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Rev Tony Franklin and Bishop Susan Bell (front page), co-chairs of the Anglican - Methodist International Coordinating Council led the members around sites associated with John Wesley.

There was an Irish presence at the International Coordinating Council with Gillian Kingston of the Irish Methodist Church.(Third from right above).



The Anglican - Methodist International Co-ordinating Council (AMICC) met in the Anglican Communion office in London.

It was the start of a new third phase in the dialogue, a decade on from the conclusion of the last phase.

“We have prayed and sung, listened, read and engaged, and eaten together in building the dialogue team and discerning our future ecumenical pilgrimage for unity and mission among the Anglican and Methodist worldwide communions. And we walked - in pilgrimage from Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, to Charterhouse (John Wesley's school (Photo above) and to St Paul's Cathedral”.

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Kilgarriffe Union hosts Celtic Bishops

This truly unique Church of the Ascension hosted the Celtic Bishops for an afternoon during their conference.

Finola Finlay gave an excellent talk on the unique history and on the



stained glass treasury that is housed there.





Dobbin Church Girls' Brigade's successful year

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Dobbin Church Girls' Brigade held their annual informal prize giving this week following a very successful year enjoying a variety of activities.

Special thanks were expressed to the leadership team for the work they carry out on behalf of the CLCGB - a special group with all but 2 ladies coming through the ranks of the Company from they were 3 / 4 years old.

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Dunluce Parish all set for 15th annual art and photographic exhibition

Dunluce Parish's annual art exhibition will take place in the Parish Centre in Priestland Road, Bushmills, from Friday May 3 to Monday May 6.

Now in its 15th year, the event has gone from strength to strength, attracting artists and photographers from across Northern Ireland.

“We are excited that we have more than 250 works to display this year, with many of our favourite artists returning and quite a few new names joining us for the first time ” said coordinator Aileen Gault.

The exhibition will showcase works by 68 talented artists and photographers from across Northern Ireland. Each piece is for sale, at a range of prices with all commission on sales going to charity. Over the years, the exhibition has raised many thousands of pounds for charity and this year

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proceeds will go to the Bishops' Appeal Fund, the Church of Ireland's World Aid and Development Programme.

The exhibition will be opened on May 3 by Ross Wilson, one of Ireland's leading artists and sculptors, with existing links to Bushmills. His collaboration with young people in the village led to the unveiling in 2004 of the 'Alphabet Angel' sculpture, which celebrates the Ulster-Scots language.

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With so many artworks on display, there is sure to be something to appeal to everyone – and after viewing the art, visitors are invited to the ‘Drawing Room’ café where they are welcome to relax and catch up with friends over tea, coffee and homemade treats. There is also the opportunity to win a painting by a local artist in the raffle to be held on the final day.

To help plan your visit:

Dunluce Parish Church 15th Annual Art and Photographic Exhibition: Friday May 3 – Monday May 6, Dunluce Parish Centre, 13 Priestland Road Bushmills.

Admission: £2 (adults 16+). Refreshments: £4. Opening hours: Friday 3 May 7pm-9pm; Saturday 4 May 10am–4pm; Sunday 5 May 2pm–4pm; Monday 6 May 10am-2pm

Rome venue for 2024 Anglican Primates' Meeting

The 2024 Primates' Meeting will be held in Rome for pilgrimage, consultation and meeting with Pope Francis

Senior archbishops, presiding bishops, and moderators of the churches of the Anglican Communion will meet in Rome for the 2024 Primates’ Meeting (April 29-May 3). Conceived as a pilgrimage, they will pray and study Scripture together, visit holy sites in Rome, and reflect together about the mission and witness of the Church in the world.

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In the first gathering of Anglican Primates to be held in Rome, the Primates' programme will include a meeting with Pope Francis and conversation with Cardinal Grech about the meaning and promise of synodality for the whole Church.

The city of Rome is full of historical and spiritual significance for the whole Christian world. Pope Gregory the Great sent Augustine of Canterbury on mission to England in 597. Especially since the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), Rome has been a centre of inter-Christian encounter and ecumenical research.

In and around their meeting, the primates will undertake a pilgrimage in the city, visiting both St Peter's Basilica and the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls (where St Paul the Apostle is buried), besides visits to Tre Fontane, Santa Maria in Trastevere, and the Community of Sant'Egidio.

The primates will be hosted by Archbishop Ian Ernest, the Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. The primates were due to meet in Rome in 2020, but the meeting was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Primates' Meeting is one of the 'Instruments' of the Anglican Communion, that works for unity amongst Anglican churches globally. The other instruments are The Anglican Consultative Council, The Lambeth Conference and The Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Primates' Meeting agenda is developed by the regional primates of the Communion who serve on the Primates' Standing Committee. The agenda will be finalised by

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common consent at the start of the meeting. Topics will include prayerful conversation about areas of conflict in the world and regional meetings to discuss issues of local concern.

The primates will also be asked to engage and respond to a paper by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order (IASCUFO), commissioned by the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) in 2023. The paper looks at structure and decision-making in the Anglican Communion and offers proposals to help address difference and disagreement in the Anglican Communion. IASCUFO reports to all four Instruments of the Anglican Communion and will carry its paper to the next meeting of the ACC in 2026.

Speaking about the 2024 Primates' Meeting Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said: "The Primates' Meeting is an important time of pilgrimage and fellowship. Together, we will discuss common priorities and challenges in the global mission and shared life of the Anglican Communion. The Primates serve churches and communities around the world. Many come from settings where people are directly impacted by the instability of conflict, the challenge of climate crisis and the injustice of poverty. Together, we will pray for the needs of people and planet, the unity of God's Church and the witness of the Anglican Communion."

Archbishop Ian Ernest from the Anglican Centre in Rome, said: "The Anglican Centre in Rome seeks to be a living reality of the Communion's commitment to Church unity, working collaboratively with all Christians for justice and peace in the world. We are looking forward to welcoming

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Anglican primates to the centre for prayer, pilgrimage, and conversation.”

As secretariat to the Anglican Communion, staff from the Anglican Communion Office in London will support the Primates’ Meeting.

Bishop Anthony Poggo, The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion said: “At the Anglican Communion Office, we pray for all the primates of the Anglican Communion. We give thanks for the collaboration of the Anglican Centre in Rome and our sisters and brothers at the Vatican, who have worked so hard to support this important meeting.”

It will be the first Primates’ Meeting for seven of the Primates.

Since its establishment in 1978 by then-Archbishop of Canterbury Donald Coggan, the Primates’ Meeting has coordinated closely with both the Anglican Consultative Council and the Lambeth Conference.

Justin Welby calls for reform as UK housing crisis 'blights lives' of 'millions'

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said the UK has a "moral responsibility" to fix the housing crisis, arguing that expensive, temporary and unhealthy housing options are “blighting the lives and futures of millions.”

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The Most Rev Justin Welby has called for a more long-term solution to the housing crisis and backed a new report advocating for safe homes across England.

The Homes for All report was launched in the House of Lords on Tuesday and has called for an independent body on housing to scrutinise and transform housing and housing policy.



Canterbury meets Anglican priest from Gaza

“It was an honour to welcome Father Gabriel Romanelli to Lambeth Palace yesterday (Wednesday) to meet and pray together for peace and justice in the Holy Land”, the Archbishop of Canterbury said.

Archbishop Justin Welby continued - On 7th October, Fr Romanelli was in Bethlehem buying medicine when Hamas attacked. He hasn't been able to return to his parish and parishioners at the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza City, the only Catholic church in the Gaza Strip, since the war began.

The parish has endured over six months of Israeli bombardment, yet the church is a beacon in the region, with up to 600 displaced people currently sheltering within the parish.

The church's ministry of care and compassion has been made immeasurably harder by the war, particularly as aid workers have been prevented from distributing life-saving supplies.

International humanitarian law is resolutely clear that all parties to a conflict must facilitate the rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief for those in need. This is especially true for Israel as the Occupying Power.

I continue to pray and call for an immediate ceasefire, for the release of hostages, and for unimpeded aid to reach the people of Gaza. I pray that God watches over all those in Gaza, that Christians living there in unimaginable circumstances are kept safe, and that Fr Romanelli is allowed to return to continue his church's important work.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/4dmO7hE>

Court and personal

Prince of Wales appointed Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has been appointed as Great Master of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

The Order of the Bath is a military order established by George I on 18th May 1725. The Order was a revival of an older custom dating back to medieval times when part of the ceremony of knighthood included a ritual bath symbolic of spiritual purification.

The Henry VII Lady Chapel (photo above) is used for the installations of Knights of the Order of the Bath, and the colourful banners of living knights hang there. Brass plates with coats of arms of current and former knights are attached to the stalls. The Sovereign and the Great Master of the Order continue to install new knights in the chapel.

Today, recipients of the Order are usually senior military officers or senior civil servants. Famous holders of the Order have included Admiral Nelson, Lord Kitchener and Viscount Montgomery of El Alamein. Women were admitted to the Order in 1971, with Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, appointed the first Dame Grand Cross.

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Find out more about the history, significance and origins of the Order of the Bath use links at: westminster-abbey.org/history/explor...

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Summer Concert at St Peter's Cathedral

Featured at the concert on June 16 at 2pm will be the debut of the Girls' Choir alongside performances from the Schola Cantorum and the Cathedral Choir.

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Admission is free , with a retiring collection in support of our Music Department. Hope to see you there!

Stained glass of St Mark at Canterbury

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mark the Evangelist.

One of Christ's original disciples, one of the four evangelists, author of the Gospel of Mark and the patron saint of many topics, such as lions, lawyers and prisoners.



📷 Depiction of St Mark as a Lion, in the South Oculus Window of the Cathedral. Dating to the middle of the 19th century, this is a recreation of a lost 12th century window.

📷 Depiction of St Mark as a Lion in stained glass, in the Corona Chapel. This window originally comes from Petham



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Church. The figure of Christ is a 19th century recreation, but the Evangelists' symbols are original early 13th century.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Cheeky Pandas, MYCN and Minecraft church

How can you efficiently engage the younger generation?

The organisers say - Join us for our next webinar on April 30th at 2 pm and find out how tools like Cheeky Pandas, MYCN and Minecraft Church can transform and grow your children and youth ministries. Gain valuable advice from other churches, and learn how to apply these strategies effectively in your ministry.

Cheeky Pandas, MYCN and Minecraft church

Date & Time Apr 30, 2024 02:00 PM

Join us for an informative session to hear from three guest speakers on resources to help you grow your children and young people's ministry. In this session we explore the 'Resource' part of our PRAY acronym (watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/u\ 1bvj7XXe0>).

We'll be hearing from:

- Ben Sleep on using Cheeky Pandas as a resource for children's worship and discipleship

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- Kevin Colyer on Minecraft Church as a tool for connecting with young people through gaming, and
- Andy Milne from MYCN on their training and support available for churches looking to grow their ministry with children and young people.

We'll hear from each speaker, followed by time for Q&A.

Poem for today

On Malvern Hill by John Masefield

A wind is brushing down the clover,
It sweeps the tossing branches bare,
Blowing the poising kestrel over
The crumbling ramparts of the Caer.

It whirls the scattered leaves before us
Along the dusty road to home,
Once it awakened into chorus
The heart-strings in the ranks of Rome.

There by the gusty coppice border
The shrilling trumpets broke the halt,
The Roman line, the Roman order,
Swayed forward to the blind assault.

Spearman and charioteer and bowman
Charged and were scattered into spray,
Savage and taciturn the Roman
Hewed upwards in the Roman way.

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There — in the twilight — where the cattle
Are lowing home across the fields,
The beaten warriors left the battle
Dead on the clansmen's wicker shields.

The leaves whirl in the wind's riot
Beneath the Beacon's jutting spur,
Quiet are clan and chief, and quiet
Centurion and signifer.

Speaking to the soul

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