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A new Holocaust memorial in Poland by the artist Janusz Marciniak is a subtle combination of land art and commemoration.

The memorial is located at the site of the destroyed Jewish cemetery in Oborniki Wielkopolskie, near Poznań, and uses large, rough stones to form a Star of David in the center of the site, which is now a wild, grassy meadow.

One of the stones was cut in half, with inscriptions on the polished sides.

One commemorates the Jewish community destroyed by the Nazis during the Holocaust and bears a verse from Psalm 103 (in Hebrew and Polish) and a text reading, in

Polish: “There must be a place in our memory for the dead. By respecting this and other cemeteries, we bear witness to humanity, culture, and faith. Memory is the foundation of love, mutual understanding and the future.”

The second half of the stone bears a fragment of the poem “Łąka” (Meadow) by the Polish Jewish poet Bolesław Leśmian. In the poem, Marciniak says, “the meadow is a tribute to eternal love. This love that ‘will break and conquer everything’ – even death.”

The monument was a project of the Oborniki Wielkopolskie municipality and carried out in cooperation with the Poznan



The collage consists of three distinct images. The left image shows the exterior of a brick church tower with a clock face, set against a clear blue sky. The top right image shows two tall, narrow stained glass windows with intricate designs. The bottom right image is a close-up of a lion's face with a white mane and green eyes.

 Tours of St Mark's, Dundela

- First Tuesday of the month, 10.30 a.m. – 12noon
- £10pp, children under 16 free
- Tour starts at Heyn Hall
- For more information and to book, visit:
<http://dundela.down.anglican.org/visit-us.html>

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Jewish community, and with the approval of Poland's chief rabbi and the Commission for Jewish Cemeteries.

Photo credits: Janusz Marciniak

Information via Jewish Heritage Europe

News

Lady of the Lake Festival a community success



Here are a few photos of the youth groups from across the community on parade as part of the festival.

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The Festival
Committee has
been thanked for
all their hard work.



Here is a link for more information about the Festival.
<https://www.facebook.com/TheLadyoftheLakeFestival>

St Malachy's students sample Cambridge

Eleven Sixth Form students travelled to Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, to take part in the Corpus Link Area Summer School Programme.



The had the opportunity to attend personal statement workshops, observe mock interviews and even see a virtual dissection.



“Our boys had a fantastic trip and start to their summer holidays! A

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thanks to
Corpus
Christi
College for
organising
and
facilitating
the great
experience!"



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Presbyterian Church launch 'The Review'

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) has launched a new digital magazine that provides a resume of some of the key decisions taken at this year's General Assembly, which took place at the end of June.

The Review



General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
20-22 June 2024



Something different...

This year's General Assembly was different. Opened by one Moderator on a Thursday morning, it was closed by his successor on the Saturday, having been installed on Friday afternoon. In between, around 100 resolutions – concerning the mundane and not so mundane that will affect the

life and ministry of PCI down the years – were passed during 21 hours of debate across 24 sessions.

So, in keeping with doing things differently – welcome to *The Review*, a new publication that really does what it says on the tin. While we can't review all that happened between 20-22 June in Belfast, we hope this will provide an informative and useful snapshot of just some of what took place.

Moderator's call to evangelism

In his last official act, outgoing Moderator, Dr Sam Mawhinney, led the new Service of Installation for his successor, Rev Dr Richard Murray of Drumreagh Presbyterian Church, near Ballymoney in County Antrim.

On a hot Friday afternoon in a packed Assembly Hall, before 21 of PCT's 28 surviving former moderators, members of Assembly and the public along with civic guests, which included His Majesty's Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Belfast and the city's Lord Mayor, Dr Murray became the 179th person to hold the denomination's highest office since 1840.

Before unveiling his theme for the year, 'Mighty to Save' Dr Murray paid tribute to his predecessor. Having studied at Union Theological College together, the Moderator told the Assembly, "back then I don't think either of us could have foreseen an occasion like this, and yet in the providence of God, here we are."

In his address Dr Murray laid out what he thought was one of the major problems facing the Christian church – and it wasn't its contraction, but connection. "How to connect the good news of what God has done for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ with a world that is at best uninterested, and at worst hostile?"



He spoke of the Apostle Paul's letter to the believers in Corinth saying that Paul "had a mission, compelled by the love of Christ to go to Corinth." Talking of mission, he remembered that even the Church of England in 1990 had what it called 'A decade of evangelism', "…but at least they had a vision. 'For without a vision the people perish'. Could we not designate even a year of evangelism?" Dr Murray asked.

"…We have to go outside the four walls. As someone has put it – 'if we don't evangelise, we fossilise'…in Corinth Paul discovered [that] God is mighty to save."

You can read all of Dr Murray's address by [clicking here](#).

Called 'The Review' this new publication includes news and photos from the annual event, with links that give more detail on some of the stories and access to the reports and resolutions that were discussed.

Launching the new publication, Mark Neale, PCI's Head of Communications said, "As part of our review of media and communications, one thing we were keen to do was ensure that our congregations and our members heard from us, as to what happened at this year's General Assembly. While we couldn't include everything that was debated, I hope that The Review provides not only a good snapshot, but helps



Irish Presbyterians to engage more with the General Assembly, its mission and ministry.”

Available on issuu.com in a magazine format, or from PCI's website presbyterianireland.org as a full colour pdf, Rev Trevor Gribben, Clerk of the General Assembly and General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, described it as ‘an informative and really useful initiative.’

“The 294 pages of the Blue Book, which contains the reports and resolutions that were discussed, is of course needed, but a bit heavy going. And then you have the 15 pages of the additional Supplementary Reports to wade through as well, if you want to know everything that we discussed. The Review, however, is an informative and really useful initiative that opens up some of the key things that were discussed and decided at this year's General Assembly.

“As our highest decision-making body, we have over a number of years sought to make the General Assembly more accessible. In that same spirit, I hope that The Review will help our members, and indeed others, to have a greater understanding of the General Assembly and the important work that it does,” Mr Gribben said.

In brief

Religion and the new UK parliament

Humanists UK say 60 per cent of MPs took a religious oath

Labour now has 12 Jewish MPs in parliament

A dozen Sikh heritage MPs have also been elected to parliament

"Anglican cadences" in Sir Keir Starmer's speech to the nation

Free churches urge government to put the vulnerable first

Church of England General Synod in York

CofE moves towards blessing same-sex couples in 'stand-alone' services

CofE evangelicals start parallel province in dispute over same-sex marriage

CofE "overseers" opposed to same sex blessings

were appointed yesterday (Friday 12 July). They will provide oversight to clergy and congregations who disapprove of moves to allow same sex blessings and who "feel a loss of confidence in the spiritual leadership of their bishops". They were commissioned at All Soul's Church, Langham Place,

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and prayers were led by the former bishop of Willesden, Pete Broadbent.

Synod rejects KC investigation into unchecked Soul Survivor abuse

CofE calls for better support for families with disabled children

Bishops should press government to end two-child benefit cap

Archdeacon tells Synod: don't let Mormons have burial records

Cathedral Calls



Pioneer Evangelist to be new Community Officer at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

Kelley Bermingham, Pioneer Evangelist at St Brigid's Cathedral in Kildare, is leaving to take up a new post with St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

Kelley has been appointed as the new Community Officer with the cathedral team.

“During her time with the Kildare Centre of Mission Kelley used her experience and passion to successfully establish relationships with the wider community in the town. She was part of the staff team at St Brigid’s along with Lead Evangelist Rev Philip McKinley, and led by Dean Isobel Jackson. We wish Kelley well in her new post and thank her for all her work at St Brigid’s”.

Cathedral Music 2024 grants for England, Scotland and Wales



The Cathedral Music Trust has

announced that “We are proud to be investing half a million pounds in cathedral music for 2024 through the Trust’s financial support programmes, including the Cathedral Music Support Programme and the Church Choir Award.

“These awards will support music departments to continue and further their brilliant work both in their own cathedrals

and churches, and in the wider community – across England, Scotland and Wales. At the heart of this vital funding is our commitment to championing excellence in choral and organ music, and providing opportunities for people from all walks of life to thrive and develop.

“This year, we're investing £500,000, supporting 28 cathedrals and churches across the UK through the Cathedral Music Support Programme and Church Choir Award”

Jonathan McDonald the Chair of Cathedral Music Trust said, “This investment of £500,000 represents the largest annual sum Cathedral Music Trust has ever distributed through its regular financial support programmes. Our cathedrals and parish churches continue to face financial challenges in sustaining the nation’s wonderful heritage of choral and organ music, and this support signals the Trust’s ongoing commitment to securing a bright future for this cherished tradition.”

See - www.cathedralmusictrust.org.uk/trust-invests-500000-in-cathedral-music/

Precentor of Chichester chats about his healing journey

In this new episode of The GoHealth Podcast, Gillian Straine is chatting with The Revd. Dr. Dan Inman, Precentor of Chichester Cathedral.

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It is a very honest chat with Dan about his own healing journey, touching on the topics of pilgrimage, liturgy, buildings and the arts. It's also a personal and very inspiring conversation, with a surprisingly moving ending (have the tissues handy!).

On the website:

<https://gohealth.org.uk/podcasts/healing-histories-spaces-and-places/>

On Apple Podcasts:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/in/podcast/healing-histories-spaces-and-places/id1544479578?i=1000660950438>

On Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7tZuF8vVmp2xnquXR8X23p?si=b9a41b426603495b>

Clergy

Meet Shane Maguire, a member of the September cohort of Pioneer Ministers

My name is Shane and I'm married to Ruth and together we have two small children. In late 2017, I began working in St Catherine's Church on Thomas Street as the Youth Pastor leading to a full time role as Assistant Pastor overseeing Youth, Schools & Media.



MEET THE PIONEERS

SHANE
MAGUIRE



Trustee Church:

St. Catherine's Church

Diocese:

Dublin & Glendalough

I'm passionate about placing the bible back in the hands of young people & inviting others to think about what it means to be a disciple who makes disciples. I'm also a long-suffering Manchester United supporter but still find pleasure in coffee, reading and having the craic.

— Why Pioneering —

At the start of 2023, our family began to sense a call to pioneer a new community of faith in the heart of Dublin 12. Having already been part of two local churches in D12

during our teenage years, our hearts break again for the people of this area & we long to pioneer a fresh expression of church for all ages and stages of life. I grew up in a family that had little or no connection to church but someone was willing to invite us along and share their faith with us. That decision changed the trajectory of my life and the life of my family. In stepping out to become a Pioneer Minister within the Church of Ireland, I hope to engage with people outside the church in a different but familiar way, through hospitality and the generosity of our homes and lives, to give others the same opportunity I had — to experience the life changing power only Jesus can bring.

— Most Excited About —

When it comes to the training, I am really excited about the opportunity to meet new people, and join with others as we open up the door to new ways of being and doing church. I'm looking forward to the challenge of thinking differently and putting it into practice. I can't wait to get started!

To sign up to our mailing list and stay up to date with Pioneer Ministry, click here: <http://eepurl.com/iob42s>

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

C of I MTh student reflects on 'Reading and Time'

CITI has celebrated with Jessica Brown, a current student in the non-residential MTh community, whose reflection



‘Reading together helps us read our own lives better’ was published earlier this month on the website “Seen and Unseen.” You can read her warm, insightful, and grace-filled words

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Saturday 7th Sept	10am to 4.30pm	Charleville Community Centre, Tullamore

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Mieke 087 9177 460
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here: Reading together helps us read our own lives better at
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<https://www.seenandunseen.com/reading-together-helps-us-read-our-own-lives-better>

Seen & Unseen - [seenandunseen.com](https://www.seenandunseen.com)

CITI - <http://dlvr.it/T9Mct5>



He made hope and history rhyme - John Hume exhibition

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Discover the life and legacy of one of the peace processes architects of change and his vision for peace.

Hume, he made hope and history rhyme, is a free European Parliament in the UK exhibition marking his historic Nobel peace prize and is now open to the public at Birley Building reception, Belfast.

Find out how you can visit: <https://ow.ly/xeub50Sx0FW>

Poem For Today

Jerusalem

By William Blake

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green:
And was the holy Lamb of God,
On England's pleasant pastures seen!

And did the Countenance Divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold;
Bring me my Arrows of desire:
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my Chariot of fire!

I will not cease from Mental Fight,
Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand:

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Till we have built Jerusalem,
In England's green & pleasant Land.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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