



Programme of Events

Easter Sunday - October 2024

Welcome

Standing tall over the skyline of central Brighton, St Bartholomew's (familiarily known as St Bart's) celebrates 150 years of Christian witness and service. From the consecration of our iconic building in 1874, this place has been an ark of God (whether or not our building measures up to Noah's Ark!)

Commissioned by Fr Arthur Douglas Wagner and designed by local architect Edmund Scott in the Italian Gothic style, our church reveals to our parish and city the beauty of holiness, which can be experienced by all the senses.

Thanks to the work of Henry Wilson between 1899 and 1908, including the baldacchino, pulpit and font, our church speaks even more powerfully of the majesty of God.

For 150 years, we have gathered to worship God from the beginning to the end of human life, to be encouraged, nurtured and sustained, and to be nourished by heavenly food in order to nourish others in turn. In this anniversary year, we give thanks for the faithfulness and generosity of our forebears and invite you to join with us in celebrating this great heritage and history. Through the richness of human creativity, intellect and talent, we offer to you this year a vibrant celebration of St Bartholomew's as she is and has been, in joyful hope for all that is yet to come.



Fr Ben Eadon
Vicar

It is testament to the cultural significance of this extraordinary building that we welcome such esteemed friends to join us in marking this milestone.

Alongside our legendary cantors, fresh from the stages of the world's great opera houses, we are joined by virtuoso organists who will put our noble Walker organ through its paces, and local choral ensembles, providing an additional element of drama to our solemn liturgies.

For a century and a half, these towering walls have resonated with musical declarations of praise. Continuing to this day, St Bartholomew's remains a bastion of sacred music in the region. Countless pilgrims are moved by the beauty of this place - most visibly as song and sound ring around Scott's great vault. From a simple medieval chant to an opera chorus extolling the joy of the risen Christ, the music offered at St Bartholomew's is one of our most diverse and overt expressions of prayer, and one for which we are justly proud.

Although the church's musical programme has evolved since its foundation, our mission remains unchanged: artistic excellence and spiritual enrichment. We rejoice in our heritage, and look forward to celebrating this living tradition over the coming months.



Hamish Dustagheer
Director of Music

March

Easter Sunday
Sunday 31st March - 10:30am
Solemn Mass

The Bishop of Lewes presiding & preaching
The Musicians of St Bart's



April

Sunday 21st April - 10:30am
Solemn Mass

The Byron Consort of Harrow School
Directed by Philip Evans

The Musicians of St Bart's
Saturday 27th April - 6pm

Alyona Abramova and Duncan Rock
Accompanied by Hamish Dustagheer



May

Sunday 5th May - 10:30am
Solemn Mass

Brighton Chamber Choir
Directed by Ruth Kerr

Organ Recital
Saturday 25th May - 6pm

Richard Pinel
St Mary's, Bourne Street



Henry Wilson, Architect
& Metal Worker
Joint lecture with The Regency Society
Wednesday 29th May - 7pm

The Revd Professor William Whyte,
Faculty of History, University of Oxford
Tickets cost £5



June

Sunday 2nd June - 10:30am
Solemn Mass

Brighton Early Music Festival (BREMFB)
Consort of Voices
Directed by Deborah Roberts

**The Musicians of St Bart's
Saturday 29th June - 6pm**

Lauren Easton and Trevor Bowes
Accompanied by Hamish Dustagheer



August

**The Musicians of St Bart's
Saturday 10th August - 6pm**

Andrew Davies and Ben Thapa
Accompanied by Hamish Dustagheer



July



**Organ Recital
Saturday 13th July - 6pm**
Robert Quinney
New College, Oxford

**Sunday 14th July - 10:30am
Solemn Mass**
Brighton Consort
Directed by Greg Skidmore

**The Patronal Festival
Feast of St Bartholomew
Saturday 24th August - 5pm
Solemn Mass**

The Bishop of Blackburn
presiding & preaching
The Musicians of St Bart's



September

**150th Dedication Festival
Sunday 8th September - 5pm
Solemn Mass**

The Bishop of Chichester
presiding & preaching
The Musicians of St Bart's



Heritage Open Days
Friday 13th September & Saturday 14th September
10am - 4pm

Exhibition of Church Treasures

Organ Recital
Saturday 21st September - 6pm
Jeremiah Stephenson
All Saints, Margaret Street



Sunday 29th September - 10.30am
Solemn Mass
The Brighton Singers
Directed by Nicholas Houghton

October

Gala Dinner
Friday 4th October - 7pm
Including the launch of redevelopment plans

*Booking information will be available
nearer the time, please save the date.*