



*Find God's peace on the 17th September at Balmoral Park, Maze Long Kesh.*

## **A Day of Prayer at the Maze Long Kesh**

Interdenominational Divine Healing Ministries has organised a special day of prayer for our land to help people find God's peace. This will be held on **Saturday 17th September 2016** at Balmoral Park, Maze Long Kesh and is open to everyone.

The organisers say - We are encouraging people to come **as individuals** before God on



**This day of prayer is being sponsored by Divine Healing Ministries, an interdenominational healing ministry founded in 1993.**

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that day - to lay down their own personal burdens from the past, to forgive those who have hurt them, to say sorry where they may have hurt other people, and to pray for the future of our country.

- Are you carrying burdens from the past?
- Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others?
- Are there things you need to say sorry for and put to rest?

Healing the hurts of the past can only be done through the giving and receiving of forgiveness.  
**On Saturday 17th September** Balmoral Park at

Maze Long Kesh will be transformed into a quiet private prayer space.

This is a time for all people, near or far, young or old, to come as individuals before God and lay down any burdens that hold us back. Come and go as you please between 9am and 6pm and let unconditional forgiveness set us free.

This is a crucial event for individual healing and the future of our land, so please don't miss it. [Register a place](#) for you and/or your church today.

## **Panama City will host the next World Youth Day in 2019**

On Sunday, Pope Francis revealed to over one million young pilgrims attending World Youth Day in Poland that Panama City will host the next such gathering in three years' time in 2019.

In the last address of his five-day visit to Poland, as he thanked World Youth Day volunteers for their hard work, the Pope said he didn't know whether he would still be around for the next WYD gathering but that "Peter certainly will".

He reminded the young pilgrims that if they want to represent hope for the future they must remember their origins.

“I must ask myself where I come from... the memory of my people, the memory of my family, and the memory of my history. [...] The memory of a path that has already been trodden and all that we have received from adults. A young person with no memory cannot be a beacon of hope for the future,” he said.

And the Pope invited all young people to speak and to listen to their parents, to their grandparents and to elderly people in general whom – he said – represent the wisdom of a people.

Another necessary condition if you want to be a beacon of hope for the future, the Pope said, is to live the present with courage, ‘not to be afraid’.

Pope Francis told the young pilgrims that “World Youth Day begins today and continues tomorrow, in your homes, since that is where Jesus wants to meet you from now on.”

“What is clearly evident here in Krakow is that the youth are ready and willing for the challenge.

They want to show people back in their own countries that it's ok to stand up and express one's faith with pride. They want show that there is a cheerful aspect to the Church and they want to let it shine through just like here at World Youth Day. They also want to tell their communities back home that Jesus is alive and his mercy never ends.”

## **Churches' concern for South Sudan**

Cardinal Peter Turkson has travelled as Pope Francis' special envoy to troubled South Sudan to deliver a message of peace to rival leaders in the nation.

The head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace carried letters from the Pontiff for President Salva Kiir and for Vice President Riek Machar, the leaders of the opposing ethnic factions who fell to renewed fighting in mid-July. While the Pope's letters appealed for a negotiated settlement to South Sudan's fractious atmosphere, Cardinal Turkson said his own role in the country was “to try to get [the leaders] to come together at some point, to see if we could



***Cardinal Peter Turkson***

facilitate a reconciliation, to help them build some trust and confidence in each other”.

He was happy to report that the leaders are united in ensuring a programme of reforms is in place by the time of fresh election in 2018.

Meanwhile, in relation to ordinary citizens who were gravely affected by the renewed fighting in the capital Juba and beyond, Cardinal Turkson said: “A lot of the women and children and even boys have sought refuge in Churches and in schools, and that is where they live, and the priests and brothers and nuns try to take care of them as best as they can.”

Speaking of the urgent need for funds to help religious orders meet the extra strain after the fighting, Cardinal Turkson pointed out there have already been outbreaks of dysentery and malaria. “There’s a need for medication and there’s a need for food supplies,” he said.

**Relief aid distributed in South Sudan** - The relief agency of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan, Sudra, is distributing relief items to hundreds of people who took refuge in churches in response to last month’s violence. Tens of thousands of people fled their homes when government and opposition forces clashed in and around Juba. Reliefs items including maize flour, beans, oil and table salt are being distributed from the All Saints Cathedral compound in Juba by young volunteers from Kator archdeaconry and the Diocese of Juba.

## **Cathedral and choral**

**+++ The Yorkshire Philharmonic Choir** - received a standing ovation after its recital in St Anne’s Cathedral , Belfast, on Sunday morning, July 31.

The recital began at 12.30pm. The choir was conducted by Andrew Padmore with Thomas



***Yorkshire Philharmonic Choir in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.***

Moore on the organ. Earlier on Sunday the choir sang Eucharist in the Cathedral at 11am. The Yorkshire Philharmonic was founded in 1953 and is now established as one of the premier choirs in the North of England. It is based in Wakefield and currently has over 90 members.

**+++ Roof collapse at Cape Town's Anglican Cathedral** - Experts are today assessing damage to the metropolitan church of the Province of Southern Africa after part of the roof collapsed on Friday. Officials at the Cathedral of



St George the Martyr in Cape Town had been concerned about the condition of the roof for some time and had launched an appeal to replace the roof and its 40,000 tiles. But after heavy rains last week, part of the roof gave way. The collapse was caused by rain water which had worked its way through broken tiles and softened the ceiling's cement. Nobody was injured in the collapse.

## News briefs

**+++ Suicide deaths highest ever in Northern Ireland** - three hundred and eighteen suicides were registered in Northern Ireland during 2015 – the highest annual death toll since records began in 1970. Despite over £7m being spent annually on suicide prevention, the equivalent of six people each week took their own lives here last year. This was a 19% increase on the suicides recorded in 2014.

Detail Data is reporting on the latest suicide figures almost 10 years after Northern Ireland's Protect Life suicide prevention strategy and action plan was launched in October 2006 in response to the increasing rate of suicide. Over £50million has been allocated to suicide

prevention since the strategy started. Of the suicide deaths registered in 2015, 77% (245) were male. One hundred and thirty-two were aged between 15 and 34-years-old and five people were 75 or older.

**+++ Fun filled activity week** - St Paul's Parish, Lisburn, held a fun filled children's activity week from July 25-29, offering lots of fun and excitement for kids and families.

**+++ Another gay Anglican vicar has married his long-term male partner** - defying the Church of England's ban on clergy entering same-sex marriages. Rev Paul Collier has kept his position as priest of St Hugh's in the Diocese of Southwark after he converted his civil partnership to a marriage in early June with a celebratory service in London. Collier admitted his marriage put him at odds with the House of Bishops, the body which issued guidance banning clergy from entering gay marriages. He said that he had heard from his bishop, and commented he had been dealt with "in accordance with the House of Bishops' pastoral statement on same-sex marriage". He declined to elaborate but said: "My personal reading of the situation is I am unlikely to obtain any other positions within the Church of England." But he

said he would continue to serve as a priest at his current church.

### **+++ Mary's Meals appeal for Malawi crisis -**

The Catholic charity Mary's Meals has launched an urgent appeal in an effort to help lessen the devastating impact of the country's food crisis. Food insecurity has been an issue in Southern Africa for several years but with recent flooding in the region, many of the crops Malawians rely on have been destroyed. The Malawian government estimates that 8 million people – half the country's population – will require food aid by the end of 2016. Mary's Meals reports that the situation in Malawi is so bad that many families are facing starvation and a state of national emergency has been declared. The charity – which was founded in Scotland in 2002 – currently provides more than 800,000 Malawian schoolchildren a balanced lunch in order to provide an incentive to help keep young people in education. With the launch of the Crisis in Malawi appeal this week, Mary's Meals hopes to continue its work in the region and extend their reach to as many schoolchildren as possible across the country.

## **News links to reports on faith, politics and education**

### **French cleric's murder and meaning of life : Bishop Treanor**

News Letter

The murder of a French cleric gives rise to “key questions about the meaning of life”, according to The Bishop of Down & Connor.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/islamic-state-killers-are-part-of-vortex-of-evil-says-ni-cleric-1-7503160>

### **Ecumenical role in C of I for Catholic priest**

Belfast Telegraph

I'm no threat, says first Catholic canon to take up ecumenical role at Belfast C of I cathedral

[http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/im-no-threat-says-first-catholic-canon-to-take-up-ecumenical-role-at-belfast-coi-cathedral-34921290.html?utm\\_source=ipad\\_share&utm\\_medium=ipad\\_app&utm\\_campaign=clickbacks](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/im-no-threat-says-first-catholic-canon-to-take-up-ecumenical-role-at-belfast-coi-cathedral-34921290.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks)

### **Coventry Observer**

Reports that the Dean of Coventry Cathedral has expressed his delight following the appointment of Sarah Snyder to the reconciliation team by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Ms Snyder will succeed Canon David Porter following his move to a new role as chief of staff and strategy at Lambeth Place. The Archbishop of Canterbury has chosen to base the reconciliation ministry in Coventry Cathedral after previously spending his time at the

Cathedral between 2002 and 2007 as a Canon for Reconciliation. The new adviser and her team will be based here - and Sarah will be licensed as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. The Dean is quoted.

<http://coventryobserver.co.uk/news/archbishop-canterbury-chooses-coventry-base-reconciliation-ministry/>

### **Mail/Tel**

Reports that male refugees coming to Britain need to be properly taught how to treat women to prevent assault and sexual harassment, according to a senior Labour MP. Thangam Debbonaire, chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees, said that by providing formal training, the UK could tackle issues like female genital mutilation and sexual harassment against women. The articles quote the Archbishop of Canterbury who said that refugees were 'treasured human beings made in the image of God' who deserve the 'opportunity to flourish'. He made the comments when launching the new scheme for community groups to support refugees, alongside Home Secretary Amber Rudd.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3717426/Labour-MP-Thangam-Debbonaire-urges-male-refugees-coming-Britain-need-properly-taught-treat-women-prevent-assault-sexual-harassment.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/31/male-refugees-settling-in-britain-need-to-be-formally-taught-how/>

### **Comment**

Independent: "I've been mapping kindness across the country to tackle post-Brexit racism," writes Alice McCool. Among her examples she cites the Mayor of London

Sadiq Khan breaking his Ramadan fast in London alongside the Archbishop of Canterbury and Chief Rabbi.  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/ive-been-mapping-kindness-across-the-country-to-tackle-post-brexit-racism-a7164856.html>

**Telegraph:** Following the tragedy in Normandy, Simon Heffer writes, "Is Britain really safe from Islamist terror?"  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/31/is-britain-really-safe-from-islamist-terror/>

**Telegraph:**

Report that the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, IICSA, chaired by Justice Goddard, is funding the legal costs for Bishop Peter Ball who was convicted last year of sex offences. Article quotes both lawyers and survivors critical of the move. Ball is a core participant in the Anglican Church stream of the Inquiry  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/30/goddard-inquiry-outrage-as-bishop-jailed-for-sex-offences-given/>

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