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## King's Coronation Medal Recipients



**Image of the day – Scouts Duty to the King**

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#### **Scouts NI have been thanked for voluntary service at Coronation**

Mrs Meta Bell MBE, HM Deputy Lieutenant for Tyrone pictured with Mr Stephen Donaldson, Chief Scout NI, along with Scouts who were presented with King's Coronation Medals in recognition of their volunteering work during the Coronation. The event was held recently at the Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon.

## News

### King Charles and Queen Camilla arrive at the Scottish Parliament

**King Charles and Queen Camilla arrive at the Scottish Parliament to mark its 25th anniversary.**

The King looks good in a kilt and the tartan on The Queen's coat is a nice touch. Video clip at -

([https://x.com/freedom\\_007\\_/status/1839979323970769208?s=58](https://x.com/freedom_007_/status/1839979323970769208?s=58))

### Pope Francis visits Belgium

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## **Pope Francis leaving the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Koekelberg**

Pope Francis administers the Holy Sacrament as he celebrates a Mass at King Baudouin Stadium attended by the Belgian royal family and an assembled crowd of 35,000 attendees in Brussels, Belgium. Video clip at -

(<https://x.com/search?q=%23PopeinBelgium&src=hash>)

## **Music from The Vaughan**

**On Friday 20 September the Vaughan celebrated 110 years since its founding with Mass at Westminster Cathedral.**

The Schola and Senior Brass led the singing, including Howell's magnificent hymn, All My Hope on God Is Founded (arranged Adrian Lucas). Video clip at -

(<https://x.com/CVMSMusic/status/1840085957258731942>)

## **Bishop launches Ardstraw Parish Week of Mission**

**On Sunday evening the Bishop of Derry & Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster, officially launched the Parish Week of Mission in Ardstraw Church.**

A large congregation from throughout Co Tyrone gathered for the service.



The Deacon Assistant in the Ardstraw Parish Group, Rev Sean McClafferty, welcomed both Bishop Andrew and the large congregation to the mission and outlined the programme of events across the week ahead, which will include a fine lineup of quality preachers.

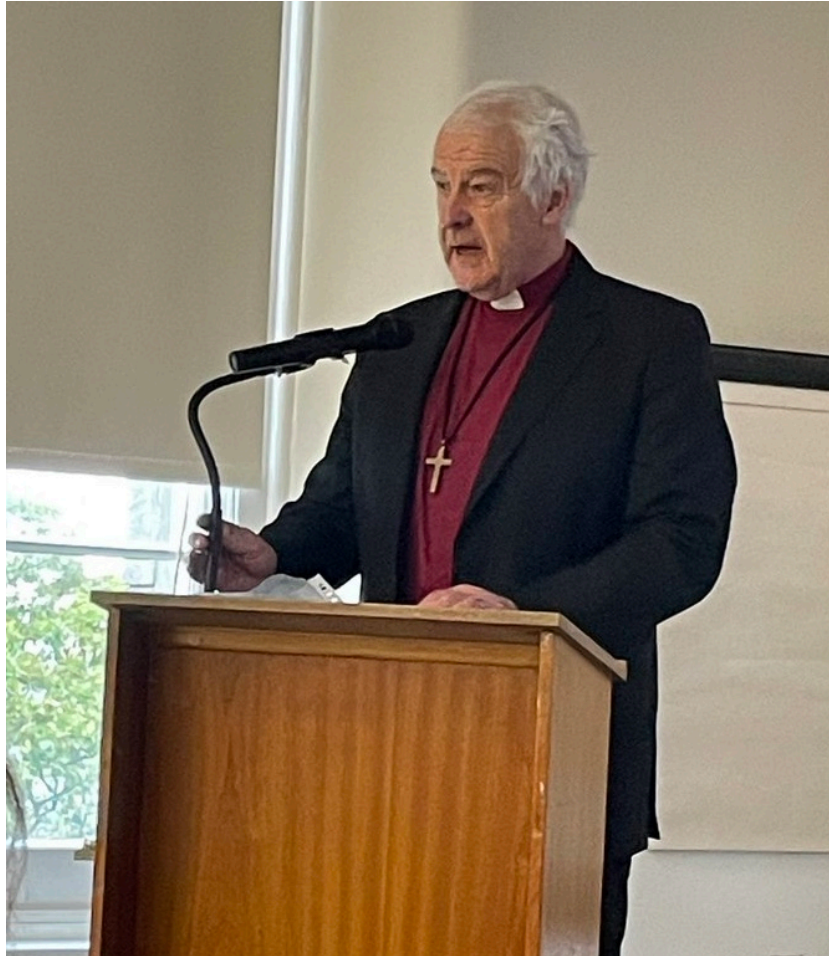
A Service of Evening Prayer was led by Rev McClafferty, assisted by Parish Reader Ian Donnell, and prayers and singing were led by the Sunday School children. The worship was led by the Church Choir.

Bishop Andrew preached a challenging and thought-provoking sermon on John 3 which set the scene for the week of mission.



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The week continues with visiting preachers and guest musicians performing and assisting in leading the worship. The schedule is Monday 30th at 7.30pm, Rev Dr Andrew Mullan; Tuesday, Rev Rebecca Guildea; Thursday Rev Canon Malcolm Kingston; and the mission closes on Friday next with the preacher being Rev Sean McClafferty.



## **Hospital a Mission of Mercy says Archbishop Jackson**

**Archbishop Michael Jackson was one of the speakers at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital's Mission Week.**

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The 'Living Our Values Every Day... Mission Impossible' symposium was organised by the hospital's Office of Mission Effectiveness.

The Archbishop's address was entitled 'A Mission Of Mercy: The Mater Misericordiae Principle'. He spoke on inclusion, specifically of people of faith, the hospital's work in embedding an interfaith ethic into the built fabric, and the work of Dublin City Interfaith Forum, of which he is chairperson.

Read his address on - <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/09/30/a-mission-of-mercy-archbishop>

## **Irish Church leaders visit European institutions**

**The Church Leaders Group (Ireland) recently engaged in a two-day visit to the European Institutions in Brussels.**

Those present were Archbishop John McDowell (Church of Ireland Primate), Archbishop Eamon Martin (Roman Catholic Primate), the Rt Revd Dr Richard Murray (Presbyterian Moderator), the Revd Dr John Alderdice (Methodist President), and Bishop Sarah Groves (Irish Council of Churches President), accompanied by the Joint Secretaries to the Group, the Revd Dr Heather Morris and the Revd Trevor Gribben, General Secretaries of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Ireland.



During a busy two days, the Irish Church Leaders met with Vice-President Antonella Sberna of the European Parliament; Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, Maroš Šefčovič; the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the EU, Ambassador Aingel O'Donoghue; and the Head of the UK Mission to the EU, Ambassador Lindsay Croisdale-Appleby, along with other individuals with significant expertise. The Group also engaged extensively with Aodhán Connolly, Director of the Northern Ireland Executive Office in Brussels, and his team, who greatly assisted in the arrangements for the visit.

The Irish Church Leaders sought to recognise the positive progress that had been made over the years following on from Brexit as well as communicating the ongoing concerns and challenges faced by many sectors and communities especially in Northern Ireland. The Church Leaders shared the wide range of perspectives within their communities and noted the strong level of engagement by the people they met with. They welcomed a sincere commitment from these



key individuals to building positive relationships between the United Kingdom, Ireland and the European Union, while recognising the challenges and opportunities that remain especially in relation to Northern Ireland.

The Church Leaders Group comprises the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and the President of the Irish Council of Churches.

## Cathedral Calls



### New Choristers at St Columb's Derry

Promotion of Boy  
Choristers (James  
& Noah) from  
Probationers to  
Full Choristers





**Huge congratulations to Noah and James who were presented with their surplices on Sunday morning, and hence admitted to the Cathedral Choir as Full Choristers.**

Best wishes to Ermioni and Pascal, the new Cathedral Probationers, for the very best as they begin their musical journeys with the Cathedral Choir.

The Boy and Girl Choristers performed exceptionally well at Choral Matins on Sunday morning.

Special mention to Ben Langan for leading through the Plainsong Responses.

# Clergy and ministry



## Annual Altar Servers Commissioning Mass at Maghera

Congratulations Anna (Senior Server), Oisín, James (Senior Server), Orlaith, Kayla, Mara, Amy, Rose, Emily, Annabel, Alice, Cullen & Ciarán.

Missing from photograph Ciara (Senior Server) & Ollie. Maghera Parish, Down & Connor.





## Diocesan Reader for Clogher

**Congratulations to Sarah Maguire, on her Admission and Licensing as a Diocesan Reader by The Bishop of Clogher, The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.**

The service on Sunday evening took place in Magheracross Parish Church. Sarah was baptised, attended Sunday School and was married in Slavin Parish Church. There

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were prayerful good wishes for God's richest blessings in her ministry in Clogher Diocese.

## **Rector of Killanne Union in Cashel, Ferns and Ossory**

**The Revd Canon Arthur Barrett has been appointed Incumbent of Killanne Union.**

The Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, the Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson is delighted to announce the appointment



of the Revd Canon Arthur Barrett as incumbent of Killanne Union in the Diocese of Ferns.

Arthur grew up in Glenageary in south county Dublin. He went to boarding school in Belfast (former RQMS of Campbell College CCF), and college in Bristol where he studied Business. After some time working in England, he returned to Dublin





*Lisburn Harmony Ladies Choir's*

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*with guests*

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**Saturday, 5th October 7.30pm**

**First Lisburn Presbyterian Church**

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to join the family company, which imported and distributed packaging machinery and engineering fabrics.

In 1994, Arthur entered the Church of Ireland Theological College to train for ordained ministry and was ordained Deacon in 1997 and Priest in 1998. He served as Curate in Seagoe Parish in Portadown, and his first incumbency was in Booterstown and Mount Merrion Parishes in Dublin.

Arthur has had a wide and varied experience of ministry, serving in parishes in Dublin, Sligo, Enniskillen, Raphoe and most recently in Arklow in Co. Wicklow. He was Dean of Raphoe Cathedral, and is currently a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. He has served on many diocesan and church-wide boards and committees, including General Synod, Diocesan Synod, and was an Honorary Clerical Secretary of Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Synod.

He is married to Brigid, and they have three grown up children and two dogs. Commenting on his appointment to the Killanne Union of parishes, Arthur said, “I am delighted and humbled to be invited by Bishop Adrian to be the Rector of the Killanne Union in the Diocese of Ferns. Brigid and I very much look forward to getting to know the parishioners, and I look forward to serving them as pastor and priest. I also look forward to getting to know clergy colleagues in the wider diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory.”

Bishop Wilkinson adds, “I am delighted that Canon Barrett has accepted this appointment. Arthur has vast experience of the Church of Ireland both north and south. He is a caring and diligent priest and pastor, and I know his parishioners in

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Killanne and his colleagues throughout the Diocese will value his ministry and friendship.”

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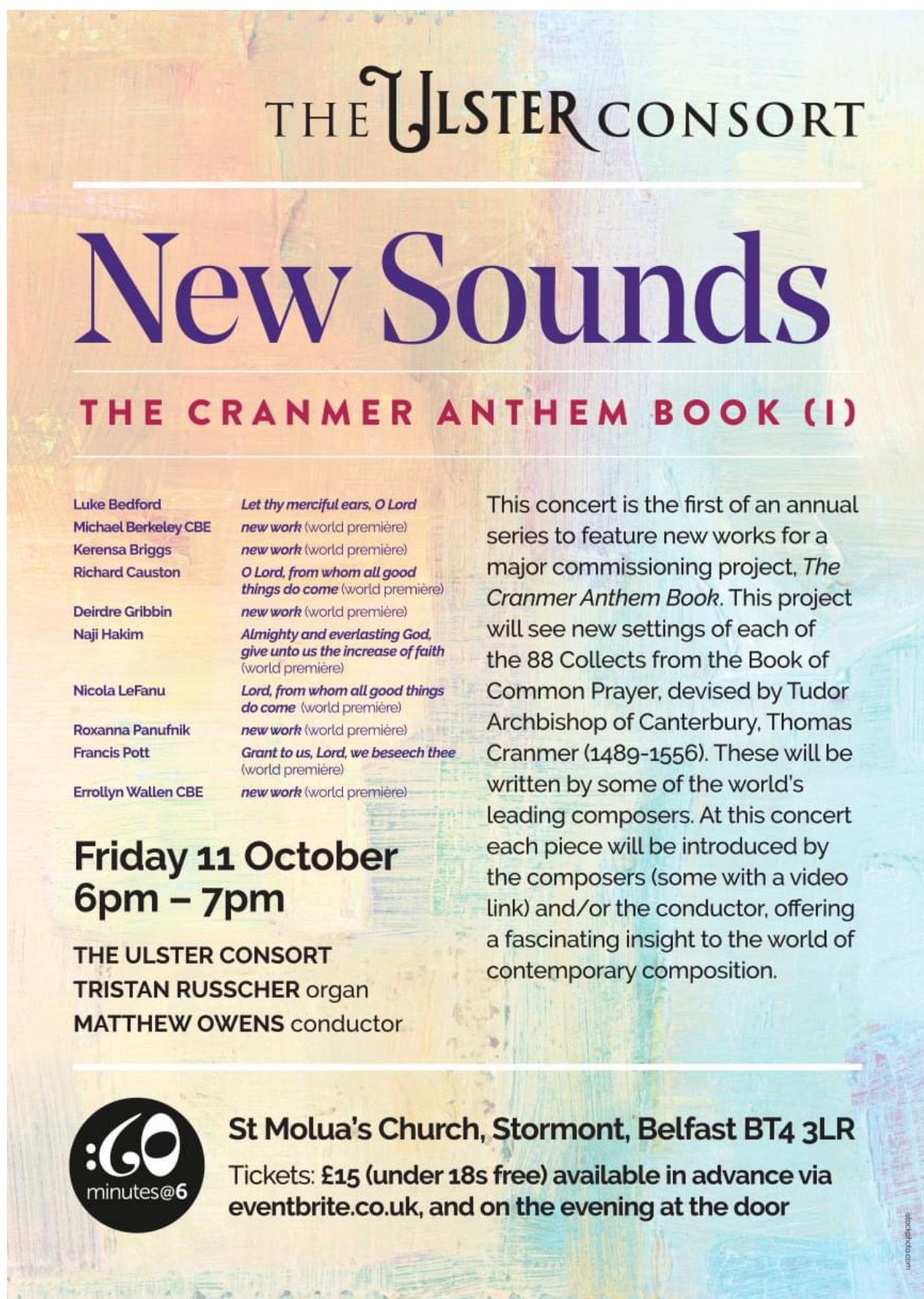


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# THE ULSTER CONSORT

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## New Sounds

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### THE CRANMER ANTHEM BOOK (I)


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Luke Bedford	<i>Let thy merciful ears, O Lord</i>	<p>This concert is the first of an annual series to feature new works for a major commissioning project, <i>The Cranmer Anthem Book</i>. This project will see new settings of each of the 88 Collects from the Book of Common Prayer, devised by Tudor Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556). These will be written by some of the world's leading composers. At this concert each piece will be introduced by the composers (some with a video link) and/or the conductor, offering a fascinating insight to the world of contemporary composition.</p>
Michael Berkeley CBE	<i>new work</i> (world première)	
Kerensa Briggs	<i>new work</i> (world première)	
Richard Causton	<i>O Lord, from whom all good things do come</i> (world première)	
Deirdre Gribbin	<i>new work</i> (world première)	
Naji Hakim	<i>Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith</i> (world première)	
Nicola LeFanu	<i>Lord, from whom all good things do come</i> (world première)	
Roxanna Panufnik	<i>new work</i> (world première)	
Francis Pott	<i>Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee</i> (world première)	
Errollyn Wallen CBE	<i>new work</i> (world première)	

**Friday 11 October**  
**6pm – 7pm**

**THE ULSTER CONSORT**  
**TRISTAN RUSSCHER** organ  
**MATTHEW OWENS** conductor

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## Poem for today

### An Arundel Tomb

by Philip Larkin

Side by side, their faces blurred,  
The earl and countess lie in stone,  
Their proper habits vaguely shown  
As jointed armour, stiffened pleat,  
And that faint hint of the absurd—  
The little dogs under their feet.

Such plainness of the pre-baroque  
Hardly involves the eye, until  
It meets his left-hand gauntlet, still  
Clasped empty in the other; and  
One sees, with a sharp tender shock,  
His hand withdrawn, holding her hand.



They would not think to lie so long.  
Such faithfulness in effigy  
Was just a detail friends would see:  
A sculptor's sweet commissioned grace  
Thrown off in helping to prolong  
The Latin names around the base.

They would not guess how early in  
Their supine stationary voyage  
The air would change to soundless damage,

Turn the old tenantry away;  
How soon succeeding eyes begin  
To look, not read. Rigidly they

Persisted, linked, through lengths and breadths  
Of time. Snow fell, undated. Light  
Each summer thronged the glass. A bright  
Litter of birdcalls strewed the same  
Bone-riddled ground. And up the paths  
The endless altered people came,

Washing at their identity.  
Now, helpless in the hollow of  
An unarmorial age, a trough  
Of smoke in slow suspended skeins  
Above their scrap of history,  
Only an attitude remains:

Time has transfigured them into  
Untruth. The stone fidelity  
They hardly meant has come to be  
Their final blazon, and to prove  
Our almost-instinct almost true:  
What will survive of us is love.

The actual tomb is most likely that of Richard FitzAlan (Earl of Arundel) and his wife Eleanor of Lancaster, who lived during the 14th century. In fact, this tomb is more of a memorial—because in reality it doesn't hold the couple's remains (these are buried in Lewes Priory).

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