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**“This is humbling,
and a great honour.
I look forward to
working with members
and staff to continue to
build God’s Kingdom
through Mothers’
Union. With God, all
things are possible.”**

**OUR WORLDWIDE PRESIDENT
ELECT, KATHLEEN SNOW**

Mothers’UNION

Image of the day – Canadian lead for Mothers Union

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The MU welcomes Kathleen Snow from New Brunswick, Canada, as their new Worldwide President elect for 2025-2027, as well as a new Board representing nine countries around the globe.



United, they will continue to advance Mothers' Union's vision to end poverty, violence, and social injustice in communities worldwide.

Congratulations also to the **MU Ireland President June Butler, Zonal Trustee Elect, (above)** who will represent Irish members at Worldwide level from 2025 to 2027.

For the first time, the Mothers Union elections were conducted digitally, achieving a record turnout with leaders participating from around the globe.

Go to mothersunion.org/news to discover more.

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On the countdown to their first Camino

On Wednesday Rev Brian Cadden and Rt Rev Darren James McCartney departed Dublin for Santiago then onwards to Ferrol to begin their pilgrimage.



“We have looked forward to this for quite a few years. The time has come! “

Balteagh Cookbook launch invite

“A reminder that we will launch our "Balteagh Cookbook" at an afternoon event in Drummond Cricket Club next Saturday (7th September) (2.00pm-5.00pm).”

The attractions will include a 'bake off' between Rev Rhys Jones and Rev Brian Robinson, and there'll also be a cookery demonstration by Leona Kane of Brighter Gold

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who'll share a number of recipes and give a bread-making demonstration.

Tickets are available from Glenda Wilson on 07784 856659. Drummond Cricket Club is located on Drumsurn Road just outside Limavady.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/H8cQABEjoRAf3Vgz6>



**BALTEAGH
COOKBOOK
LAUNCH**

Tickets available from Glenda Wilson
07784856659

**£10 PER
TICKET**

Includes copy of cookbook,
afternoon tea, demonstrations
and bake off -
Rev Rhys vs Rev Brian

**SATURDAY
7th SEPTEMBER
2PM - 5PM**

Drummond Cricket Club
Drumsurn Rd
Limavady

BON APPETIT



NATIONAL ALPACA FARM DAY

MEET ALPACAS . SEE THE FARM . ENJOY AND LEARN

FREE **FREE**

JOIN US ON:

Saturday 7th Sept, 2024 From 2pm to 5pm
&
Sunday 8th Sept, 2024 From 2pm to 5pm

Where: Millstream Alpacas
Milltown Road,
Antrim. BT41 4NW

Sponsored by
THE BRITISH ALPACA SOCIETY



Ferns Ecumenical Service in Our Lady's Island Church

Fr James Murphy, Rosslare, Revd Fadzi Jongoro of Gorey Methodist Church and Canon Trevor Sargent after the Diocese of Ferns Ecumenical Service in Our Lady's Island Church, south Wexford.

New St Peter's National School building in Dunboyne

It was brilliant to be able to welcome pupils and parents to the brand new St Peter's National School building in Dunboyne this month.



The building is the culmination of 20 years of hard work, to establish and then develop the first new Church of Ireland Primary School from scratch, since the foundation of the State.

So it was a really special day in the life of the Parish, as the brand new St Peter's National School building opened its door for education.

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There were so many excited pupils, teachers and parents all starting afresh this morning.

Warmest congratulations to the school Principal, Laura McGovern, all the staff and the St Peter's N.S Dunboyne PTA for all their incredible work.

Laura and Gabriel and Stephen (PTA) are pictured here with Rev Philip, Joy Smith (former Principal) and Joan Bruton (Board Member). Joy and Joan were both key to the foundation of the original school which opened exactly 20 years ago. We thank God for all that has developed in the school, since those early days.

Pope Francis welcomed to Indonesia

Pope Francis received an official welcome to Indonesia from President Joko Widodo at the presidential palace in Jakarta, and signed the Book of Honour.



“Immersed in the beauty of this land, a place of encounter and dialogue between different cultures and religions, I wish



the Indonesian people growth in faith, fraternity, and compassion. God bless Indonesia!”



Shortly after Pope Francis arrived in Jakarta, the Holy Father privately met with refugees taken in by the Jesuit Refugee Service, orphaned children raised by Dominican nuns, as well as



elderly, refugees, and homeless people accompanied by the Indonesian Community of Sant'Egidio, at the apostolic nunciature

Christian Aid: Suspending 'some' arms sales to Israel not enough

British foreign secretary David Lammy announced this week that the UK will suspend some arms sales to Israel.

Mr Lammy said the decision follows a review of export licences for UK arms, which found there was a "clear risk"

that they might be used to commit "a serious violation of international humanitarian law".

Around 30 of 350 licences will be suspended, Mr Lammy said, stressing that "this is not a blanket ban, this is not an arms embargo".

Responding to the news, international development agency Christian Aid's Head of Middle East Policy, William Bell, said: "While this is progress, it does not go far enough. The only way to categorically ensure that arms sold to Israel are not used in violations of human rights is with a total ban. With the growing threat of this war escalating further, we need urgent steps to end the suffering and to build a world where Palestinians and Israelis are treated as equals."

The UK Government has granted 20 companies arms export licences to Israel since the Hamas attack on 7 October, with more companies awaiting their applications to progress since 31 May. The information was acquired through freedom of information by Christian Aid. The charity, which supports partners in Gaza to provide humanitarian aid, says it condemns companies that "make profit from this war."

The Department for Business and Trade (DBT), the department that issued the response, noted "a licence being granted does not mean that an export takes place...some licences may expire unused, and others may expire after only partial use." The items and financial value of licences are exempt from disclosure but are published in the quarterly arms export licences statistics.

Cathedral Calls

Organ Relay for Parish Funds

Saturday 7th September 2024
from 12:30pm to 6:00pm*



Timetable*

Time slot	Organist Participating
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Mrs Hilary Purdy
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Rev David McCarthy
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Ms Gertie Jamison
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Mr Alasdair MacLaughlin
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Dr Stephen Timpany
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Mr Ben Blakely
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Mr Carl McCambley
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Mr Matt Milford
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Mr David Whiteside
5:30pm - 6:00pm	Mr Orly Watson

* *subject to possible change in participants or timings*

Dromore Cathedral Organ Relay this Saturday

An Organ Relay for Parish Funds - starting at 1:00pm and featuring 10 organists, each playing consecutively for the afternoon.

All the participants have a connection to the cathedral - present or past organists, family connections, those who have filled in during vacancies and even some who played for Dromore High School when they had services in the building.

Please feel free to come along, the audience can drop in and leave again at their own convenience. This is a parish fundraiser - there is no charge but there will be a donation box situated in the cathedral should anyone wish to make a contribution. There will be refreshments available for the duration of the event.

We anticipate the relay to conclude at approximately 6:00pm - please see schedule

Ever wondered what it would be like to become a Derry Cathedral Chorister?

Now is your chance to find out! We invite all boys aged 7-14 and girls aged 7-16 to sign up for St Columb's Derry Cathedral Chorister Recruitment Weekend!

Friday, 20th September (7:30pm):

Kick off the weekend by enjoying a live concert performed by our talented current Choristers at the Cathedral during the city's Culture Night. This is a perfect opportunity to see what being a Chorister is all about!

Saturday, 21st September (1-4pm):

Come and 'Be a Chorister for the Day!' The day includes:
- A guided tour of the Cathedral

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- An engaging choral workshop
- A fun treasure hunt around the Cathedral
- Your first public performance as a Chorister of Saint Columba's Cathedral!

Sunday, 22nd September (11am):

Experience the beauty of worship during the Cathedral's Morning Service, where you can listen to our Girl Choristers sing live. After the service, enjoy light refreshments and have the chance to register your child as a Chorister!

Important Information:

- To register for the weekend, please contact the Organist & Director of Music at:
 - Phone: 07858097290
 - Email: mortonnicky516@gmail.com
- Everyone is welcome! You do not need to be of Church of Ireland faith to join our choir; we embrace participants from all faiths or none.
- Spaces are limited, so be sure to book now to avoid disappointment!

Don't miss out on this incredible chance to experience music, community, and joy in the stunning setting of Saint Columba's Cathedral. We can't wait to welcome you!

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BE A SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL CHORISTER FOR A WEEKEND

*Ever wondered what it would be like
to become a Cathedral Chorister?*

Join the Cathedral Choirs for a
weekend at St. Columb's Cathedral
and experience life as a Chorister

Friday 20th September
7:30pm
Culture Night Concert

Saturday 21st September
1:00-4:00pm
Be a Chorister for the Day

Sunday 22nd September
11:00am
Choral Matins and registration



To register for the weekend, please contact the Organist & Director of Music:

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



**Belfast City Airport's Community Fund is
officially OPEN for applications**

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If you're part of a community group , sports team , school , or local charity and you're making a positive impact in our community, we want to help you turn your dreams into reality!

To find out more about the Community Fund and to apply, visit: bit.ly/BCACommunityFundApplication2024

Richard Rohr's talk to Greenbelt

American Franciscan priest and writer, Fr Richard Rohr, gave the following talk, entitled: 'The Tears of Things, streamed live from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in the No Fly Zone of the Greenbelt Festival, on Saturday, 24 August.

How do we live compassionately in times of violence and despair? The writings of the Jewish prophets may have an answer. In this session Richard Rohr explores how walking the full path of the prophet - from anger to sadness to love - can help sustain us in times of cultural exhaustion.

See the full talk here: www.youtube.com/live/OzfSNiDyaDY

Catalyst Part-Time Courses at Belfast School of Theology Semester 1

There are highly vocational catalyst courses, designed to mobilise individuals into specific ministries and mission.

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Belfast School of Theology is delighted to partner with a range of fantastic missions and ministries in the field which will create a necessary balance between good theology and expert practice. This term, we are excited to introduce two new BST Hubs, in Ballymena & Fermanagh.

Sign up for a Catalyst course TODAY!

ALL ONE IN CHRIST THE BIBLICAL VISION FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Taught By: Professor Stephen Williams and Dr Gary Burnett.

Duration: 4 Weeks

Dates: Tuesday 24th September – 15th October 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Location: BST

Cost: £40

GOD BEHAVING BADLY IN THE BIBLE?

Taught By: Dr William Ford

Duration: 6 Weeks

Dates: Tuesday 8th October – 19th November 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Location: BST

Cost: £60

CHRISTIAN PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE

Taught By: Dr. Deborah Webster, Thrive Academy

Duration: 4 Weeks

Dates: Tuesday 15th October – 12th November 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Location: BST

Cost: £40

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BIBLICAL WORSHIP FOR TODAY'S CHURCH

Taught By: Dr Jonny Mullan

Duration: 8 Weeks

Dates: Tuesday 22nd October – 17th December

Time: 7.30pm

Location: BST

Cost: £80

STEPPING INTO NARNIA

Taught By: Dr. Sharon Jones

Duration: 7 Weeks

Dates: 24th September - 19th November (excluding 29th October)

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Ballymena Hub - West Presbyterian Church

Cost: £70

THE APOSTLE PAUL FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Taught By: Dr. Gary Burnett

Duration: 6 Weeks (3 online)

Dates: 22nd October - 3rd December

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Fermanagh Hub – The Cornerstone, Main St, Lisnaskea & Online

Cost: £60

SPIRITUAL FIRE THROUGH WORD AND SPIRIT

6 Week Course

Taught By: Honorary Fellows

Dates: 6 week course 22nd October- 3rd December (excluding half term).

Time: 7.30pm

Location: BST

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Cost: £60

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In the media

Fundraiser for church devastated by arson attack raises more than £6k within hours - Belfast Telegraph

CLERIC 'OVERWHELMED WITH LOVE' AND OFFERS OF SUPPORT SINCE BLAZE

A fundraiser for a Co Antrim church targeted in an arson attack has raised over £6,000 just hours after it was torched, Kurtis Reid reports.

On Sunday evening, nine fire-fighting appliances and 49 firefighters attended the Church of the Holy Name in the Station Road area of Greenisland.

Photographs of the scene show substantial damage to its hall, where a section of the roof was destroyed in the blaze which began around 9pm.

It's believed the fire, which is not being treated as hate related, was caused by a bin set alight which later spread to the church hall.

A fundraiser has since been set up by some members of the community in response to the damage, which has so far raised £6,700 within hours.

“We've been overwhelmed by the love and support of the community after the devastating fire at the Church of the Holy Name Church of Ireland in Greenisland,” the church said.

“Many of you have asked for a way to support us as we seek to rebuild, and one of the suggestions was a GoFundMe page. We would really appreciate the support if you would like to contribute. Thank you.”

The funds gained from the GoFundMe profile will go to the efforts to rebuild the church building, with the campaign opened in response to the hundreds of queries the church had received about what the community could do to assist them.

The fire occurred on the week of the church's 70th anniversary which formally takes place today, and just hours after a large celebration took place to honour the community.

Speaking to the Belfast Telegraph, Reverend Issy Hawthorne Steele said the plan was initially to have another anniversary service this evening to mark the event.

However, this meeting has instead been replaced with a solidarity 'Stand Together' gathering which will take place at 7pm in the neighbouring Greenisland Baptist Church, who have been supporting members of Greenisland Parish, alongside the fellow neighbouring building Greenisland Methodist.

“We had initially planned another meeting for the actual anniversary on Wednesday, which has now been replaced by a meeting to talk about the community response to what has happened,” said Reverend Hawthorne Steele, who has been at the helm of the parish for three years and a member of the church since she was seven-years old.

“We've already had people from all kinds of trades who have contacted us offering their services — builders and such.”

On Monday night firefighters returned to the scene after neighbours spotted signs of smoke coming from the wreckage. The fire destroyed the adjoining church hall and the roof of the main church building.

“There was a concern that smoke was coming from the ridge at the top of the roof,” the church said on social media about the damage. The crews have broken the tiles to get at the void along the ridge and they're now cooling it all down with more water.

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“Unfortunately it means that the roof now looks worse than ever — but it was already damaged, so it had to be done. Again the dedication of these fire crews is just astounding.”

The fundraising page can be found by searching for 'Church of the Holy Name, Greenisland' on the GoFundMe site.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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