

# COLUMBANUS FESTIVAL

Commemorating the life and legacy of Columbanus

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The theme of bells is chiming through this year's Columbanus Festival programme. The monastic bells played an important role in early medieval times to call the monks to prayer or warn of impending danger.

- Bell Ringing
- Monastic Bell Lecture
- Bell Walk
- Columbanus Cultural Evening
- Columbanus Church Service
- Bangor Bell Print Workshops

24th - 26th November 2023

For further information on events, please visit

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## **24 November/Bell Ringing/7.15pm - 8.00pm/Free**

**St Comgall's Church of Ireland, Hamilton Road, Bangor**

Colin Holliday, Tower Captain of the St Comgall's bell ringers, will give a short introductory talk followed by a bell ringers practice session to herald the beginning of the Columbanus Festival.

## **25 November/Bangor Bell Workshop for Parent and Child/11.30am -12.30pm/£15 per couple**

**Seacourt Print Workshop, The Old Ulster Bank, Main Street, Bangor**

Print your own limited edition Bangor Bell postcard using letterpress. Materials supplied.

## **25 November/The Columbanus Lecture/11.00am - 1.00pm/£5 (including lunch)**

**Bangor Abbey Parish Centre, Abbey Road, Bangor**

Renowned expert, Cormac Burke, will deliver a talk on 'Early Irish Monastic Bells Revisited'.

## **25 November/Bangor Bell Workshop for Parent and Child/1.00pm -2.00pm/£15 per couple**

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## **25 November/Bangor Bell Workshop for Adults/2.30pm - 3.30pm/£10**

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## **25 November/ Columbanus Cultural Evening/8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm)/£5**

**Bangor Golf Club, Broadway, Bangor**

An evening of words, music and song to commemorate the life of Columbanus with special guests Ards CCE traditional Irish musicians.

## **26 November/Columbanus Bell Walk/1.30pm - 3.00pm/Free**

**Meet at the Bangor Bell beside Bangor Abbey at 1.30pm**

Brigid Watson and Barbara Boyle, experienced and qualified tour guides, will lead a guided walk which traces the footsteps of Columbanus from Bangor to Bobbio by following the Bangor Bell Trail.

## **26 November/Columbanus Church Service/7.00pm - 8.00pm/Everyone welcome**

**City Church Bangor (formerly First Bangor Presbyterian Church), Main Street, Bangor**

A cross-community church service. To support those in need, please bring a Christmas food gift or grocery item along to the service. These items will be distributed to the Store House North Down.

**Guest speaker:** Brother Thierry Marteaux OSB (Order of St Benedict), Holy Cross Abbey, Rostrevor.

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