

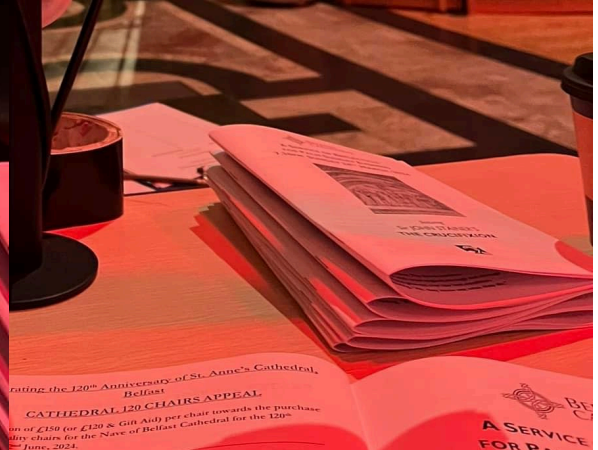
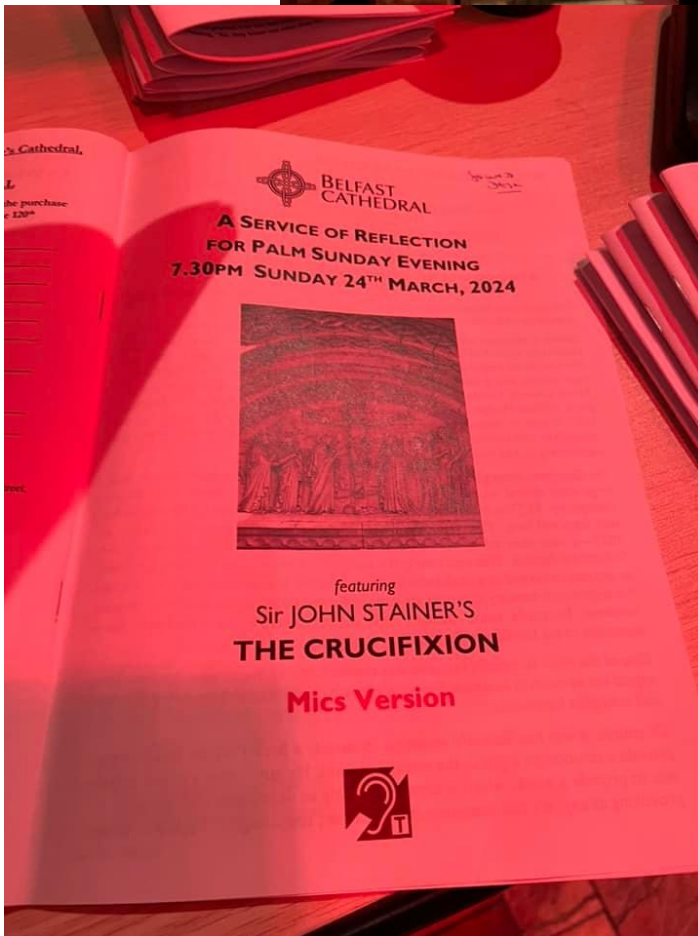
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**Image of the day – The Crucifixion by Stainer  
at Belfast Cathedral**

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# Image of the day



## The Crucifixion by Stainer at Belfast Cathedral

# News

## New BB drumbeats in Dublin



**7th Dublin Company outside St. John's Church, Coolock, after their Enrolment Service and including their newest Member, Chaplain Rev Kevin Ronné.**

In the foreground are 10 of the Drums rescued from now closed Companies by 7th Dublin Company. The drums are now restored to use with the help of funding from The Republic of Ireland HQ, and they were used in the Enrolment Service.

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## Methodist Women in Ireland Hearts & Hymns evening

**Methodist Women in Ireland hosted an Evening “Hearts & Hymns” with Pam Rhodes in Trinity Methodist Church, Lisburn, on 23 March.**

Pam has been a familiar face on T.V. for 50 years and especially with the BBC’s Songs of Praise. Pam has an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of hymns, old and new.

A very full Church enjoyed a wonderful evening. Also taking part were The Silvertones Male Voice Choir from Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh, and Just Sing! Kid’s Choir, from Portadown.



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Mrs. Olive Rowe, All Ireland President Methodist Women Ireland, warmly welcomed all present and the Rev. David Turtle, President Methodist Church in Ireland opened the evening with prayer.

Mrs. June Butler All-Ireland Mothers' Union President and Mrs. Joyce Bond President Women's Link ICC, invited guests, enjoyed this very special evening of Praise and Reflection.



St Fachtna's Cathedral

Rosscarbery

11am, Saturday 27th April

# Big Hymn Sing



**Join us and  
raise the roof  
for  
Mums in May**

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families  
Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross



## Church of England grants go towards low-income areas

**Grants from the The Church of England have been awarded to help churches spread the Christian faith, from the north of England to the Kent coast.**

Much of the funding will go towards low-income areas, covering parish revitalisation programmes, ‘hubs’ for children’s and youth work, church planting and the expansion of a model of family church that has grown ‘exponentially’ after it was set up in 2020.

You can find out more here 📌

[www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/ps85m-parish-outreach](http://www.churchofengland.org/media/press-releases/ps85m-parish-outreach)



## **Former Methodist Church in Laois to receive new lease of life as a community hub**

**A former Methodist Chapel in a Laois village is being given a new lease of life as a community hub for a variety of events, the Irish Independent reports**

Laois County Council has given notice that, in partnership with Durrow Development Forum CLG, it proposes to develop a community hub at the former Methodist Chapel ICA Hall in Patrick Street, Durrow. The former Methodist Chapel, built in the 1820s, is listed in the County Laois Record of Protected Structures.

The proposed development will include alterations to the single-storey toilet block side extension (42 sqm) which

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comprised Phase One of the previously permitted community hub extension. The plans include construction of a new two-storey community hub side extension with a single-storey link element to and from the protected structure (486 sqm), and associated site works and service connections.

Provision is made for the hard and soft landscaping of the Patrick Street forecourts to enhance the setting of the protected structure and to facilitate drop-offs and deliveries, and a variety of outdoor community activities.

An architectural heritage impact assessment prepared for the Council by Cormac O’Sullivan of Bluett and O’Donoghue Architecture firm described the project.

“Durrow Development Forum (DDF) acquired the former Methodist Chapel ICA Hall in 2015 and have undertaken two programmes of repairs to the protected structure since then with grant assistance from the Heritage Council,” states the report.

## **Newtownards parish tribute to Hugh Mitchell’s dedicated service**

**On Sunday morning St Mark’s Church Newtownards acknowledged the retirement of Mr Hugh Mitchell.**

Hugh has been involved in ministry in the Parish in lots of ways, serving as Church Warden, Parish Reader, Lay Preacher, among other roles. He has been on the staff team as a pastoral visitor for many years now, and in that time





has been a friend, pastor, and support to so many people.

Hugh was thanked “for the dedicated service, love, care and Gospel witness that you have so faithfully brought to the Parish

of Newtownards over so many years.



“Hugh will continue to do some visits in a voluntary capacity, so don't worry - he'll still be a friendly face about the place”.

## King will attend Easter service at Windsor

**The King is to make his most significant public appearance since he was diagnosed with cancer when he attends church on Easter Sunday.**

King Charles (75) will join the Queen and other members of the royal family at the annual Easter Mattins Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this weekend.

As Buckingham Palace announced the plan, King Charles was pictured carrying out official duties for the first time since the Princess of Wales shared her cancer news with the nation.

King Charles met community and faith leaders from across the UK in London on Tuesday.

*St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Mothers' Union*

You are warmly invited to

**120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**

on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 3.30pm  
in St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher

Special Music  
~ RUC Women's Choir & Murley Silver Band ~  
Afternoon Tea in the Cathedral Hall  
(following the service)

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The monarch, with a folded cardboard place name in front of him labelled “HM The King”, was shown in conversation around a large antique table in the palace's billiard room.

He was welcoming alumni from the Windsor Leadership Trust, which encourages multi-faith dialogue, harmony and understanding at a time of heightened international tensions.

## **Conflict in the Holy Land - Archbishop Hosam Naoum in new ‘Bishops in Conversation’ series**

**The Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, Archbishop Hosam Naoum, has spoken with bishops of the Anglican Communion about the humanitarian crisis in the Holy Land.**

In a new series of online meetings of bishops run by the Anglican Communion Office entitled ‘Bishops in Conversation’, the update took place online on March 18.

Since the attacks by Hamas and retaliation from Israel, the humanitarian situation in the Holy Land is desperate. Archbishop Hosam was the main speaker in the meeting, which focused on sharing how the Diocese of Jerusalem is responding and how bishops around the world can help their churches to pray and support the situation.

During the meeting, Archbishop Hosam urged his fellow-bishops to keep on speaking out for peace and reconciliation, and to hold together in their prayers both

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Palestinians and Israelis “so that they cannot be divided even in our prayers”.



## **Archbishop Hosam Naoum**

Questions and answers, led by Bishop Danald Jute of Kuching (S.E. Asia) and Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani (Chelmsford, England and formerly Iran), ranged from the personal pressures of leading in a time of crisis to the practical ways in which others around the world can support.

The Diocese of Jerusalem is playing a vital role in working for peace and responding to humanitarian needs in the region. In October 2023, Archbishop Hosam and other Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem were joined by The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who conducted a pastoral visit to Jerusalem. In November 2023, Archbishop Hosam addressed the Synod of the Church of

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England and wider world, on live stream, saying: “Here in the Holy Land we need the language of peace and reconciliation more than ever.”

The meeting, the first in the series of ‘Bishops in Conversation’, will offer online meetings for bishops on relevant topics for our times. From exploring current affairs to sharing theological input, from discussing experiences of church life and ministry to studying the Bible and praying for one another – the series will provide a space for bishops in leading, listening and learning together. The hope is that bishops will support one another in their ministry and build friendships cross-provincially.

Bishop for Episcopal Ministry in the Anglican Communion and Deputy Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Jo Bailey Wells, said: “At the Anglican Communion Office, we work to strengthen and support the life of the Anglican Communion. The role of bishops is vital in leading and serving the mission of churches around the world. Through the continuing journey of the Lambeth Conference and other opportunities for connection, we want to provide a space where bishops can meet as peers and share matters of mutual concern – at both global and local levels – offering one another friendship and fellowship.”

Find out more about the situation in the Holy Land and how you can support, [here](#).

[\[https://anglicanalliance.org/diocese-of-jerusalem-supports-access-of-vulnerable-people-to-health-and-education-services-in-the-holy-land/%20\]](https://anglicanalliance.org/diocese-of-jerusalem-supports-access-of-vulnerable-people-to-health-and-education-services-in-the-holy-land/%20)

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## Cathedral call



### **St Edmundsbury Cathedral appoints first ever female Director of Music**

“We are delighted to announce the appointment of our first ever female Director of Music, Claudia Grinnell! She will take up her new position in time for the new choir term in

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September, with a handover period with our current Director of Music, Timothy Parsons to ensure a smooth transition.”

Claudia is currently Sub-Organist at Winchester Cathedral where she has been on the music staff since 2017, taking particular responsibility for the Girl Choristers. Alongside this post, she teaches the organ at Winchester College. Prior to moving to Winchester, she was Organ Scholar at Salisbury Cathedral and Peterhouse, Cambridge. Photo - Jim Pascoe



## Get on your bike in Belfast

**Timmy Mallett, well known children's TV personality from the 1980's and 90's, called by at Belfast Cathedral on the 2nd Day of his cycle tour around Northern**

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## Ireland.

Taking time to meet some of the cathedral staff, including Trevor Douglas, Timmy spoke to the Dean about his brother Martin who lived every moment in the present.

With a prayer for his onward journey, and the rain easing, Dean Stephen Forde, wished Timmy well as he cycled off to his next stops at Titanic and on to Bangor.

## Holy Week Taize in Armagh



A beautiful way to start to Holy Week with a Taize Evening in St. Patrick's Cathedral led by St Catherine's school choir who gave a warm welcome to Bishop Michael Router.





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# Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



## Canterbury Cathedral's Holy Week Reflections

Live online at 7.30pm. The first of the Holy Week Reflections, with a talk on Prayer and Gender Justice was given by The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London. Links to Canterbury worship at -

[\[https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/our-services/online-worship/#clergy-videos\]](https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/our-services/online-worship/#clergy-videos)

You Tube

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPWrcHf2bX\\_bLytjGasMGe48FNfeIDYT3](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLPWrcHf2bX_bLytjGasMGe48FNfeIDYT3)



## **Afresh in Each Generation - Wycliffe Hall Summer School 2024**

**The Wycliffe Hall Summer School is back, and is open for bookings**

**'Afresh in Each Generation'  
16 - 21 June 2024**

“Join us here in Oxford to hear from speakers Professor Rt Revd NT Wright, Revd Dr Michael Lloyd, Revd Dr Andrew Atherstone and Revd Paula Hollingsworth. More information can be found on our website. Register now!

“Wycliffe Hall has set itself the (modest) task of fostering a New Renaissance of Christian Scholarship and Culture. One of the key slogans of the Italian Renaissance was Ad Fontes – back to the sources. We want our new Renaissance to go back to the sources as well – attending carefully to the Greco-Roman sources which so shaped the western imagination, but also going back to the biblical sources that did so much to defuse and humanise that pagan heritage. As our society increasingly seeks to

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distance itself from its biblical influences, a return to the biblical sources could not be more timely.

“John Wycliffe, whose 700th birthday we are celebrating in 2024, was someone who insisted on, and who epitomises, that return to those foundational sources. He was responsible for the first full translation of the Bible into the English of his day, allowing the Bible to speak afresh in the fourteenth century.

“But in every century, the Church has the task of translating its message into the language and thought forms of its generation. How do we so articulate Christian faith as to give it traction in the twenty-first century, and make clear to our contemporaries its sane and humanising character? This Summer School seeks to equip us to proclaim the Christian gospel afresh in our generation, so as to reverse the decline of the Church and to bring reintegration and hope to our society. We hope you’ll join us!

[<https://www.wycliffe.ox.ac.uk/summerschool2024-0>]

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