



Annual Gathering 2022

Transformation – Now!

Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th September

St Anne's Cathedral &
Waterfront Hall
International Convention Centre (ICC)
Belfast



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Introduction

After two years of meeting online, we are really looking forward to being together in person for the Mothers' Union Annual Gathering 2022 at the Waterfront Hall, part of the International Convention Centre (ICC) in the wonderful city of Belfast.

In 2022, the Mothers' Union annual theme is **Transformation – Now!** and this will be the focus of our time together.

Through worshipping in St Anne's Cathedral, discovering more about the amazing work of Mothers' Union in the Waterfront Hall, as well as meeting friends old and new, we hope that you will be inspired and enthused to bring about transformation in yourself, your local church and community, and in Mothers' Union so that together we can bring about Christ's kingdom on earth, not only today but into the future.

For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37)

Belfast sits on the border of two Church of Ireland dioceses - Connor and Down & Dromore – and the members of those dioceses are especially looking forward to welcoming you to their local area. They, together with all the members of Mothers' Union in Ireland want to extend a special greeting to you – *“céad mile fáilte”* – a hundred thousand welcomes!

Programme

Friday 23rd September

4.30 pm & 7.00 pm Services of Celebration, St Anne's Cathedral

Saturday 24th September

10.15 am – 3.45 pm Annual Gathering, Waterfront Hall
(doors open from 9.30am)

7.30 pm – 8.45 pm Evening Concert, Waterfront Hall
(doors open from 7.00pm)

Services of Celebration – Friday 23rd September St Anne's Cathedral

There will be two Services of Celebration in St Anne's Cathedral, at 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm. The preacher at both these services will be Rt Revd Emma Ineson, our Central Mothers' Union Chaplain and Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.



Ticketing Information

Admission to both these services is **by ticket only** and tickets can be ordered only by using the application form at the end of this pack.

You can apply for tickets from Monday 11th April.

Please note that the deadline for applying for tickets for the services is Wednesday 15th June.

These services are being organised and managed by the Province of All Ireland and any enquires about them should be sent by email to annualgathering.belfast@gmail.com. All enquiries about tickets for the events on Saturday 24th September should be made through Eventbrite (see over).

Getting to the Cathedral

The Cathedral is in Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2HB close to the city centre.

Annual Gathering - Saturday 24th September Waterfront Hall, ICC Belfast

Ticketing Information

Tickets are priced at £15 including VAT and the cost of ticket processing.

Tickets must be ordered through our Eventbrite ticket site:

<https://muannualgathering.eventbrite.co.uk> and go on sale on 31st March 2022

You will be allocated a numbered seats on the Eventbrite site. All the seating is tiered except for the stalls in the front section. We are unable to change your seats once you have made your purchase.

Accessibility: There are specific areas in the venue that are suitable for delegates with special access needs. If you need accessible seating please purchase your tickets and then contact communications@mothersunion.org, please make sure you reserve an accessible seating ticket at the point of purchase.

Refunds: These can be applied for via Eventbrite **up to 30 days before the event**. After that there are no refunds. Refunds can only be made through Eventbrite and cannot be given by Mary Sumner House.

Personal Data Protection: In line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) all those attending the Annual Gathering will be given the option to opt out of photographs being taken on the day. Those wishing not be photographed will be able to collect a sticker to wear from the entrance foyer so photographers know they have opted out.

Lunch & Refreshments

There will be a lunch break during the Gathering from 12.20 – 2.00 pm. The venue will have refreshment stations selling light lunch options. There are also coffee shops and cafes within a few minutes' walk of the Waterfront Hall. You are welcome to bring your own lunch which can be eaten in the venue, although space may be limited.

Getting to Waterfront Hall

Waterfront Hall is part of ICC Belfast and is located at 2 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3WH – about a 10 minute walk from the city centre.

Information on car parks close to the Waterfront Hall can be found at <https://www.iccbelfast.com/visitor>



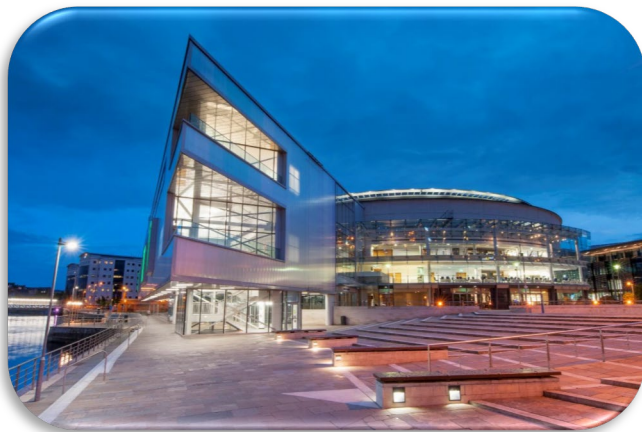
Evening concert in the Waterfront Hall?

**Evening Concert – Saturday
24th September
Waterfront Hall
7.30 – 8.45 pm**

Following the Annual Gathering, what better way to end the day than with an

The Clare Chorale is a popular mixed voice choir based in Ballyclare, Co Antrim and will be performing a variety of musical items.

Under the baton of Sheelagh Greer, recently awarded the high profile 'Women of Music' title and a well established mezzo soprano, the Clare Chorale is renowned for high quality, enchanting and delightfully entertaining music and song. There are around 50 singers in the Chorale who regularly perform at concerts and church services, and have undertaken engagements across the island of Ireland and in Scotland.



Tickets for the Evening Concert must be purchased through the Eventbrite booking site.

A ticket for the Evening Concert only is £15. If any friends or family wish to come to the evening event tickets for this event only are bookable here:

<https://eveningconcert.eventbrite.co.uk>

A combined ticket for both the Annual Gathering meeting and the Evening Concert is £25. Saving you £5 if booked together. You book the combined ticket on the normal booking page here: <https://muannualgathering.eventbrite.co.uk>

There will be **no allocated** seating for the Evening Concert. Seating will be *first come first served* with doors opening at 7.00pm

Travelling to Belfast

By car

Belfast has excellent road connections within Northern Ireland and crossing into the Republic of Ireland.

By train

Details of train services to Belfast from across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland can be found at <https://www.translink.co.uk/>

By ferry

There are ferry crossings to Belfast from England (Liverpool), Scotland (Cairnryan near Stranraer) and the Isle of Man (Douglas). There is also a crossing from Cairnryan to Larne, just north of Belfast.

There are ferry crossings from both Holyhead and Liverpool to Dublin which is less than two hours drive to Belfast.

By air

Belfast is served by two airports. George Best Belfast City Airport is close to the city centre. Belfast International Airport is about 10 miles outside the city with an Airport Express bus service to the city centre.

Getting around Belfast

Using Public Transport

Belfast bus and train services (including Park & Ride facilities) serving both the Cathedral the the Waterfront Hall are operated by Translink:

<https://www.translink.co.uk/usingtranslink>

The nearest train station to the ICC is Lanyon Place station.

Downloadable maps

Maps of the city centre can be downloaded from:

<https://visitbelfast.com/plan/brochures-and-downloads/>

Accommodation

There is a huge choice on offer in Belfast, ranging from 5 star hotels to bed and breakfast accommodation. Information on what is available can be found on the Visit Belfast website: <https://visitbelfast.com/stay/>

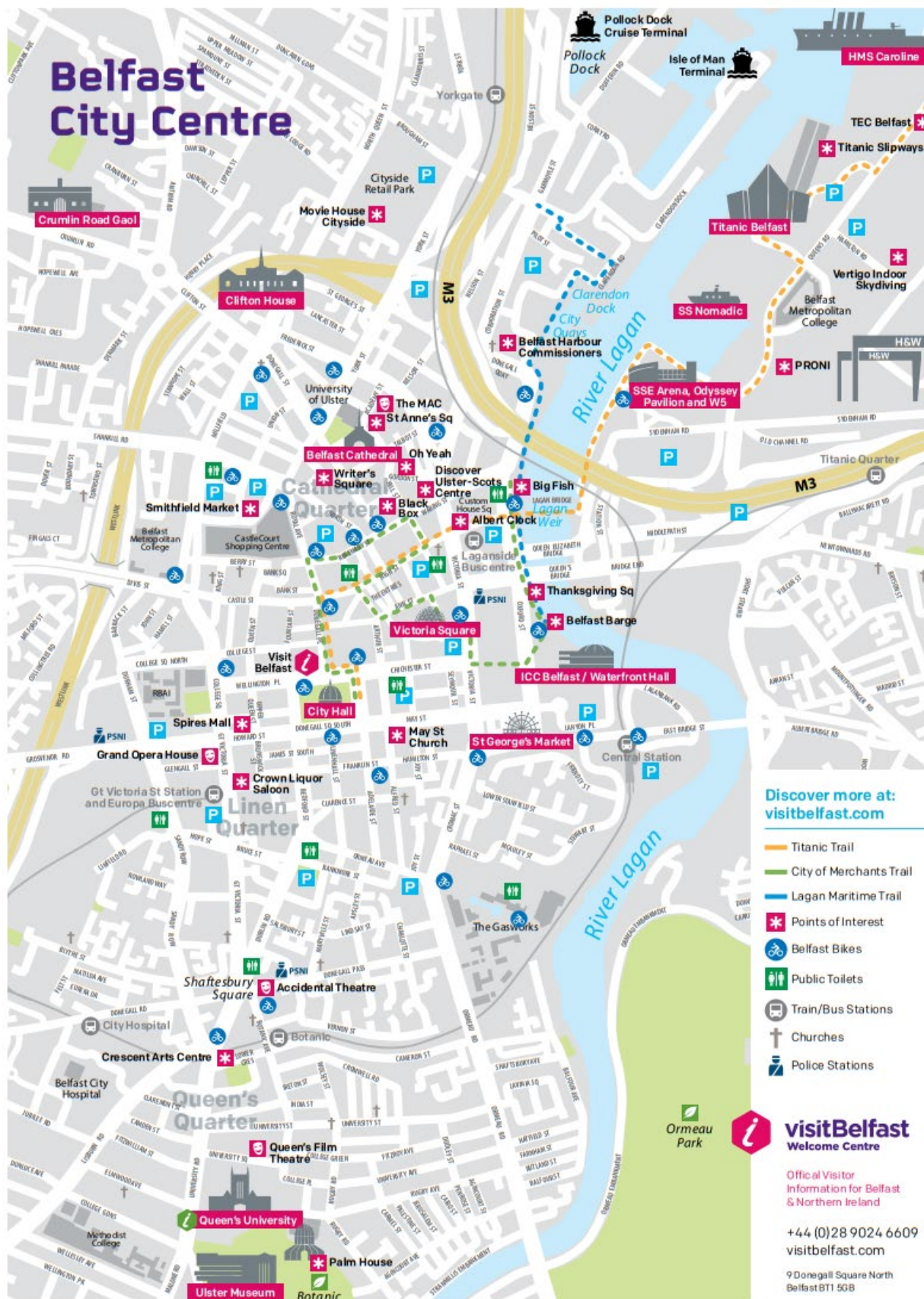
Things to see and Do

There are so many things to do in Belfast, whether you want to experience the culture, indulge in some retail therapy or follow one of the city centre trails, the choice is yours. The Visit Belfast website has a wealth of information so you can get the best out of your time in Belfast.

<https://visitbelfast.com/>



Belfast City Centre Map



Service of Celebration - Ticket Application Form

Mothers' Union Province of All Ireland
Application for tickets for A Service of Celebration
 to be held in St. Anne's Cathedral, Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2HB
 on the Eve of the Annual Gathering

Please complete the following:

I wish to apply for..... tickets (insert total number of tickets required)

..... 4:30pm service

..... 7:00pm service

Contact information:

Diocese.....

Title..... First name.....

Surname.....

Address.....

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..... Postcode.....

Email.....

Contact telephone number.....

Any special requirements (e.g. mobility, loop system)

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Please note that seats in the Cathedral will not be numbered.

Send this completed application by Wednesday 15th June 2022 to **one** of the addresses below. **Please enclose a C5 stamped addressed envelope for the tickets to be sent to you during July.** If you are requesting more than 12 tickets, you should enclose a separate SAE for each batch of 12 tickets.

Applications from UK:

Mothers' Union Secretary, c/o St Anne's Cathedral Office, Donegall Street, Belfast BT1 2HB

Applications from Republic of Ireland:

The Mothers' Union Office, St. Michan's Church, Church Street, Dublin 7.

Any queries about tickets for the services should be sent by email to
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