of Fisherwick Presbyterian Church.

Conducted by Christopher Bell
Gail Evans piano
Elaine Hagenberg Illuminare (UK and Ireland premiere)
Kristina Vasiliauskaitė Mass in Honour of St. Cecilia
Morten Lauridsen Nocturnes
Katy Lavinia Cooper Like a lost God
Janet Wheeler Alleluia I Heard a Voice

Saturday 19th November 2022, 7.45pm Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 5DJ

Audience Tickets: £20. Students & Under 25s: £10. Pay What You Can: A number of pay-what-you-can tickets are available for anyone for whom cost is a barrier.

Book Online
<a href="https://www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk/stcecilia">www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk/stcecilia</a> or 07985 200 265

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# **Sunbeams from Scotland for Christmas Praise 2022**

The Sunbeams from Scotland will be joined by local singers over 2 nights on Friday 25 November and Saturday 26 November.

Craigavon Civic Centre, Friday 25 November. - Lorraine Vance, Moira Together Choir and Warren Smyth and AVODA Praise

Stormont, Saturday 26 November - Kezia Bowman, Nigel Davidson, Kingdom Bound and The Hanna Family

Tickets available on Eventbrite. Just click on the link below.

Tickets also available at local Faith Mission bookshops in Banbridge, Lurgan. Lisburn, Portadown and Ballymena.

https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/christmas-praise-with-nsconcerts-1267019

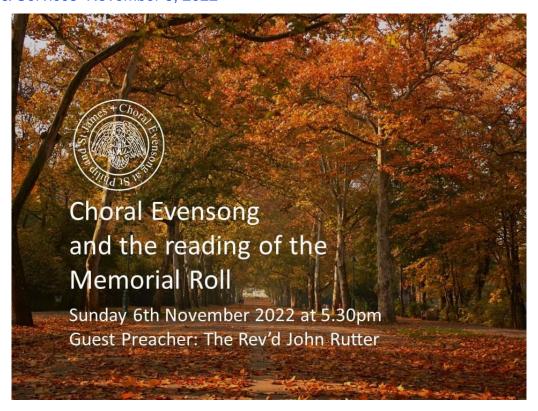
#### Looking for ideas for Christmas presents?

Come along to the Christmas Praise concert in Craigavon Civic Centre on Friday 25 November.

Colin Tinsley from Hope for Youth Ministries will be bringing a selection of his books for sale. The artists taking part will also have their CDs for sale.









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## COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

#### 17 November/The Enemy Within by Brian Friel/8.00pm/Free

Bangor Drama Club, Studio 1A, Hamilton Road, Bangor

A rehearsed reading about Columba set on the island of Iona in the 6th century.

19 November/Calligraphy Workshop for Children/11.00am - 1.00pm/Free Ballyholme Parish Church Hall, Groomsport Road, Bangor

Acclaimed calligrapher, Jacquie Brachie, will teach basic skills as practised by the Bangor monks in the 6th Century. Materials supplied.

19 November/Columbanus Talks/11.00am - 1.00pm/Free

St Comgall's Parish Centre, Brunswick Road, Bangor

Columbanus: Penance and the Roots of Military Chaplaincy

by Rev Andrew Totten OBE

Columbanus: Uniting People in Europe through Cultural Connections

by Deborah Girvan and Manuela Bertoncini

19 November/Calligraphy Workshop for Adults/2.00pm - 4.00pm/£10

Ballyholme Parish Church Hall, Groomsport Road, Bangor

Acclaimed calligrapher, Jacquie Brachie, will teach basic skills as practised by the Bangor monks in the 6th Century. Materials supplied.

19 November/ Columbanus Festival Concert/7.30pm/£10

Bangor Abbey, Bangor

An evening of song, music and dance featuring Bangor Ladies Choir, Eva Kavanagh (soprano), and David Lennon with Ards CCE musicians, singers and dancers.

20 November/Columbanus Bell Walk/1.30pm - 3.00pm/£6

Meet at the Bangor Bell beside Bangor Abbey at 1.30pm

Brigid Watson of Sustainable Journeys Ireland will lead a guided walk that traces the journey of Columbanus from Bangor to Bobbio by following the Bangor Bell Trail.

For further information on events, please visit www.friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk
Book online at www.visitardsandnorthdown.com or in person at Bangor or Ards Visitor Centres or call 028 9127 0069.

### 20 November/A United Celebration Church Service/7.00pm - 8.00pm (also streamed live online)

St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road, Bangor

A cross-community church service led by Canon Joseph Gunn Guest speaker: Rev David Stanfield, First Bangor Presbyterian Church.







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# 'Shadowlands' by William Nicholson - a rehearsed reading

The play tells the story of the love between CS Lewis and Joy Davidman and how Joy's struggle with cancer tests Lewis's faith. Presented as part of the Eastside Arts 2022 CS Lewis Festival.

Sunday 20th November, 19.30 Little Theatre - Book bar and refreshments. Tickets only £12.00 at https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/brightumbrella By permission of Concorde Theatricals

### Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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