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Anglican Communion Primates' Meeting in Rome

Archbishop Justin of Canterbury said yesterday, “On the eve of the beginning of the Anglican Communion Primates’ Meeting here in Rome, it was nice to be able to join Fr Robert Warren and the community at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Rome this morning.

“The Primate of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls presided and preached and the Archbishop of Canterbury gave the final blessing”.

Archbishop Stephen Cotterill of York joined the Archbishop of Canterbury in Rome as Primates from across the



Anglican Communion gather to share fellowship, worship, hopes and concerns.

Archbishop Stephen said, “We pray for unity and understanding across the Anglican Communion and a shared vision to live and share the gospel. We have much to learn from one another.”

The meeting gathers senior archbishops, presiding bishops, and moderators of the churches of the Anglican Communion from around the world.

The primates will spend time in pilgrimage and conversation on shared priorities in church and world affairs. It will be hosted by the Anglican Centre in Rome.

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It is the first gathering of Anglican Primates to be held in Rome. The programme includes an audience with Pope Francis and visits to holy sites in Rome.

Get more information about the Primates Meeting here:
<https://bit.ly/44lxbnt>

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Cork MU's Big Sing in Rosscarbery

“What a wonderful Big Sing we had in Rosscarbery”. Thank were expressed to Ross Union of Parishes and the local MU branch for their welcome, to Rev Ivan Ruiters our preacher,



to Eunice Jeffers, our organist, June Butler, All Ireland President and especially to Dean Cliff for his help in organising and leading our worship. It was so good to get together.



“Thank you also to those who stayed on for our short council meeting. It is a privilege to be part of this amazing family of Mothers' Union Cork .

“Our amazing Joyce was at the Big Sing today. She has been a member for 74 years. What a record!”



Hub Chaplains past and present

On Saturday the current chaplain of The Hub, Danielle, met with four former QUB Hub chaplains at the First Things conference.

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Bishop Andrew Forster, Rev Dr. Paddy McGlinchy, Bishop Harold Miller & Archdeacon Barry Forde. The ministry of the first of the chaplains pictured, Bishop Harold, spans all the way back to 1984.



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Heroes Kids club and Youth Hangout at Dromara and Garvagh

The Kids enjoyed making their own pizza playing different games and having a short Bible talk at their meeting last week - Photos on page above

The youths were all excited to have a trip out to McDonald's to enjoy their lovely means with a nice FREE ice-cream. A well done and thanks to all the leaders for their selfless service and special thanks also to Stephanie and McDonald's Boulevard who donated the FREE ice-cream to the youth members.



Drumachose Presbyterian Church April Afternoon Tea aids Children's Hospice and church repairs



Drumachose Presbyterian Church in Limavady held an April Afternoon Tea on 27th April in their Church hall, with the proceeds going to the Church Repair Fund and the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice.

The new resources to help churches recruit volunteers with children and young people



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Not only were those supporting it treated to an array of Delicacies, Floral display, Art, Photography and Crafts, but to the beautiful voice of Rhian Cooper who entertained at the end of the event.



Charleville School choir enriches Tullamore confirmation

Congratulations to the nine young people from Tullamore and Geashill who were confirmed by Bishop Pat on Sunday 21 April in St Catherine's Church. The Charleville School choir was amazing and greatly enriched the service.

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The young people were presented with a youth Bible by the parish. “We continue to pray for them as they continue to grow in faith and love. We express our thanks to William Edhill who helped prepare the candidates for confirmation and to our organist, decorators and wardens for a very special day.”



Whitefriar Street Church

ANNUAL ORGAN RECITAL SERIES 2024

Sundays in May at 7.00 p.m.

Sunday at 7.00 5th May	John O’Keeffe (organist) & Sharon Carty (mezzo-soprano)
Sunday at 7.00 12th May	David Ponsford (organist) in partnership with Pipeworks
Sunday at 7.00 19th May	Malcolm Proud (organist) & Stuart Kinsella (tenor)
Sunday at 7.00 26th May	Thomas Charles Marshall (organist) & Bogdan Şofei (violinist)

Entrance Free - Retiring Collection
Busses for Aungier Street: 9, 14, 15, 83 122,16, 65b, 68, 140
LUAS: St Stephen’s Green

ALL SAINTS' EGLANTINE PRESENTS A
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Pope makes landmark visit to Venice Biennale and proclaims that ‘the world needs artists’

Pope Francis has become the first pontiff to visit Venice’s contemporary art festival during a trip which saw him visit a female prison and rehabilitate the reputation of a pioneering American nun artist.

The 87-year-old Pope traveled to the northeastern Italian city by helicopter on April 28, touching down at the prison on Giudecca Island in the Venetian lagoon which has been taken over by the Holy See for the eight-month-long biennale.

Curated by Chiara Parisi and Bruno Racine, the pavilion — titled “Con i miei occhi” (which translates as “With my eyes”) — reflects the Pope’s concern for society’s outsiders, especially prisoners, and includes works from several female artists. Francis began his Venice trip by greeting each of the approximately 80 inmates in the prison courtyard, several of whom are involved in the exhibition.

Poetry from some inmates has been placed on the walls of the prison, while others act in a short film by Italian director Marco Perego and his wife, actor Zoe Saldana, a star of the “Avatar” films. (Saldana plays a prisoner on the day of her release alongside other inmates.)

“Paradoxically, a stay in prison can mark the beginning of something new...as symbolized by the artistic event you are hosting,” Francis told them. “Let us not forget that we all

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have mistakes to be forgiven for and wounds to be healed — me too.”

Cathedral Call



Derry Head Chorister

Congratulations to Head Chorister Clark on completing eight years in the Choir and making an outstanding contribution to music in St. Columb's Cathedral.

Exeter Cathedral Quire reopens

The Exeter Cathedral Quire is now open. Essential conservation and improvement works have been taking place to make the Quire an even more comfortable place for services, community gatherings and events.

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The Quire project has been generously supported by Valencia Communities Fund.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



Caravaggio in Belfast talk

In a first for Belfast, Caravaggio's 'The Supper at Emmaus' and 'The Taking of Christ' will be reunited at a unique exhibition at the Ulster Museum as part of a nationwide campaign for the National Gallery's bicentenary.

To mark this special occasion, Dr Isabella Evangelisti will give a talk on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 in All Souls on behalf of the Four Belfast churches group.

Refreshments will be served and a collection will be taken for the charity, 'Wave'.

All are welcome!

Four Belfast churches group - First Church Belfast; All Souls Church Belfast; First Dunmurry NS Presbyterian Church; Mountpottinger Non Subscribing Church.

Calling NI Beaver Leaders

Don't miss out on the Beavers Olympics Dam Jam 2024 on May 18th - it'll be a day full of adventure for our young ones!

From crate climbing to soft archery, there is something for everyone. We want to emphasise that Dam Jam is essentially our beloved Beaver Rally Day under a new name, packed with the same excitement and camaraderie that our Beavers know and love!



The deadline's coming up, so please grab your tickets now. And guess what? There's also the Mini Dam Jam in Fermanagh on May 25th, 2024! Double the fun, double the adventure!

Spread the word and join the excitement - tickets available below:



Olympics Dam Jam 2024

<https://t.ly/DCMW7>



Fermanagh Mini Dam Jam 2024

https://t.ly/Λ_APcx

Book - The Corncrake's Welcome: Memoirs of a Northern Irish Diplomat by William D. Hanna

The Corncrake's Welcome continues the story of William Hanna's family, introduced in Voyages with my Grandfather. Spanning a hundred years, these memoirs delve into the turbulent birth of Northern Ireland, wartime Belfast, and the 1960s, when Hanna was growing up in Windsor Manse, next to the Presbyterian Church where his father was the Minister.

Join the young boy, enthralled by both the orange sashes of Belfast and the green rugby jerseys of Dublin. See the teenager confronted by the Troubles, beginning to question his religious and national inheritance. Follow Hanna's coming-of-age journey, from Ireland to Scotland, Switzerland, and France, and watch him set out on a diplomatic career in Dublin and in Brussels.

Share his joy and sorrow when he returns to Ireland, after many years serving as EU Ambassador around the world; recalls his father's historic meeting with Pope John Paul II; and makes poignant discoveries about events a century ago.

Praise for Voyages with my Grandfather:

'Beautifully written. Very moving', Alexander McCall Smith

'Extraordinary insight into life of Northern Ireland Presbyterians', Gail Walker, Belfast Telegraph



COME JOIN THE FUN!



15th -18th May
Come and join us on Stand 80

Poem for today

Sun and Shadow

By Oliver Wendell Holmes

As I look from the isle, o'er its billows of green,
To the billows of foam-crested blue,
Yon bark, that afar in the distance is seen,
Half dreaming, my eyes will pursue:
Now dark in the shadow, she scatters the spray
As the chaff in the stroke of the flail;

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Now white as the sea-gull, she flies on her way,
The sun gleaming bright on her sail.

Yet her pilot is thinking of dangers to shun,--
Of breakers that whiten and roar;
How little he cares, if in shadow or sun
They see him who gaze from the shore!
He looks to the beacon that looms from the reef,
To the rock that is under his lee,
As he drifts on the blast, like a wind-wafted leaf,
O'er the gulfs of the desolate sea.

Thus drifting afar to the dim-vaulted caves
Where life and its ventures are laid,
The dreamers who gaze while we battle the waves
May see us in sunshine or shade;
Yet true to our course, though the shadows grow dark,
We'll trim our broad sail as before,
And stand by the rudder that governs the bark,
Nor ask how we look from the shore!

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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