

Out of the Cloisters

The Newsletter of Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust ▶ Patron: His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

Spring 2011



The Choir of Hereford Cathedral



James Bowman



Rogers Covey-Crump

Ten years of Bach

This year's performance of J S Bach's *St Matthew Passion* will be the tenth successive year that the cathedral choir will have sung one of Bach's great Passions as part of the cathedral's Holy Week programme.

During that time thousands have enjoyed the wonderful music of Bach, around 70 choristers have had the opportunity to have learnt and performed these masterpieces, and 50 members of the Herefordshire Junior Singing Club have sung in the ripieno chorus. They have also had the opportunity to perform with some of the most distinguished Bach soloists of our day, including Rogers Covey-Crump as the Evangelist, and the renowned counter-tenor James Bowman, both of whom will be singing this year.

'The choristers have the opportunity to sing some wonderful music in the course of their day to day work,' said Geraint Bowen, director of music, 'but the chance to perform, in a cathedral setting, one of these two great masterpieces of Baroque music is one of the most remarkable experiences we can offer the boys.'

'As well as the world-famous soloists the boys have been able to sing with, they have also had the opportunity of working with a wonderfully experienced group of lay clerks; who will be joined this year by our new choral scholars.'

'It was particularly remarkable to hear Browne's marvellously contrasted setting of the Stabat Mater sung in Hereford Cathedral, not in a specially prepared concert, but in the context of a normal choral evensong.'

Roderic Dunnett, *Church Times* after the 2007 performance of the *Stabat Mater*.

The performances have been sponsored by the Alan Cadbury Charitable Trust since 2006, without whose support it would have been impossible to continue to stage this annual concert which is now such an important part of Holy Week. We are indebted to the trustees for their continuing kindness.

The Passion is one of a number of special musical events which the choir are performing in the next few weeks. These will include a performance of John Browne's *Stabat Mater* from the Eton Choirbook, 15 minutes of unaccompanied polyphonic music, as the anthem during Choral Evensong and Haydn's *Harmoniemesse*, one of his last six great Mass settings, during the orchestral Eucharist to mark the cathedral's Feast of Consecration.

Please do join us for one or more of these remarkable musical events, or Evensong any night of the week, (other than Wednesdays). Please check www.herefordcathedral.org to confirm service times or contact us at the office.

Choral Evensong
with John Browne's

Stabat Mater

Saturday 19 March 5.30 pm

J S Bach's

St Matthew Passion

Tuesday 19 April 7.00 pm

Front nave £22, Rear nave £16

Ticket booking line
01432 374261

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Orchestral Eucharist
with Haydn's

Harmoniemesse

Sunday 8 May 10.30 am

*Followed by drinks for all
in the gardens of the Bishop's Palace
hosted by the Hereford Cathedral
Perpetual Trust*

The gift of knowledge



Paul Latcham's book plate

Towards the end of last year a generous gift of rare books was made to the Cathedral Library by Paul and Valerie Latcham. The collection was amassed during their 25 years as owners of Hereford's last independent bookshop, which they opened in 1974 in Church Street, as many will remember.

The gift includes rare and notable books with local connections and interesting histories of ownership, including *Bibliotheca Herefordiensis* by John Allen Jr, which Paul believes is possibly the earliest county bibliography printed in England. Only 25 copies were printed by John Allen's father in High Town in 1821 which were presented to important national

and local libraries and well-known book collectors.

'Our wish is to provide an example to others who may possess books that they could present to the Cathedral Library,' says Paul. 'My feeling is that there would be no lack of willingness to do so on the part of people who may simply not have thought of it. Such gifts are enormously important to libraries without public funding.'

To use the Latcham Collection and Cathedral Library contact the library staff (01432 374226). Gifts of books, or any other gift to the cathedral, may be made by initially contacting the Perpetual Trust office (01432 374261).

King James Bible & Chained Library both celebrate 400 years

2011 sees two significant anniversaries. We celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James or Authorised Version of the Bible in 1611, which is also when Thomas Thornton revived the cathedral's Chained Library. Both of these anniversaries are giving a particular flavour to the year.

The King James Bible will be celebrated in May with a complete read-through (probably starting on 12 May). The library will be staging a special exhibition to coincide with this major anniversary. There will also be a

free public exhibition in the cathedral nave later in the year, something on which we have collaborated with Sheffield University.

The King James Bible and the Chained Library will be celebrated at a special service on Sunday 15 May at 3.30 pm, to which all are welcome. After the service former Cathedral Librarian Joan Williams will deliver a lecture on the history of the Chained Library and further details can be obtained from the Library (01432 374226).

Canon Chris Pullin, Chancellor

A good idea at the time ...

That is what the Trust's Erica Manley thought when she suggested that she should do a parachute jump in support of the Perpetual Trust and the Clock Tower Fund, the charity which supports the wounded and widowed of our local regiment.

Erica will be doing her jump at some stage during May, weather permitting, and she would welcome your support (a sponsorship form is enclosed). It would be wonderful if she could raise in excess of £15,000 as this would fund a chorister for a year and make a generous contribution to the welfare of our soldiers and their families.

Westminster Quiz



Actor and Herefordshire Ambassador John Challis with quizmaster Richard Hilliard

Are you a Jeremy Paxman or an Ian Hislop? Are you more *University Challenge* than *Have I got News for You*? Are you the specialist round champion of Mastermind's 'Black Chair' or do you prefer the quick-fire questions of Anne Robinson and *The Weakest Link*?

Whichever you prefer, you will find good fun, a night of good humour and an opportunity to be in the company of lots of friends of the Perpetual Trust, at our annual *Westminster Quiz*. Teams of eight are invited to attend the evening, which includes an opening reception and a picnic interval. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Erica Manley (perpetual.trust@herefordcathedral.org 01432 374261).

New Librarian to be welcomed

D Rosemary Firman will be welcomed in mid-March when she takes up the post of Cathedral Librarian. She has spent the last six years caring for the Marquess of Bath's extensive collection of books at Longleat House.

'Her experience has given her an understanding of all aspects of professional library work, as well as a deep knowledge and love of rare books and their conservation and care' said Canon Chris Pullin, Chancellor.

'She told us at interview that the

achievements of which she is most proud are those where she has been the energising force in bringing together people and resources to make things happen that would not otherwise have happened. She is eager to help develop the diverse educational work of the cathedral.'

Rosemary is thrilled to have been appointed at a time when so many exciting developments are taking place and looks forward to meeting all the members of the cathedral community.

Become a Benefactor



Paul & Valerie Latcham with Sir Roy Strong, at last year's Benefactors' Party

During the past 18 months over 100 supporters have joined our group of benefactors who have been willing to make a regular gift in support of our work. We have encouraged people to consider giving £25 per month, which is £300 per annum, which with Gift Aid is worth £375 to us. If you are a higher rate payer, and you declare the gift on your tax return, it will only cost you £225. Perhaps it might encourage you to think of giving that little bit more ...

With each member of the choir costing around £8,000, the annual tuning and care of the Willis organ being in excess of

£5,000, and our stonemasons needing a never-ending supply of stone to work, anything you feel you might be able to give will be very much appreciated.

Each year we are delighted to host an annual Benefactors' Party with the last two having been hosted by Edward & Victoria Harley in their magnificently-restored home at Brampton Bryan, and by Sir Roy Strong in his stunning gardens at The Laskett.

To join the giving scheme please complete the attached tear-off standing order form or contact Glyn Morgan at the Perpetual Trust office.

Swinging Sixties

There will be a chance to relive your wild younger days at a party in the splendid surroundings of Lyde Arundel, by kind permission of Rob & Karen Watkins, on Saturday 26 March. The reception will be followed by a three-course dinner inspired by the Sixties, prepared by Flavours of Hereford. The evening will include dancing – an opportunity to show off those dance moves, which you may not have used for a little while – and an opportunity to enter into a challenge or two.

Tickets, priced £50 per person / £500 table of 10, are available from the Perpetual Trust office (perpetual.trust@herefordcathedral.org 01432 374261).

Gift for the future

Roy Blackler joined the cathedral choir in the 1930s. During his time as a chorister he sang under the baton of Sir Edward Elgar, and the love of music instilled in him during those early days played a large part in his life. After leaving the choir he was an active member of Hereford Choral Society and took part in the annual Three Choirs Festival, whether it was in Hereford or in one of the 'away' years in Worcester or Gloucester.

'The choir was not only instrumental in creating wonderful music, but also in creating the man...'

Roy never forgot those early years and the sense of service to his colleagues and the community which they instilled in him. When he died last year he helped to ensure that another young boy could have the same opportunities that he had enjoyed by leaving a bequest to our choral investment fund. When it is fully established, the fund will ensure that the choir is financially secure, and that many others will be able to enjoy the wonderful 'Hereford

Sound' of which Roy was so proud to have been a part.

Many thanks to all those who have been in contact about leaving a legacy, or have picked up a leaflet, since our last mailing. There has been much in the press and media about charitable bequests and we are grateful to anyone who considers including us in their Will or by adding us in a codicil.

If you would be willing to leave a gift to the Perpetual Trust in support of the choir, the education programme, restoration of the cathedral, or to be allocated by our trustees to the most pressing project when we receive your gift, and would like more information, please contact Glyn Morgan (glyn.morgan@herefordcathedral.org: 01432 374261) or the Dean in confidence. Legacy leaflets can also be found in the cathedral or downloaded from www.herefordcathedral.org. All those who make a legacy commitment, either by including us when writing their Will or by adding a codicil, and are happy to make it known to us, are invited to our annual Benefactors' Party.

Postcard from South Africa



With many thanks to everyone, both in the UK and South Africa, who helped make our trip to Cape Town, George, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown so very special.

It was a wonderful experience, and we are so very grateful to all who made it happen.

Hereford Cathedral Choir

The new Close is taking shape and the celebrations starting



Fiona Phillips, Editor of the Hereford Times, presenting the Dean and Glyn Morgan with a cheque from the Gannett Foundation

Have you been through the Cathedral Close lately? If not, you will be surprised when you next visit. Work, which has been going on since September 2009, has been largely completed around the eastern end of the Close and the new paths running from Castle Street to Church Street and Broad Street are now open. Drains have been put in, new trees will be planted and the turf will soon be laid.

Close Connections have also been busy and over the coming six months a number of their projects will come to fruition. This will include the launch of *The Close in Living Memory*, which draws together a collection of reminiscences from people who have, for whatever reasons had the Close as part of their lives. The film will be premiered at this year's Borderlines Film Festival and free copies, for showing to local and regional groups, can be obtained through the Perpetual Trust office.

The Stonemason's Tale is drawing pupils from 13 secondary and prep schools from around the diocese to work on a pageant, which is being staged in partnership with the Music Pool. This has the possibility of engaging with 4,500 pupils.

The day will include a procession through High Town and a musical pageant in the cathedral on Thursday 30 June. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

The next major area of work within the Close will be the installation of the new railings along Broad Street and the creation of the West End pavement, which will have at its centre a design based on the carol *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* created by artist Sandy Elliott. We are grateful to the Gannett Foundation, which is the charitable trust run by the parent company of the *Hereford Times*, for a major gift towards the re-ordering of the West End and to those members of the congregation who have also been very generous in their support. In the past few weeks we have been delighted to welcome apple growers and cider makers from the region to the cathedral to see our proposals.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to a wonderfully restored Close for the first of our major celebrations to mark the end of the work early in the autumn. More details will be carried in the summer newsletter and on the cathedral's website (www.herefordcathedral.org).

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Advent in London: Guards' Chapel

Thank you to all those who supported the special service in the Guards' Chapel (The Royal Military Chapel) at the Wellington Barracks and the reception which followed in the Officers' Mess. The evening will have raised over £30,000 and we are grateful to all who contributed, in particular The Rt Hon. John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, who joined us and read the first lesson.

Other lessons were read by Herefordshire Ambassador and BBC Radio Five Live reporter Eleanor Oldroyd, *Gavin & Stacey* star Larry Lamb, and the Countess of Darnley, Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire. Grateful thanks to Major-General William Cubitt CBE, the Major-General commanding the Household Division, Senior Padre Clinton Langston CF and Lt-Col Roly Walker DSO, Commanding Officer, Grenadier Guards for the use of the chapel and Officers' Mess.

'We were delighted to welcome so many of our London friends, both old and new,' said Glyn Morgan, Chief Executive of the Perpetual Trust. 'A number of exciting possibilities have been put to us and we hope to develop some of these over the coming year.'

We will keep those friends and supporters who live in the south east informed of our developing plans, as well as those whom we know spend part of the week in London. If you don't already receive information but would like to, please let us know and we will gladly add you to our mailing list.

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I forgot everything but the voices of the choir, echoing, it seemed, from above the high altar; I saw nothing but little flushes of pink and blue falling on the stone through stained windows. The organ of Hereford... is, as it should be, the voice of the cathedral: its calm sweetness places a hand over the spirit; and in this church, with the organ whispering through the aisles, the world and its problems seem over the hills of reality.

H V Moreton
In Search of England



Benefactors' Party 2010



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MARCH 2011

Tuesday 8 March

The first of a series of six illustrated talks on the history of the Close, including its burial customs, and the influences of the Whigs and Jacobites. College Hall. Numbers are limited, so to reserve a space contact Jo Henshaw (joanna.henshaw@herefordcathedral.org 01432 374255). Donations welcomed. 7.30 pm

Wednesday 9 March Ash Wednesday

Prayers throughout the day: details available from www.herefordcathedral.org or pick up a leaflet from the cathedral.

Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. Music includes Allegri's *Miserere*. 5.30 pm

Sunday 13 March

The Evening Hour; a service of prayer for healing and wholeness with words and music from Iona and Taize and time for quiet reflection; all are welcome. The service is held on the second Sunday of each month. 5.30 pm

Saturday 19 March

Choral Evensong includes a rare liturgical performance of John Browne's *Stabat Mater*. 5.30 pm

Sunday 20 March

A service to mark the 150th anniversary of Hymns Ancient & Modern. 3.30 pm

Thursday 24 March

Music Outreach Concert, with pupils from St James's CE, Wellington and Walford schools as part of our programme of music outreach. Supported by Hereford City Council, the Sylvia Short Educational Charity and the Allchurches Trust. 1.30 pm

Friday 25 March

Mothers' Union Lady Day Eucharist 11 am

Saturday 26 March

Hereford Choral Society: Haydn's *Creation*. Tickets priced £10–22 available from Claire Hancock, Knapp Farmhouse, Bridge Sollars, HR4 7JH (tickets@herefordchoralsociety.org 0845 46 33 124). 7.30 pm

Thursday 31 March

Premiere of *The Close in Living Memory* film as part of the Borderlines Film Festival at The Courtyard Centre for the Arts. Tickets available from the Box Office (01432 340555). Schools' screening 4.30 pm (school representatives will receive a free copy of the DVD and a teacher's pack); public screening 6.15 pm

APRIL

Saturday 2 April

Chorister Open Morning; an opportunity for interested boys and their parents to attend an open practice in the Song School. For further information please contact Geraint Bowen, director of music (01432 374238; organist@herefordcathedral.org). 10–11.30 am

Cathedral choristers

Do you know of a boy aged 6–8, who might be interested in joining the internationally-renowned choir of Hereford Cathedral? As well as singing in the cathedral, the choir regularly tours (South Africa last October), broadcasts on TV & radio (BBC Radio 3 in November), performs in London (Guards' Chapel in November) and takes part in the world-famous Three Choirs Festival.

It may be your son, or equally it may be a grandson, nephew or the son of friends – sometimes a gentle nudge of the parents might be needed! If a parent or guardian would like an informal discussion about the opportunities, Geraint Bowen, the director of music, would be delighted to hear from you (01432 374238, organist@herefordcathedral.org or visit www.herefordcathedral.org). All choristers receive generous scholarships to the cathedral school. In some cases fully-funded places can be made available.

Sunday 10 April

The Evening Hour: see Sunday 13 March for details. 5.30 pm

Sunday 17 April

Procession of Palms and Cathedral Eucharist; assemble in the forecourt of the Bishop's Palace, joining with the congregation of St Francis Xavier Church for the first part of the service. 10 am

Tuesday 19 April Tuesday in Holy Week

Bach's *St Matthew Passion* sung by the cathedral choir with soloists and Marches Baroque. Tickets, priced £22 and £16, available from the Cathedral Shop, Outback Records and 01432 374261 (credit card sales). Supported by the Alan Cadbury Charitable Trust. 7 pm

This will be the tenth successive performance by the cathedral choir of one of Bach's Passions in Holy Week.

Thursday 21 April Maundy Thursday

Chrim Eucharist 10.30 am
Eucharist of the Last Supper, with washing of feet and Watch at the Altar of Repose. Preacher: The Precentor. 7.30 pm

Friday 22 April Good Friday

Service for children and families. 10 am
Preaching of the Passion:
The Dean. 12 noon – 1.30 pm
Liturgy of the Passion. 1.30–3 pm

Saturday 23 April Easter Eve

Evensong and Blessing of the Easter Garden. 5.30 pm
Paschal Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter. 8 pm

Sunday 24 April Easter Sunday

Cathedral Eucharist; Preacher: The Bishop of Hereford 10 am
Matins; Preacher: The Dean 11.30 am
Evensong and Procession including the blessing of the lilies 3.30 pm

Monday 25 April Easter Monday

A special lunchtime organ concert by Peter Dyke, including large screen projection. Free admission, retiring collection. 1.15 pm

MAY

Tuesday 3 May

The first in the summer series of Tuesday lunchtime concerts, given by Ashley Grote, assistant organist at Gloucester Cathedral, with large screen projection from the organ loft. Free admission, retiring collection. Why not come early and enjoy lunch in the Cloister Café before the concert? 1.15–2 pm

Sunday 8 May *Orchestral Eucharist*

Orchestral Eucharist with Haydn's *Harmoniemesse*, to celebrate the cathedral's Feast of Consecration, followed by a reception hosted by the Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust in the garden of the Bishop's Palace. All welcome. 10.30 am

Sunday 8 May

The Evening Hour: see Sunday 13 March for details. 5.30 pm

Wednesday 11 May

Westminster Quiz to be held at Westminster Cathedral Hall. Teams of eight; reception; picnic interval. Please contact Erica Manley (perpetual.trust@herefordcathedral.org 01432 374261) for further details.

Thursday 12 – Sunday 15 May

King James Bible 1611 – 400th Anniversary: a programme of celebrations, including the complete reading of the Bible, will take place over this weekend. For further details: www.herefordcathedral.org

Tuesday 17 May

Evening organ concert by international recitalist Christopher Herrick, with large screen projection. Tickets priced £10 (£3 students) available in advance from the Cathedral Shop or on the evening at the door. Supported by Castle House. 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 18 May

Friends coach trip to the Dudmaston Estate, a house providing a classical setting for a collection of modern and contemporary art, assembled by diplomat Sir George Labouchère. The gardens are a stunning backdrop to the art sculptures. The visit will be followed by Evening Prayer at St Mary Magdalene, Bridgnorth. For further information, please contact Thomas & Joy Roderick (01432 274783).

Saturday 21 May

Choral Evensong at Worcester Cathedral sung by the combined choirs of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester cathedrals. 5.30 pm

Tuesday 24 May

Lunchtime organ concert by Timothy Parsons, the cathedral's organ scholar for 2010–11, with large screen projection from the organ loft. Free admission, retiring collection. 1.15–2 pm

JUNE

Saturday 11 June

Friends' Festival Day: for further information about the festival and membership contact June Chase (01568 720416).

Sunday 12 June

The Evening Hour; see details Sunday 13 March. 5.30 pm

Tuesday 14 June

Evening organ concert by Peter Dyke, assistant organist at Hereford Cathedral, with large screen projection. Tickets priced £6 (£3 students) available in advance from the Cathedral Shop or on the evening at the door. Supported by *Sounds Inspired*. 7.30 pm

Friday 17 June

Cathedral and Bishop's Palace gardens open under the National Garden Scheme. 11 am – 4 pm (Garden tours available June – August: contact 01432 374202 to book.)

Saturday 25 June

Choral Evensong at Worcester Cathedral sung by the combined choirs of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester cathedrals. 5.30 pm

Thursday 30 June

The *Stonemason's Tale* pageant and performance. More details in summer newsletter and on the cathedral website, in due course. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Close funders.

JULY & AUGUST

Sunday 10 July

The Evening Hour: see Sunday 13 March for details. 5.30 pm

Monday 11 July

Music outreach gala concert hosted at the cathedral including pre-sessions in each of the participating schools, a workshop and an evening performance. Open to parents and supporters of the participating schools. 7pm concert.

Saturday 6 – Saturday 13 August

The Three Choirs Festival, Worcester Cathedral. For further information www.3choirs.org

Sunday 14 August

The Evening Hour: see Sunday 13 March for details. 5.30 pm

Life & Learning @ Hereford Cathedral

To reserve a space at any of the Life & Learning events please contact Kirsty Clarke (kirsty.clarke@herefordcathedral.org 01432 374226)

OneDayToDoIt and learn about the Cathedral Close

A superb opportunity for young of all ages. A free day workshop with a free public performance. Take part in a helter-skelter day of drama, film-making, music, costumes, puppets & chaos, uncovering untold stories of the Cathedral Close & bringing them to life – in a day! A great one-day activity for families, friends, community groups & history or drama enthusiasts. No experience of drama or history is required. Don't want to perform? Then be part of our film or backstage crew. For further information contact Jo Henshaw (joanna.henshaw@herefordcathedral.org 01432 374255) or visit www.onedaytodoit.com.

Medieval Mayhem in Bromyard

(Friday 11 March): When I were a Lad in Ludlow (Saturday 26 March): Civil War Siege at Cusop in partnership with the Hay Festival (Saturday 28 May).

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Close funders.



Regular Service Times

You are welcome to join any of the services that take place at the cathedral. Our normal service times are as follows:

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am The Cathedral Eucharist*
11.30 am Choral Matins*
3.30 pm Choral Evensong*

Monday to Saturday

7.30 am Morning Prayer
8.00 am Holy Communion
5.30 pm Choral Evensong*
(sung during term except on Wednesdays)

Other services:

Holy Communion:
Wednesdays 12.15 pm

Prayers for Peace:
Wednesdays 1.05 pm

Prayers at the Shrine of St Ethelbert:
Fridays 12 noon

*Services which are normally sung by the cathedral choir during term time. Some variation will take place during holidays. To confirm the time of a specific service please either consult the cathedral's web site (www.herefordcathedral.org) or contact the Chapter Office (01432 374200).