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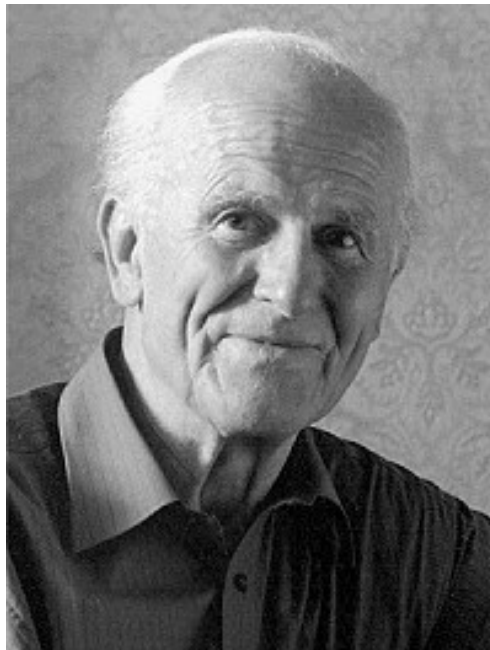
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## **SEPTEMBER EVENT**

# **SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS**



**THIS SATURDAY (16<sup>th</sup> Sept), 3PM**

**HILLSBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH**

**Please bring copies of  
“Carols for Choir 1” and “2” (the green and orange books!)  
or “100 Carols for Choirs” (white book!)**

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## *Concerts, Recitals and Special Occasions*

### *St Molua's Parish, Stormont*

#### **Launch of latest Priory Singers CD**

The latest CD by the **Priory Singers**, *Hymns of Love, Hope and Joy*, will be launched by Bishop Edward Darling in St. Molua's Parish, Stormont on **Saturday 23 September at 10.30 am**. Under the direction of Harry Grindle and with Philip at the organ the choir sings a varied selection of some 29 familiar and unfamiliar hymns, many of them in new arrangements. The CD, which was recorded in Belfast Cathedral in early May, is attractively presented and at £10.00 per copy represents what we hope will be considered good value. Admission to the launch (which will last about half an hour) and the refreshments, which will be served afterwards, are both free. Do come along and bring your friends!

### *Clonard Monastery*

Cathedral Voices (from St Anne's Cathedral) will present a concert of music in Clonard Monastery at **8pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006**. The Adult mixed voiced choir, Directed by Philip Stopford, will perform music by William Byrd, Morten Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, Herbert Howells and William Harris. This concert will also include the first performance of Philip's new work "There is a green hill far away". Tickets priced £8 and £5 available from Clonard and on the door.

### *Hills in Bangor*

**Richard Hills** studies music at Exeter College, Oxford, was for a year Organ Scholar at Westminster Abbey and has recently become a FRCO. On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October** he will be making his sixth visit to the **Tonic Theatre Organ at Bangor Academy** to present a concert of music in lighter mood.

In the theatre organ world Richard is regarded as one of its top performers and has presented concert in America, Australia, Germany, the Netherlands and all over the UK. Well worth riding down to Bangor to hear!

To reach Bangor Academy, follow the ring road just past the Bloomfield shopping centre on to road signposted Carrowdove. The School is a short distance along this road. The concert begins at **7.45pm** and tickets will be available at the door.

### *Belfast Cathedral, Donegall Street*

The RSCM will present a "Come and Sing" Faure Requiem on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. The afternoon practice and **5pm** performance will be conducted by Peter Barley, Organist and Master of the Choristers at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and the organist, Mr Theo Saunders, Director of Music at Armagh Cathedral. Registration is a **1.30pm** and costs £6 (£3 for under 16s). Attending the performance is free.

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*Belfast Cathedral, Donegall Street*

## **ANUNA in CONCERT**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2006**

Tickets £15 in aid of Choral Scholarship Funds

Tickets available from the Welcome Desk in the Cathedral  
or by post from the Cathedral Office.

*Mark Ireland plays the Hunter Organ*

Mark Ireland from Devon plays the Hunter Organ, **Townsend Street Presbyterian Church**, Belfast on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £4 on the door. The programme will demonstrate the versatility of the organ with classical, gospel, stage and screen music. There will also be an opportunity for Society members to play the Hunter organ after the concert.

*Christ Church, Derry*

**18th November, 8pm**

**Renaissance Singers** *A choral feast from Portugal and England*

Ian Mills Director, Richard Campbell Organ

The Renaissance Singers, one of the country's finest chamber choirs, present an enchanting programme of choral music from the English and Portuguese tradition. The versatile Belfast-based ensemble will contrast Duarte Lobo's Missa pro defunctis, surely one of the 16th century's best-kept secrets, with Herbert Howells' poignant Requiem of 1932. The programme will also feature celebrated 16th century works by Gibbons and Palestrina along with more modern compositions by Patrick Hadley and Michael Harris. Another highlight will be the premiere performance of Philip Stopford's Jubilate Deo which has been specially commissioned to celebrate the choir's inaugural performance under their new director, Ian Mills.

Tickets £8, £5, concession available

Available from Millennium Forum Box Office 028 7126 4455

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## *Vacant Consoles*

### **Parish Church of St Stephen and St Luke. Millfield, Belfast.**

We have a vacancy for an Organist/Choirmaster (mistress)

Main Services: 11.30AM and 6.30PM each Sunday.

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays each month

Applications to be addressed to:

Mr J McGrand

Flat 32 Forthriver Fold

Forthriver Way

Belfast

BT13 3SP

### **St John's Parish Church, Orangefield**

Organist and Choir Director

2 manual pipe organ

small but well trained choir

in Anglican music

For further details please contact

Canon Walter Lavery

028 90704493

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where you can find sources of Teachers Concert Listings, and much more . . . . .

## **Secretary**

Any items of interest or news, or church posts you wish to advertise, should be sent to me at [music@belfastcathedral.org](mailto:music@belfastcathedral.org) or Director of Music, Belfast Cathedral, Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2HB. Thank you. *Philip Stopford, Hon.Sec.*