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New season of Bradford Cathedral Coffee Concerts begins with baritone singer James Gaughan



The **monthly Coffee Concerts** held at Bradford Cathedral return on **Tuesday 14th January** when baritone singer **James Gaughan** performs a programme of music at **11am**. **Entry is free** and **refreshments are available from 10:30am**.

James Gaughan is an experienced soloist specialising in the song and concert repertoire. Based in York, he studies at the De Costa Academy of Singing with Michael De Costa. James gives lunchtime recitals throughout the year. Past performances include at Southwell Minster; Derby, Lincoln,

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Sheffield and Wakefield Cathedrals; Emanuel United Reformed Church, Cambridge; Christ Church Harrogate; Hexham Abbey; Great Malvern Priory and others.

He also performs regularly as a soloist with choirs and choral societies. Past performances include of Elijah (Mendelssohn); Stabat Mater (Astorga); Cantata 140 (Bach); Ein Deutsches Requiem (Brahms); Requiem (Fauré); Israel in Egypt (Handel); Paukenmesse (Haydn) and Messiah (Handel).

James Gaughan:

“The programme I’ve prepared is based around the poets, rather than around the composers. I think it’s become quite normal these days to have the historical concerts, where you go from composer to composer and knit them closely together.

“What I’ve tried to do with this set-up is to place little sets from different periods of poetry, which means I can have quite a varied set of three songs which could theoretically be from three different centuries which gives a lot of variety for the audience, but still have some coherent link to it.”

The **monthly Coffee Concert programme** continue with **saxophonist Rob Burton** in February, **pianist Jill Crossland** in March and **Violin and Piano duo James and Alex Woodrow** in April.

You can read more about James in his **recent interview** with us on the **cathedral’s blog** and the January edition of the **Keeping in Touch magazine**, both available via the **Bradford Cathedral website**.

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Notes for Editors

About Bradford Cathedral

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more.

Full Coffee Concert dates

Tuesday 14th January: James Gaughan (Baritone)

Tuesday 11th February: Rob Burton (Saxophone)

Tuesday 10th March: Jill Crossland (Piano)

Tuesday 14th April: James and Alex Woodrow (Violin and Piano)

Each concert begins at 11am, with refreshments available from 10:30am. More information can be found at bradfordcathedral.org/music/coffee-concerts/ or by calling the cathedral office on 01274 77 77 20.

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