

Fun and Foolishness in Bangor Cathedral



Bangor Cathedral resounded to the delighted laughter of over 100 children and young people gathered for a day of “fun and foolishness” with Holy Fool Roly Bain, surely the first time a “slackrope” performance has taken place in front of the Choir.

Roly Bain is a priest in Bristol Diocese whose full-time ministry is to proclaim the Gospel through fun and foolishness. He has clowned all over the UK, across the USA, in Canada, Australia, Sweden, France, Belgium and Holland..... in churches, chapels and cathedrals, prisons, hospitals and schools, so we were extremely fortunate that he was able to come to Bangor.

Young and old enjoyed Roly’s masterly “slackrope” performance and many of the young people took the opportunity to learn some of the skills from Roly himself.

In addition the young people tried their hands at, puppeteering, making masks and hats and speed art, the latter being on sale to raise funds for LOST (Lango orphans scholarship trust) The Ladychapel became a prayer room where the young people took the opportunity to explore different ways into prayer.

The afternoon concluded with a vibrant act of worship at the start of which Roly led the young people in a glorious procession around the Cathedral carrying the items they had made during the day. Music was led by a band of young people from the Parish of Llanfairfechan who were joined by Bishop Andrew playing the electric guitar.

The event was organised by Bangor Diocesan Children’s and Youth Committees who are grateful to all who came to help.