

Cappella Nova Outreach Newsletter, Spring 2026

Ireland's Inspiration

It is not too late to register to participate in a Singing Workshop followed by a [Concert](#) with [CANTY](#) on **Saturday 7 March 2026**, in anticipation of St Patrick's Day. Once again, we are gathering a community choir to work on medieval chant, this time written in honour of Patrick...

The Workshop will take place in [St Bride's Church](#) in Glasgow's West End **1.00-4.00pm**. The Workshop ends with the option of rehearsing with Canty, and participants will then also have the opportunity to join in the concert of 15th century Irish music *Irish Inspirations* that follows. The entire event will end by 6.00pm with a wee reception!

If you would like to participate in the Workshop, simply indicate this on the [Contact Form](#), so that we can ensure that we have the necessary number of music copies available.

Cappella Nova Outreach at St Bride's...

Also in [St Bride's Church](#), our monthly singing-for-all sessions of *Sing for your Life!* continue on **Thursday 12 March 2026**. Come and join us for an hour of fun singing together



Doors open at **2.00pm** for a **2.15pm** start. There is no admission charge, and refreshments are served at the end. Further sessions during the following months are listed on the [Sing for your Life!](#) Poster.

A green event poster for 'IRELAND'S INSPIRATION' at St Bride's Church. The poster features a large, intricate gold Celtic knot design on the right side. Text on the poster includes: 'IRELAND'S INSPIRATION', '4.30-6pm Saturday 7 March', 'St Bride's Church, Wyndland Road, Glasgow', 'Admission by Donation', 'Medieval & New Irish music in honour of St Patrick', 'CANTY - Vocal Quartet, Bill Taylor - Harp', 'Schola Cantorum of St Bride', 'Rebecca Tavener - Director', 'Community Singers, Alan Tavener - Director', 'Supported by Cappella Nova Outreach', and two quotes: 'Carrying through the cathedral like emissaries from another world.' - The Herald, and 'Magical and mystical' - The Scotsman. A QR code is located at the bottom left.

with positivity, healthy singing tips, and a jolly good laugh, led jointly by Rebecca Tavener and me. We have chosen a City-themed selection of well-known songs, so whether or not you Belong to Glasgow, here's a chance for you to travel with us a Long Way to Tipperary, to Paris in Springtime, to Wonderful Copenhagen, and further afield...

...and

...and Sing Evening Prayer!

Every few months, we also welcome anybody who would like to come and *Sing Evening Prayer!* in [St Bride's Church](#), and we will be repeating this opportunity on **Easter Day, Sunday 5 April 2026**. We will gather at 2.45pm for a short rehearsal of the psalm/Magnificat chants and Marian Antiphon which I shall lead, and the Service will take place from 3.30-4.30pm. All will be made most welcome, so if you would like to participate, simply indicate this on the [Contact Form](#), so that we can ensure that we have the necessary number of music copies to hand.

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Alzheimer Scotland...

A warm welcome is extended to all participants from our various group-singing activities and their friends who would like to support and join in with these fun singalong sessions, *We Sing Together Café*, led by Bill & Hilary Jones at Alzheimer Scotland's Resource Centre at 81-91 Oxford Street Glasgow G5 9EP (handy for buses and Bridge Street Station Subway, and a 10-minute walk across the Clyde from Glasgow Central Station).

Generally taking place on the third Friday of each month, the next Session will take place on **Friday 20 March 2026 2.00-3.00pm** (doors open 1.30pm). If you would like to come along to this Session or to be added to the specific circulation list, simply indicate this on the [Contact Form](#).

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Musica Sacra Scotland...

Once again, all are invited to participate in Cappella Nova Outreach's 'community liturgical choir' *St Columbkille's Schola Cantorum*. We continue to meet approximately once a month, generally to sing at the 4.00pm Sunday Mass in the magnificently beautiful, neo-Romanesque [St Columbkille's Church](#) in Rutherglen, G73 2SL.

Anyone who loves singing (it's ecumenical in every way – you don't have to be religious, just respectful of the context) is welcome to join in: simply indicate that on the [Contact Form](#), and we shall gladly add you to the Schola circulation list with no obligation. As part of the pre-Mass rehearsal there are always tips on healthy singing. And there's no charge/subscription. **Our next dates are Sundays 29 March, 10 May and 14 June 2026.**

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Strathclyde University's Centre for Lifelong Learning...

[Bookings](#) open on **Monday 23 March 2026** for a range of group singing opportunities during the Spring and Summer:-

Scots Song Series 2 – led by Carole Irvine

Immerse yourself in the inspirational world of our nation's traditional folk repertoire with...

the *Scots Song Series 2*. As a follow-on from last year's series and using new repertoire, we shall explore the themes of life, love, loss, the natural world and the supernatural through voice. No previous singing experience is required: you will learn songs by ear in the traditional way and will gain confidence in your singing abilities with this enriching experience.
Tuesdays 28 April to 16 June 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm.

The Ageing Voice, use it or lose it – led by Carole Irvine

Have you noticed vocal changes with the passing of time? Losing power and stamina, both in speaking and singing? During this course you will discover the causes of these changes and how to combat the effects. Whether a seasoned singer or complete novice, through song and healthy vocal production, you can regain some of your youthful vocal vigour!

Thursdays 30 April to 18 June 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Improvers Vocal Course – led by Carole Irvine

Would you like to develop your knowledge of vocal technique and take it to the next level? Whether you sing as a soloist, in a small group or a large choir, this intensive five-day Course will give you a greater understanding of your voice and how it works. During the week, you will find the areas you can improve on as an individual and learn the tools to help you to reach your potential. Explore your voice in a variety of genres and develop performance skills, tackling common concerns like confidence and stage fright!

Daily, Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm.

The Summer Morning Choir – led by Alan Tavener

A rare opportunity to participate in a daytime choir in Glasgow. For mixed (male and female) voices, it is "open access" (there are no auditions), and practical guidance is given on preparing the voice for singing and gaining a basic understanding of music notation. With the help of words/music sheets and sound files, we will learn to sing a wide range of accessible songs for informal performance, ranging from The Age of Swing and Scottish Songs, to Songs from The Shows and Folksongs from around the world.

Tuesdays 7 July April to 25 August 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Improvers Vocal Course – led by Carole Irvine

A repeat of the intensive Course offered earlier in the Summer.

Daily, Monday 10 to 15 August 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm.

With every good wish for a music-filled and healthy Spring!

Alan Tavener

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