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**Image of the day – Beside still waters**

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### Beside still waters

A challenge - identify this Irish church building.

## People and places

### Thank you Brother Kevin for showing us how walk in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi - Archbishop Farrell

**“I congratulate Brother Kevin as he retires from the Capuchin Day Centre, where he devoted his life to the service of the poor.**

“His work with its staff and volunteers transformed the lives of those who availed of the services at the centre, from misery and despair to hope and love. One can only marvel at the many people he personally served. He was able to see Christ in the people he met. His was a love that reached out.

“As Brother Kevin retires, we should remember the poor we still have with us, in ever greater numbers because of wars, famine, drug and alcohol addiction. Today we ask the Lord to help us to work towards an alleviation of poverty, to have compassion for those who are experiencing Calvary and sorrow for our own self-indulgence.



Brother Kevin Crowley of the Capuchin Day Centre after receiving the Oireachtas Human Dignity Award in Leinster House in December 2018. Photo by John McElroy

“Thank you, Brother Kevin, for showing us how walk in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi. I wish you every blessing in your long overdue retirement.

+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin, August 9, 2022

## **Rector is the Queen’s man in Derry**

**The Rector of St Augustine's Church, in Londonderry, Rev Nigel Cairns, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the County Borough.**



The appointment was made by Dr Angela Garvey, the Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Londonderry.

Deputy Lieutenants are expected to carry out public duties on behalf of the Lord-Lieutenant. Nigel is pictured above, with his wife Alison, at 'the Wee Church on the Walls', where he has been the Rector for the past two years.

## **An invitation to Glandore**

Kilfaughnabeg is a small church in a beautiful setting in Glandore Harbour. This coming Saturday (13th August) they are having an 'Open Day' where you can drop in to visit this stunning location and pause to reflect and pray. There will be prayer stations setup for the RNLI, Glandore Harbour Yacht Club, Fishing, Farming, etc. Their new

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minister Dean Cliff Jeffers will be there to welcome you from 10am to 6pm. There will be short times of prayer at 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm. All are welcome.



## **Carnmoney Parish takes to the woods**

**Carnmoney Parish Church hosted its second ‘Worship in the Woods’ outdoor event in the spacious Glebe Gardens on Sunday July 31.**

This year, the topic was leaves, and after a number of games, the families who took part looked at one of the many wonders of nature visible in the gardens as they considered the life cycle of leaves and how they benefit and work effectively with the trees they inhabit.

They then considered the seasons in their own lives and how God is in them all.



The afternoon finished with a treasure hunt in which the children searched for the 14 phrases in Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 hidden on various trees in the different areas of the gardens, finding many packets of Haribos in the process, and everyone enjoyed refreshments.

## **Heritage Week**

### **St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough**

As Heritage Week approaches there is welcome news of a Guided Tour and Historical Talk at St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan on the 15th and 16th August from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to explore an estate church set well within the scenically landscaped grounds of Castle Leslie.



The guided tour is free of charge for any guests. Booking is not required.

Please inbox or contact for more information; 04788106  
[dianeronk@gmail.com](mailto:dianeronk@gmail.com).

## **St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin**

There is a packed programme for Heritage Week 2022 in St Patrick's Cathedral. The Heritage Week events are free of charge but booking is essential for most. The full range of events and booking information is available on the cathedral's website

– <https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/events/>

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Among the highlights are Belfry Tours which run daily from Saturday August 13 to Saturday August 20 between 10am and 4pm. The 60 minute tours include a talk on the history of bell ringing, the story of the Minor Tower and a chance to ring one of the bells.

Free guided Heritage week tours will run from August 13 to 20 at 3pm each day. Led by one of the cathedral's expert guides the tours provide an opportunity to learn more about St Patrick's story and explore its Gothic architecture.

A special talk, 'Lives Remembered' takes place on Monday August 15 at 6.30pm. The talk focuses on the 200-plus memorials in St Patrick's Cathedral.

From Monday August 15 to Friday August 19 there will be a series of Rush Hour Recitals which will take place from 5.30pm to 6.10pm.

On Tuesday August 16 at 7pm there will be a panel discussion on 'The Church of Ireland in the Revolutionary Period'. This will be moderated by RTE's Donal Byrne and the panel will be made up of Dr Ian D'Alton, Martin Maguire RIA, Dr Ida Milne and Prof Brian Walker.

On Thursday August 18 there will be an Art Workshop at 7pm led by award-winning artist and educator Mags Harnett.

A series of Family Workshops will take place on Saturday August 20 between 10am and 4pm where participants will make their own tiles.



## **Historian Gerry White will give a talk on the exhibition "The Last General Absolution of the Munsters at Rue du Bois- The Painting, the Painter and the Battle"**

12pm, Cork Public Museum, Fitzgerald's Park.



### **Christ Church Cathedral Dublin**

Christ Church Cathedral has a varied programme scheduled for Heritage Week 2022. For full details and information on how to book see their website at <https://christchurchcathedral.ie/heritage-week-2022/> Events are free but normal cathedral entry fee applies.



On Monday August 15 at 1p m Stuart Kinsella will lead a lunchtime historical tour of Christ Church Cathedral.

On Saturday August 18 there will be a Children's Monks' Tour of the cathedral at 2pm.

On Sunday August 21 'Once Upon a Time – a visual art storytelling walking tour' will take place at 2pm.

On Friday August 19 there will be an opportunity to tour the bell town and ring the bells at 2pm.

On Saturday August 20 at 2pm there will be a Herbal Remedies Workshop.

## St John's Sandymount

St John's Church, Park Avenue, Sandymount, will mark Heritage Week 2022 with a display

“THEATRICAL ENTERTAINMENTS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, SANDYMOUNT 1883–1963”, featuring amateur dramatic societies and choirs that appeared on stage at the former St John's Church Hall from its opening in 1883 until 1963, when it was closed. The display will be on view in the church on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August between 12 noon and 4pm, and on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August, also from 12 noon to 4pm each day.

Built on land leased from the Earl of Pembroke for ‘purposes ancillary to the church and for meetings connected therewith, and for the schools belonging thereto’, the St John's Hall was once a hive of cultural activity, bustling with a packed programme of meetings, classes, bazaars, exhibitions, concerts, and what were termed “theatrical entertainments”.

The display recalls several groups that performed in the Hall or used it for rehearsals including the St John's Society (1883–1899), the Pembroke Choral Society (1886–1895), the Pembroke Players (1919–1939), the Park Avenue Players (1939–1955) and the Dublin Religious Drama Group (1946–1965).

Individual actors, musicians and conductors are remembered, some of whom went on to pursue professional

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careers on stage and in the media. The groups also provided a meeting place for young people: many a romance blossomed at St John's Hall!

The Hall ceased to be used for theatrical entertainments after 1963 when it was sold by the church. It became a School of Fencing. It is now awaiting restoration and redevelopment by new owners.

The principal sources of information for the display are newspaper archives:

national and Dublin newspapers gave extensive coverage of amateur productions in their theatre and music columns. Church and family records and personal reminiscences are also utilised.

The venue is the Church of St John the Evangelist, Park Avenue, Sandymount. The nearest Dart Station is Sydney Parade and bus nos C1, C2, 47, 4, 7 and 7a stop nearby.

## **Christ Church Bray**

On Thursday August 18 from 11am to 12.15pm in Christ Church, Church Road, Bray A98 W866

(Church open from 10am) there will be a tour of the stained glass windows in Christ Church Bray. The windows span eight decades from the 1860s to the 1930s.

The tour will be blended with a talk on the concurrent history of the Parish and the Town.

The church will also be open on Friday August 19 from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm.



The poster features a dark background with a blurred image of people. On the left is a white icon of a globe with speech bubbles. The main title 'Kingdom Voices' is in large white font, with the subtitle 'Global stories of heavenly hope' below it. A teal box contains the text: 'An evening celebration for all, including input from Church leaders from Africa, South America and Nepal.' At the bottom left is the 'cmsireland' logo with the tagline 'equipping the church in mission'. In the center bottom, the event details are listed: 'Friday 12th August 2022 - 7.30pm' and 'St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast'. At the bottom right is the 'SAI' logo with 'IRELAND' and 'South American I' below it.

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Parking available. Accessible by public transport.

If your parish is holding an event for Heritage Week 2022 please let us know and we will add it to the list. Contact [dco@dublin.anglican.org](mailto:dco@dublin.anglican.org)

## **Monkestown Parish Church**

Monkestown Parish Church will be open from 2pm – 5pm daily from Sunday August 13 – Sunday August 21 inclusive. Visitors are welcome to visit this church which was opened in 1831.

This year there will be an exhibition relating to the Schoolhouse in the church grounds, which is currently undergoing major renovation for parish use. Past pupils of the school, which closed in the 1960s, can see a range of photographs and memorabilia. Bus 7 or 7a to the Knox Hall or Salthill & Monkestown Dart Station.



## World News

### Chelmsford bishops letter to clergy and lay ministers on Lambeth Conference

**The Bishop of Chelmsford and the Area Bishops of Barking, Bradwell and Colchester have written to Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers in Chelmsford Diocese following the conclusion of the Lambeth Conference. Their letter reads as follows:**

Monday 8 August 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,



We have just returned from an extraordinary, intense and moving Lambeth Conference, in which we gathered with bishops from across the Anglican Communion to discuss and pray for many of the most profound issues affecting the world and the church. The theme of 'God's Church for God's World' directed our thoughts and attention away from the internal divisions and disagreements of the church and towards a world that is in desperate need of the healing balm of the Gospel.

Within the context of prayer, worship and bible study, we discussed a wide range of issues. Perhaps the theme to which we gave the greatest attention was the urgent and catastrophic issue of climate change. We heard from

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Bishops whose islands in the Pacific are sinking under rising sea levels and others experiencing severe weather events, including drought, floods and fires. Member churches of the Anglican Communion have a unique perspective on this issue as our 'call' pointed out:

We are the people facing devastation in disaster-stricken communities.

We are all the polluters, especially in wealthy countries.

We are people living in poverty and on the margins.

We wield power and political influence.

We are experiencing loss and damage of our land, homes and livelihoods.

We are investors with financial capital.

We are first-responders to disasters and those who accompany communities on the journey of recovery and resilience.

Of course, the press coverage of the Conference has often focussed on other matters – and particularly the 'call' on Human Dignity and the various statements issued by various groups. Please don't believe all the headlines you may have seen or heard. Many of them do not reflect the reality of what we have experienced during our time at the Conference. We encourage you to read both Archbishop Justin's letter and his address during the session on Human





Dignity. Links to both of these can be found at the end of this letter.

We deeply regret that Bishops and their spouses from Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda were not with us, having followed the call by their Archbishops to boycott the Conference.

It is also painfully disappointing that the impression given by the media was that we were spending large amounts of our time discussing same sex relations and passing judgement on our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This simply was not the case. For one session (part of an afternoon), we discussed the call on 'human dignity' within our small groups with whom we had already spent much time studying the Scriptures. Nonetheless, we are deeply conscious of the hurt and upset that some have felt, and we very much want

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to affirm and celebrate the gift of LGBTQI+ people in and for the church. God's love embraces all.

In a wide-ranging 'call' that summoned action on global poverty, sustainable development and prejudice (including homophobia), it was acknowledged that, while many Provinces continue to affirm that same-sex marriage is not permissible, other Provinces have blessed and welcomed same-sex union/marriage after careful theological reflection and a process of reception. The 'call' made clear that, as Bishops in the Anglican Communion, we remain committed to listening and walking together to the maximum possible degree, despite our deep disagreements on these issues. A great deal of pressure was put upon the Archbishop of Canterbury (largely from voices outside the Conference) to take punitive action against Provinces which have authorised same-sex unions. But Archbishop Justin stated very forcibly, 'I neither have, nor do I seek, the authority to discipline or exclude a church of the Anglican Communion. I will not do so.'

The end result is that, in the words of the Bishop of Monmouth, 'we can all go home feeling that we are bound together with something stronger than our context, our experience, our views and opinions, our reading of scripture. We are held together in the love of Christ, and we have to honour the fact that we are working in massively different contexts'. We are possibly more united as an Anglican Communion, despite our deep disagreements, than we have been for some time.

We appreciate that there will be many for whom this does not go far enough. Many will have wanted to see something

## The Five Anglican Marks of Mission



Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.



Teach, nurture, and baptize new believers.



Respond to human need by loving service.



Seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation.



Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

more decisive. However, it is worth remembering that the Lambeth Conference is not a decision making body, and that the only Statements made by the Conference were in solidarity with troubled Provinces across the Anglican Communion whose situations we continue to hold in our prayers.

As the Church of England, we have been committed to a long process of open listening and reflection under the heading, 'Living in Love and Faith'. We, as your Bishops in the Diocese of Chelmsford, remain fully committed to LLF. We ask for your prayers as the College of Bishops meets a number of times over the next few months, as the process reaches its conclusion, and as we seek to come to a common mind about possible next steps.

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Our Link Bishops (including +Qampicha from Marsabit who was unable to attend due to the worsening conditions in his diocese) send their blessings and best wishes. We enjoyed an evening meal with our Kenyan Link Bishops and their spouses, and we also met with Bishop Claude of our Trinidad and Tobago Link. We keep his wife, Dawn, in our prayers as she was unable to attend the Conference and is currently in hospital.

The Archbishop's letter on the Human Dignity 'call', can be found at: <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/letter-archbishop-canterbury-bishops-anglican-communication>

The text of his address to the Conference can be found at:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-writing/speeches/lambeth-call-human-dignity-read-archbishop-justins-remarks>

This comes with our continued prayers.

Yours,

+Guli Chelmsford

+Roger Colchester

+John Bradwell

+Lynne Barking

## **Urgent action needed to address cost of living crisis- Church of Scotland**

**The Church of Scotland is calling on the UK Government to take urgent action to bridge the cost of living gap which is plunging people further into poverty.**

It has joined 56 faith groups, charities and politicians in response to a new report which says the support being offered to low-income families does not go far enough and a new package is needed.

Author, Professor Donald Hirsch of Loughborough University, said the current flat-rate payments will fall at least £1,600 short of making up for recent changes to living costs and benefits faced by a couple with two children.

Commissioned by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the report assesses the extent to which cost of living measures announced in May will compensate for three blows experienced by millions of low-income families across the UK.

They are - cuts in Universal Credit, inadequate uprating of benefits with accelerating inflation in April and the further rise in the energy cap anticipated in October.

The call for action comes as the Conservative Party considers whether Liz Truss MP or Rishi Sunak MP should become the new party leader and the next Prime Minister of the UK.

## **Supporting the vulnerable**

Rev Karen Hendry, acting convener of the Faith Impact Forum, said: "The Church's theological tradition is to speak truth to power and is committed to speaking up for the most vulnerable people in society.

"Individuals and families on the lowest incomes are facing the most serious cost of living crisis in decades and churches are on the frontline of offering essential, lifeline support to them.

"The UK Government has a moral duty to take long-lasting and meaningful action to ensure that this crisis doesn't deepen and doesn't happen again."

Organisations and individuals who have endorsed the report include the Trussell Trust, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church in Britain, Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford and the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham.

The report contains stories of first-hand experience of the impact of the rise in cost of living.

Professor Hirsch, director of the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University, said: "The shortfall families are facing between skyrocketing costs and the support government has offered continues to grow.

"Families were falling behind with the anticipated rise in costs even when the measures were announced, and since

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then the food and energy costs forecast for this winter have continued to rise sharply.

"The flat rate emergency payments announced so far leave families with children particularly far behind, because they are not sensitive to the extra costs that children bring.

"A new package needs to address the fact that by the autumn, living costs could have risen by as much as 14% for low-income families, who have received only a 3% increase in benefits.

An additional across-the-board uprating to Universal Credit and other benefits would address family need far more effectively than further flat rate payments."

## **Crisis beyond politics**

The son of a Church of Scotland minister, Mr Brown is a former MP for Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath and served as Prime Minister and leader of the Labour Party from 2007 to 2010.

He said: "This is a crisis that Britain hasn't seen in decades.

"The most urgent and immediate challenge for the incoming Prime Minister is to ensure that families with children and disabled people aren't neglected to struggle through the challenges ahead.

"We need targeted support for families on the lowest incomes, not just cuts in taxes or flat rate payments which

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don't account for the specific needs of people on the brink of poverty.

"There should be no argument that a permanent increase in Universal Credit is the only way to take a sure step towards a solution.

"This crisis goes far beyond politics; this is a moral issue - our responsibilities to our neighbours and in particular to those who have the least and whose needs are the greatest.

"The incoming Prime Minister has a moral responsibility to ensure that everyone has enough to live on, through this crisis and beyond.

"We cannot be at ease when millions are ill at ease and cannot rest content as long as there is so much discontent.

"Our society will be stronger when we help the weak and will be richer when we help the poor."

The Church of Scotland is an associate member of the Joint Public Issues Team – an ecumenical partnership focused on campaigning for justice and peace.

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site



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