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Image of the day – Donaghadee at Westminster

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Donaghadee life boat station was represented in Westminster Abbey on Monday for the 200th Celebratory service by:



Coxswain Philip McNamara
Crew Member/Mechanic
Ross Bennett
Fundraising Chairperson
Evelyn Bennett B.E.M.
Fundraising Honorary
Secretary Jim Brown
Fundraiser Liz Brown
Lifeboat Press Officer
Margaret Ramm

All were in unison that it was
“A very special day and a

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moving occasion to be a part of, great to see lots of colleagues from across the country.”

200 Years of Saving Lives At Sea RNLI

News

Leading Belfast-based choir Cappella Caeciliana to present “Celtic Choral Celebration” in London St Patrick’s w/end



Photo – Cappella Caeciliana with founder members Frs Martin and Eugene O’Hagan after performing at Sung Mass and Concert for the 150th anniversary of St Patrick’s Church, Newtownards.

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Leading Belfast-based choir Cappella Caeciliana will travel to London for St Patrick's weekend to present "Celtic Choral Celebration", a concert of Irish and Scottish themed music in honour of St Patrick.

Conducted by the group's Musical Director Matthew Quinn, the concert takes place in St Paul's Church, Covent Garden at 7.30pm on Saturday 16 March. St Paul's, designed by Inigo Jones and opened in 1633, is known as the "Actors' Church" and its connection to the West End performing arts began soon after its opening, with the Royal Opera House and many theatres being located in St Paul's Parish to this day. The painter JMW Turner, WS Gilbert (of Gilbert & Sullivan fame), and Thomas Arne (the composer of Rule Britannia) are amongst the many famous people baptised at St Paul's.

By using the discount code CCLONDON10 on checkout at <https://actorschurch.org/whatson/celtic-choral-celebration>, readers of Church News Ireland, and their friends and family members, can avail of a £5 discount on the normal price of £15. Students and under 25s can attend for only £5. (A £2 fee also applies per booking.)

Programme

Charles Wood - Hail Gladdening Light

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford - The Blue Bird

Seán Doherty - Hail Gladdening Light

Anselm McDonnell - Blue Bird

Sir James MacMillan - The Gallant Weaver

Trad. arr. Donal McCrisken - She Moved Through the Fair

Trad. arr. Matthew Quinn - The Lark in the Clear Air

Anita Mawhinney - Quicksilver

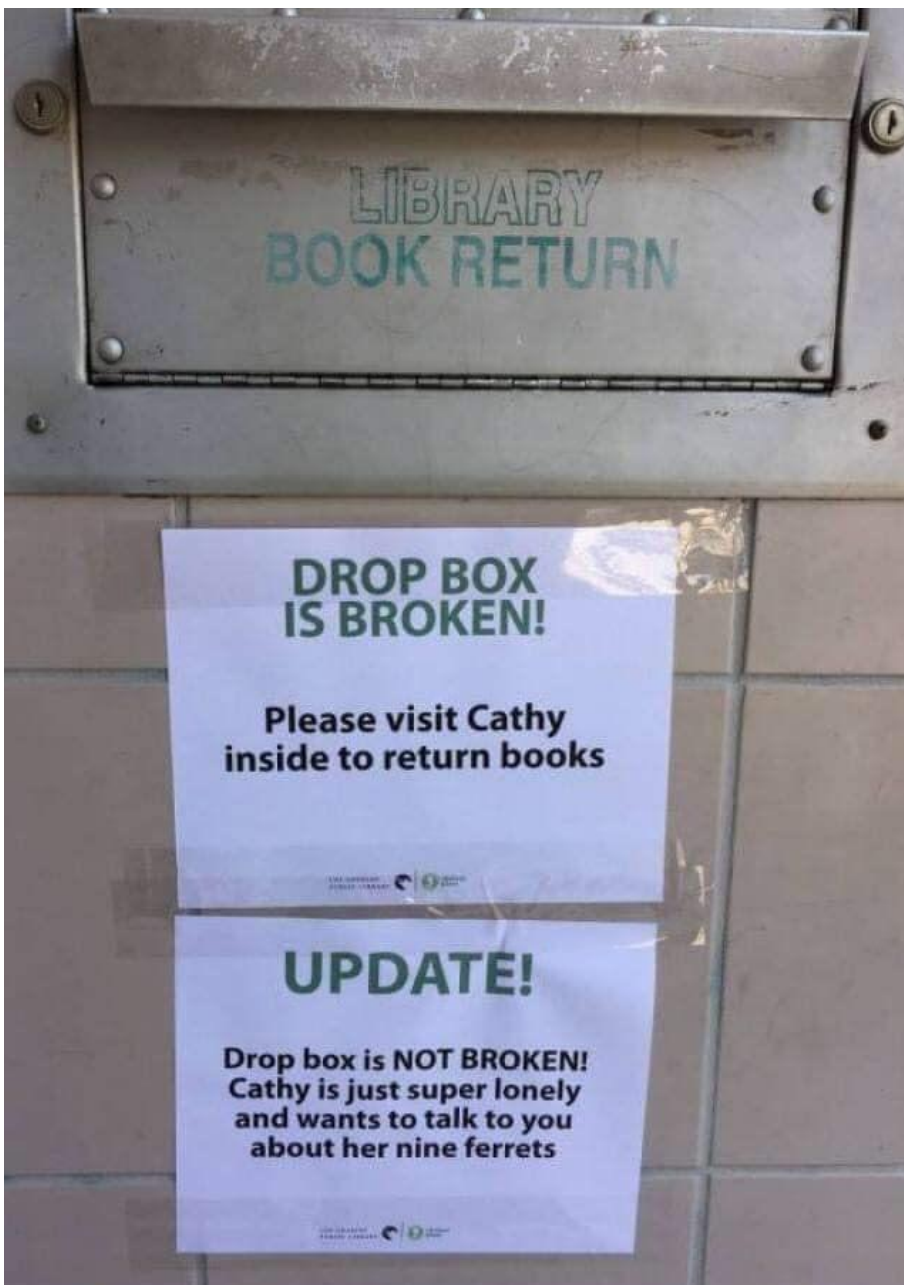
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Philip Stopford - Ave Verum Corpus
Arvo Pärt - Deer's Cry
Áine Mallon - Dum Transisset Sabbatum
Anton Bruckner - Os Just
Eoghan Desmond - Nothing in Vain

Church interest in Ryan Baird's rugby progress

Ryan Baird is the grandson of the late Canon Stanley

Baird, a very fine Church of Ireland clergyman who had a particular interest in the Ministry of Healing.



Ryan Baird's progress to the point where he is a viable starter in place of Peter O'Mahony in the Ireland pack was a topic of discussion on a recent Rugby Weekly Extra,

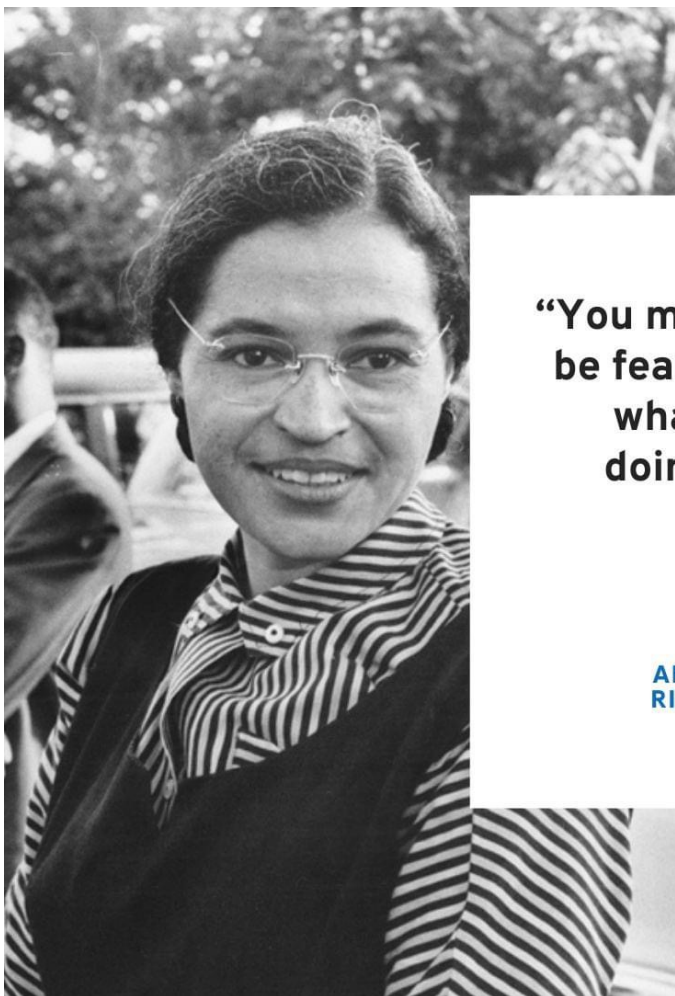
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the podcast for subscribers to The 42.

The Leinster player is beginning to match the unseen, unselfish work long associated with O'Mahony, according to Murray Kinsella, rugby journalist with The 42. Yet the Ireland captain remains invaluable to head coach Andy Farrell, Kinsella added.

“Baird has really improved in that. That side of his game has gone through the roof, he’s more Peter O’Mahonyesque,” Kinsella said.

“He’s nailing his lineout defence, you can see how much time he’s putting into it and how much desire he has for that. His maul stuff has been good, and his ruck. He’s shifting



**“You must never
be fearful about
what you are
doing when it
is right.”**

**ROSA PARKS
AMERICAN CIVIL
RIGHTS ACTIVIST**

bodies
better and
he’s ... he’s
been put on
notice for all
that stuff –
that that’s
what it
takes, you
have to
have that
as well as
the ability to
just thunder
onto Ronan
Kelleher’s
offload and
gallop

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upfield. It's so fun every time it happens . . . that exuberance was great.

“What Peter O’Mahony does well is something he’s starting to match now.”

Life and ministry of new Auxiliary Bishop Donal Roche of the Archdiocese of Dublin

Pope Francis has appointed Father Donal Roche, a priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Father Donal Roche: Life and Ministry

Born in 1958 to Sheila and Joe Roche, Father Roche grew up in Drimnagh in Dublin, one of a family of seven children. He attended both primary and secondary school at Drimnagh Castle CBS.

Father Roche worked for four years as a clerical officer in Dublin County Council before entering Clonliffe College in 1980 to study for the priesthood. He was sent to Maynooth to study for a Degree in Theology and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 1986, in his home parish of Mourne Road.

His first appointment was a period of six years as a priest-teacher in Coláiste Dhúlaigh, Coolock. He then spent five years as a Diocesan Adviser for Religious Education in primary schools. This was followed by eight years as chaplain to Saint Mark’s Community School, Tallaght. After a total of 19 years involved in religious education, he still



retains a great interest in the evangelisation of young people and has an active involvement in sacramental preparation programmes. During this time, Father Roche also served for about six years as Assistant Vocations Director in the Archdiocese.

Father Roche's first parish appointment was in Lucan South, where he spent seven years.

This was a time of broadening the experience of ministry beyond schools to accompany people of all ages on the journey of faith, from baptisms, weddings and funerals to the everyday experiences of parish life, building and strengthening the faith life of the community.

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This was followed by eleven years in Wicklow Town, also looking after the surrounding areas of Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay for four of those years. This mixture of town and rural areas gave him a great experience of the richness of the Archdiocese and its many different and distinct communities.

His current appointment is in the Cabinteely-Johnstown grouping of parishes, with additional responsibility for the growing area of Cherrywood. This provides the new challenge of creating a Catholic community in an area where there is no plan for a church building but many people who wish to belong to the Church.

Father Roche was appointed Episcopal Vicar by then Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin in 2019 and continues in this role

under Archbishop Farrell, with responsibility for the deaneries of Bray, Donnybrook and Wicklow. This is very much a pastoral role, supporting priests and parishioners in times of challenge and



times of celebration.

Father Roche is a fluent Irish speaker and is often called on to celebrate Mass and the sacraments in Irish in various parts of the Archdiocese.

His appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin brings a new challenge in these changing times. With fewer clergy and greater lay involvement in parishes, the new Auxiliary Bishop will be supporting the Archbishop in his role of leading the Archdiocese along the synodal pathway: clergy and lay faithful working together to bring the message of the Gospel to a new generation.

An Auxiliary Bishop is given a titular see. Father Roche's will be that of the ancient diocese of Cell Ausaille, which is situated in the area of Killashee near Naas, Co Kildare. Saint Auxilius was said to be a nephew of Saint Patrick and there are monastic ruins in Killashee that are believed to date back to the fifth century.

Cathedral call

Queen to become first consort in history to hand out Maundy gifts

The Queen will distribute Maundy money on behalf of the King at **Worcester Cathedral** during this year's Royal Maundy service.

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Queen Camilla, 76, will present ceremonial coins to 75 men and 75 women on Maundy Thursday, as per Easter tradition, while the King continues his cancer treatment.

It will mark one of the most significant royal events from which King Charles, 75, will be absent. The Queen's involvement will also mark the first time that a consort has stood in to perform the duty on behalf of the monarch.

The service, which is held at a different cathedral each year, was last held in Worcester in 1980.

Lord High Almoner John Inge, the Bishop of Worcester, will accompany the Queen as she presents the specially minted coins on March 28.



“We are here, not because we are law-breakers; we are here in our efforts to become law-makers...”

**EMMELINE PANKHURST
SUFFRAGETE LEADER**

‘This is a special service and it will mean a huge amount to those receiving the coins’

He said: “It is an honour to be able to welcome Her

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Majesty The Queen to Worcester.

“This is an immensely special service and I know that it will mean a huge amount to those who have been chosen to receive the coins, all of whom will have given years of service to their local communities.”

Canon Stephen Edwards, Worcester Cathedral’s interim dean, said: “We are delighted that Worcester has been chosen as the location for this year’s Royal Maundy service.



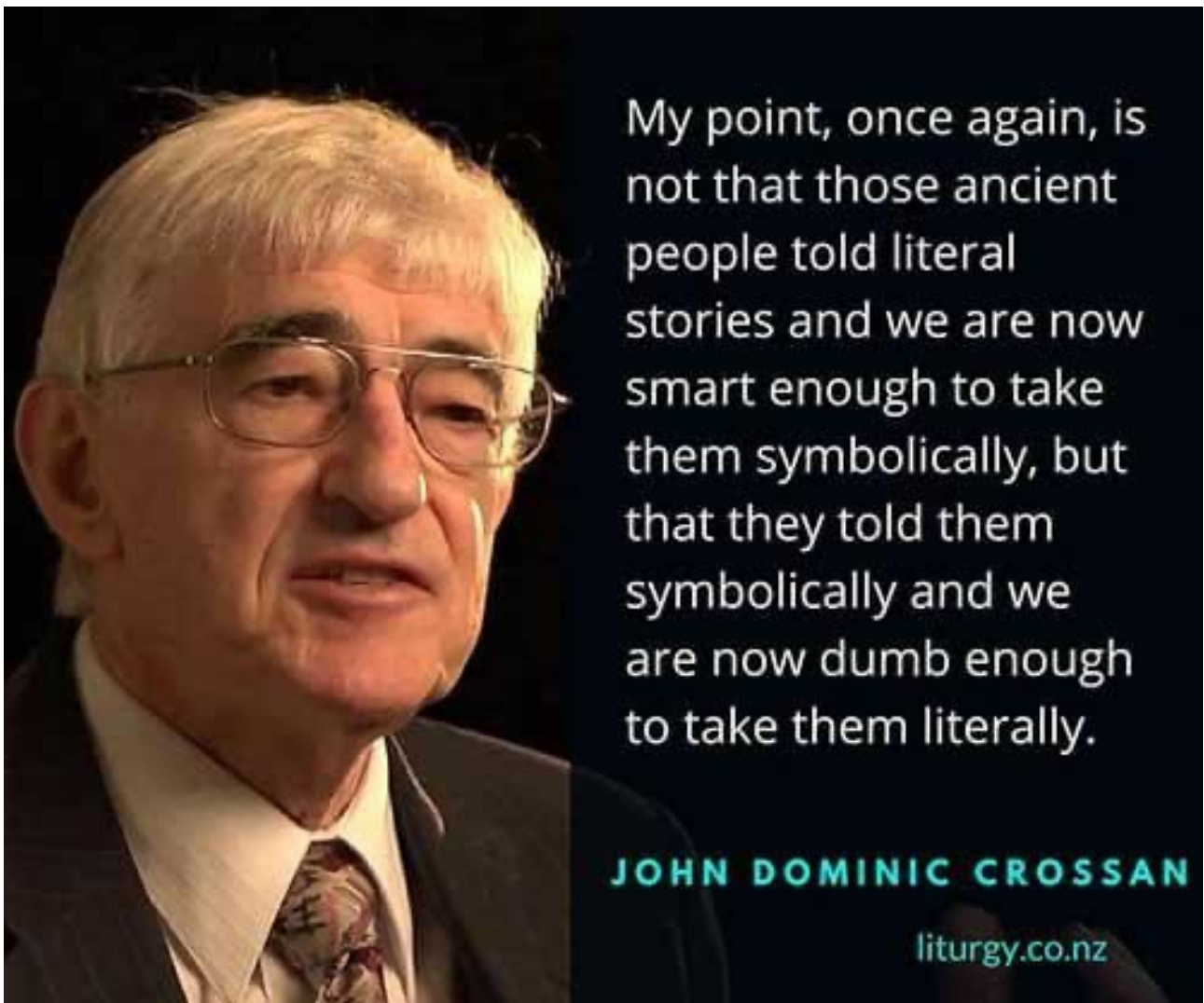
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We will be pulling out all the stops to create a special occasion for all the recipients.”

Maundy money is given to a number of male and female recipients equivalent to the monarch’s age and is delivered in two purses, one red and one white.

Retired pensioners who have supported the church and their local communities are recommended by clergy of all denominations to receive the royal gifts.

The ancient ceremony stems from the commandment Christ gave after washing the feet of his disciples the day before Good Friday.



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Both the King and Queen attended last year's service at York Minster.

In 2022, the ailing Queen Elizabeth II pulled out of the Maundy service for the first time in more than 50 years, asking her son, then the Prince of Wales, to step in for her at St George's Chapel, Windsor. The late Queen had only missed the occasion on four previous occasions, in 1954 and 1970, due to royal tours, and in 1960 and 1964, due to the births of Princes Edward and Andrew.

Variations from USA at St Patrick's Dublin

There will be a treat for visitors on Mon 11th March at 1pm when St Patrick's will host a special lunchtime recital.

Nestled in the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee, Pellissippi State Community College serves around 8000 students in the greater Knoxville region.

Variations Choir, the college's auditioned group, is led by Professor Meagan Humphreys. It has performed extensively throughout Europe, Asia, and South America. See St Patrick's web site for further details

New Canon of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin

The Revd Prof Anne Lodge has been appointed a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin.

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Prof Lodge is a Self-Supporting Minister and serves as Priest Scholar of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. She is also Director of the Church of Ireland Centre in the DCU Institute of Education. Prof Lodge's appointment comes following the retirement of Canon Aisling Shine last year.



Read more here: <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/03/04/revd-prof-anne-lodge-appointed>

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Facebook live prayer with Archbishop of Canterbury

Archbishop Welby writes “This Thursday 7th March at 6:10pm GMT, join me for a time of prayer in the midst of these troubled times. We will be praying for one another, our loved ones, our nation and our world.

“Please leave a comment with your prayer request and where you’ll be watching from. We’ll pray for some that

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come in live, too. I look forward to praying with you.” Google
Facebook for Archbishop of Canterbury

European Heritage Open Days Registration is OPEN!

Would you like to take part in European Heritage Open Days 2024 by organising an event or opening a historic property/building of interest to the public?

If so, REGISTER to take part by 22 May at:
<https://bit.ly/3uN8naw>

The open-door events will take place on Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September. While Digital week will run from 9 – 15 September 2024. The theme for this year is Routes, Networks, Connections – links in our heritage.

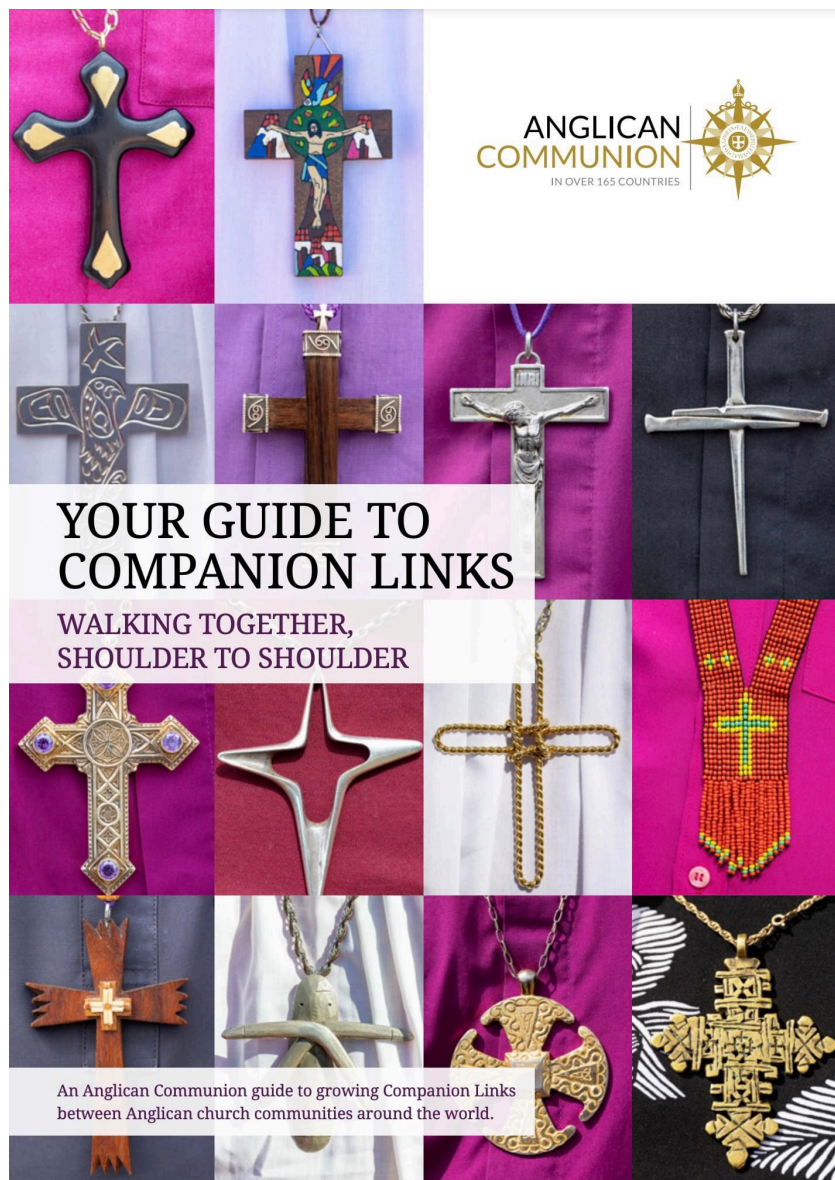
We'll help you promote your offer to the public for FREE on our LoveHeritageNI social media channels, Department for Communities website, Discover NI website and in the new EHOD Web-APP. There's help to manage bookings and find volunteers if needed and you'll be given promotional material, all FREE.

European Heritage Open Days (EHOD) is Northern Ireland's annual celebration of local architecture, history and culture. Individuals, companies/ organisations & community groups are all welcome to take part.

We're appealing to all races, ethnicities, genders, ages & abilities to participate by organising workshops, walks, talks,

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tours, exhibitions, traditional skills demonstrations. Or take part by telling your story to the public through art, literature, song, dance, drama, film, food, crafts. For more ideas/ contact details at the above link.



Starting an Anglican Companion Link

Thinking about starting a Companion Link with another diocese in the Anglican Communion?

Get the Anglican Communion's latest resource providing guidance on how to set up a Companion Link here: <https://bit.ly/49GeSeg>

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Perspective



We are on an Emmaus road

A brief reflection by the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson (above), bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, from the House of Bishops spring gathering at Camp Allen in Texas.

"As we conclude our time of rest, renewal, and retreat, the word 'companionship' comes to mind. This has been a time of deepening relationship with our source in Jesus Christ and with each other as companions. For this season in the

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life of the church, the image of the disciples walking the Emmaus road seems apt. They, like all of us, were walking away from what had been and walking toward a familiar, yet transformed, destination. The resurrected Jesus shows up not to fish them out of the present reality but to walk with them, stir their hearts, and be revealed in broken bread along the journey.

We are walking towards an unknown, resurrected future that will be different from our past. This week we have walked together and prayed together, we have opened scripture together, we have broken bread together, and we have discovered anew in stirred hearts, the call to follow Jesus in the way.

We are on an Emmaus road of companionship, walking together in hope."

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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