

Church News Ireland



Image of the day – the colours of creation

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People and places

Ukrainian Apostolic Visitator in Armagh

Archbishop Eamon Martin was pleased to be able to assure Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Apostolic Visitator for the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic faithful here, of the ongoing prayers and support of the people of Ireland for the people of his country and all who are caught up in war and violence there



Irish Methodist Church to affirm Local Preachers

The Service of Celebration and Affirmation for Local Preachers is taking place on the church's circuits on/or nearest date to Sunday 18th September.

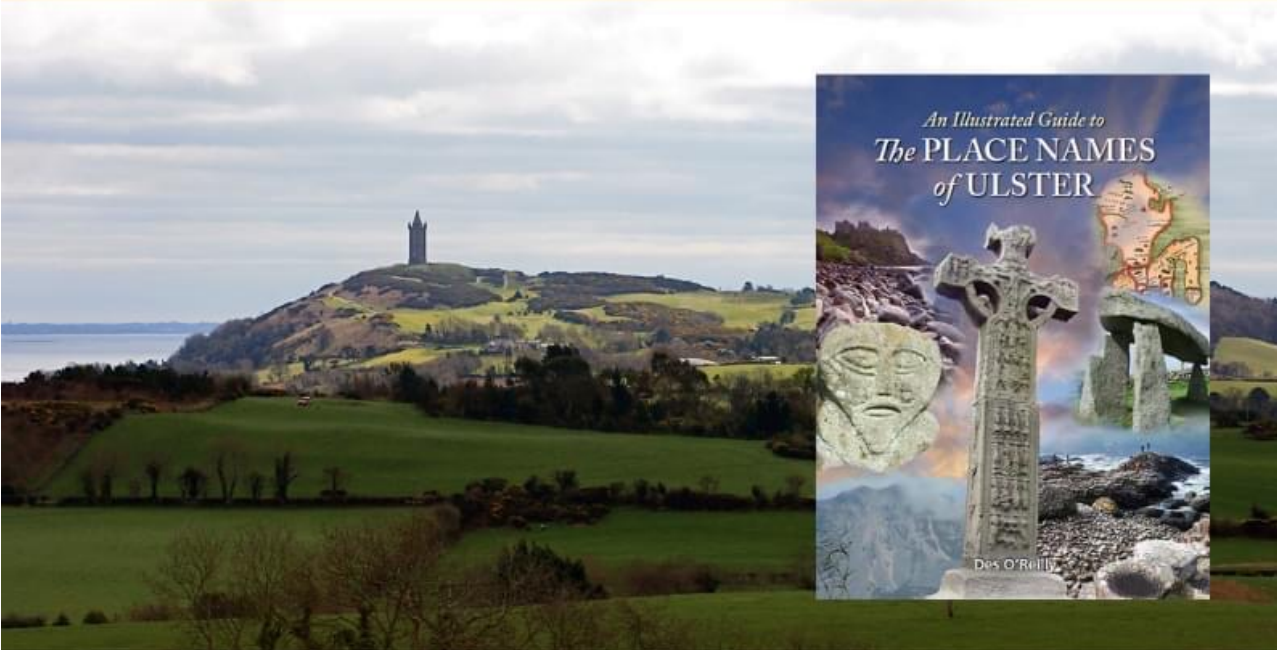



This is a new and special date in the Connexional calendar, as the church takes the opportunity to celebrate and reaffirm the calling of all Local Preachers on each of its circuits, who faithfully serve and lead worship.

“As a circuit celebration we hope and pray that as local preachers are invited, along with family, friends and local congregations to attend that our Local Preachers will know how blessed we are, as a church to have them.”

Suggested/helpful Liturgy <https://bit.ly/3A9gUDD>

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MON 12 September 2022 (10 WEEKS) 10:30-12:30 | £75.00



The Meaning of Irish Place Names

COURSE CODE: CHH010



TUTOR: DR DES O'REILLY

For more information phone 028 9038 4345 or email lifelong@stran.ac.uk

Insight on meaning of Irish place names

The Meaning of Irish Place Names will be delivered by Dr Des O'Reilly at Stranmillis University College.

There is much to discover about Irish counties, provinces, parishes and townlands. Some names can be traced back two millennia, while many more date from the Early Christian centuries. Join Des who will explain their meanings with the aid of slide presentations and maps.

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Click the following link to book <https://eshop.stran.ac.uk/the-meaning-of-irish-place-names-3071-p.asp>

Charles Wood Festival events in Armagh C of I Cathedral

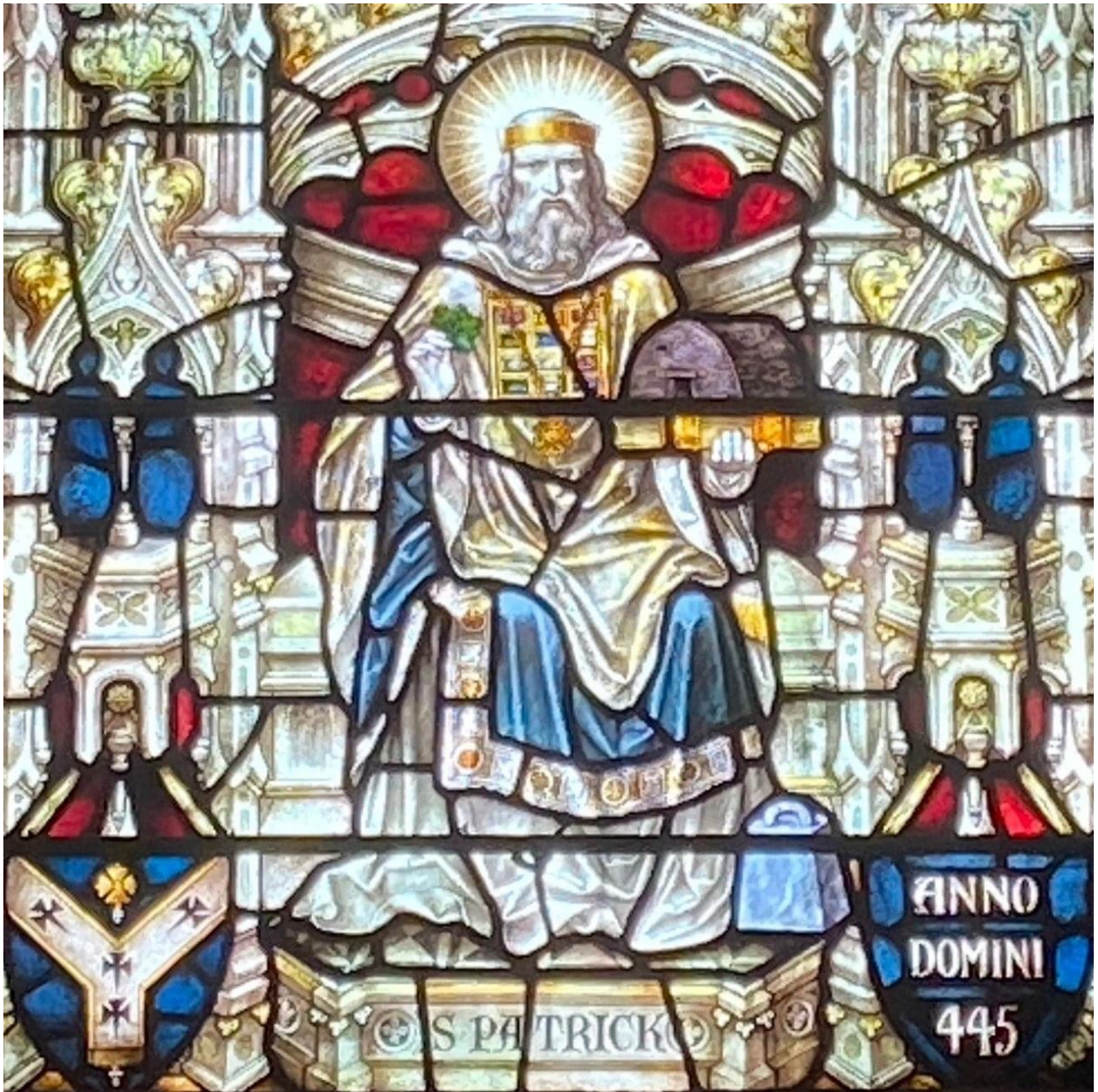
Between Sunday 21st – Sunday 28th August the Cathedral will host the following events -

Sunday 21st August at 8.00pm - Opening Concert with the acclaimed chamber choir Cappella Caeciliana, directed by Matthew Quinn, perform alongside the exhilarating local ensemble, Insieme Brass. Choral works include Duruflé's Quatre Motets, Áine Mallon's Dum Transisset and Cecilia McDowall's I Know That My Redeemer Liveth. Brass flourishes will focus on music associated with Charles Wood, from a new arrangement of his Hail Gladdening Light, to Stanford's Beati Quorum Via.

Tuesday 23rd August at 5.00pm - Choral Evensong led by the Charles Wood Singers.

Wednesday 24th August at 4.00pm – Choral Evensong Live on BBC Radio 3 led by the Charles Wood Singers. Please be seated by 3.40pm.

Friday 26th August at 8.00pm - Gala Concert – The Charles Wood Singers; David Hill (conductor); Philip Scriven (organist) Natasha Agarwal (soprano) – Senior Winner, Charles Wood Song Competition 2022 – with Ruth



McGinley (piano) Ivan-Bogdan Reincke – Winner, Northern Ireland International Organ Competition 2019.

Admission: £15

Sunday 28th August at 4.00pm - Festal Evensong led by the Charles Wood Singers

For other events see the Charles Wood Summer School Programme available in the Cathedral or visit their website on www.charleswoodsummerschool.org.

Walk Sheep's Head Way for Christian Aid, Ireland

It's that time of year again - everyone's favourite annual hiking event is back after a few years rest and it's all systems go in preparation for the big event in West Cork on Saturday September 3..

The Sheep's Head Way is one of the most remote parts of Ireland, well-known for its laid-back way of life, friendly people and breath-taking scenery.

So whether you're already an intrepid trekker or want to try it for the very first time, taking part in the Sheep's Head Hike

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is a great way to raise money for our global neighbours and challenge yourself at the same time.

The Sheep's Head Hike has raised tens of thousands of pounds for our work to continue in communities throughout the world that are living in poverty. Let's set a challenge as we welcome back this event- let's surpass all previous fundraising efforts!

It's down to the support of local people that the Sheep's Head Hike has reached its twelfth anniversary

- Andrew Coleman , Event organiser..

10am Saturday 3 September | Sheep's Head Way,
Kilcrohrane, Cork



**WE ARE
HIRING**


St John's Parish | Moira
Children's & Youth Development Officer
Full time

For more information please contact
kelly@moiraparish.org.uk

**Applications close Friday 9th September
@ 12noon**

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Routes available

The Sheep's Head Hike caters for all levels of walkers, pick what's right for your ability. This year we have introduced a new less demanding route for those who wish to support our work. All walking routes will be led by local guides.



Study opportunity at Union Theological College

Union Theological College is still accepting applications for its BA (Hons) Theology programme, starting Autumn 2022.

Prerequisites are:

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Three A-Levels (BBC or BBD with B at AS)

There is no subject requirement

A minimum of five GCSE passes at grade C/4 or better (to include English Language)

Applications are made directly to the College and should be submitted by 31st August 2022.

Follow the link below for more details and how to apply:

<https://www.union.ac.uk/programmes/ba-hons-theology-ba>

Archbishops pay tribute to Canon John Bartlett

The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin have paid warm tributes to the Revd Canon Professor John Bartlett, formerly Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College between 1989 and 2001, who died on Thursday evening, 18th August 2022.

Canon Bartlett was predeceased by his first wife Jan and is survived by their children and his widow, Olivia, and his funeral will take place at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, next Tuesday (23rd August), at 2.00pm. If you would have liked to attend the funeral but are unable to, you may view the service at this link. <https://christchurchcathedral.ie/worship/live-video-stream/>

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, states:



I write with profound regret at the news of the death of Canon John Bartlett, but with an equally heartfelt gratitude for his life, influence and witness. John was a Christian scholar, teacher and intellectual to his fingertips, the scope of whose accomplishments and the depth of whose modesty matched perfectly.

I had the pleasure (I don't think John would approve of the word "privilege") of studying for Orders under John's gentle guidance when he was Principal of what was then the

Church of Ireland Theological College. It was a difficult time to be in charge of such a place. Vocations to priestly ministry were not plentiful, and the usual respect felt for senior clergy and scholars was not always evident. As with almost every institution or organ of Anglicanism, the College's smooth running depended on the internalised decencies of mutual regard and affection. However even where these were in short supply, John maintained a degree of civility and forbearance which were the fruits of a lifelong discipleship of Jesus Christ, a commitment to the highest standards of critical scholarship and the manifold paradoxes of the Church of Ireland.

He was a Catholic scholar of the Anglican obedience, who was content to concede that the Anglican way may not have been the "best" way of being a Christian, but it was "our" way, and had its unique contribution to make to the treasury of the Universal Church. He kept copies of the Hebrew Bible and the Greek New Testament, with which to follow the Readings, in his seat in Chapel, and I think he could never quite grasp why so few ordinands learned to read the ancient languages. The Church owes him an immense amount for taking on the responsibility of the Theological College when the easier thing to do would have been to continue in the accustomed way and even tenor of his Fellowship.

However, even there John did not plough his furrow in a popular field of studies. Books on the Moabites or the Sibylline Oracle were unlikely to leap off the shelves within even the eccentric tastes of the Academy, but as with all of his commitments, once he had made them, he would never give up. The closest he came to "popular" writing was in The

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Bible: Faith and Evidence in which he summarised many generations of scholarship of the Hebrew Scriptures in a readable and (all things considered) pacy style. Someone who spent a great deal of creative effort in his 80s translating the synoptic Gospels into iambic pentameters was not in the hunt for worldly glory.

John was always thinking. When I was in Braemor Park it wasn't unusual to hear a diffident tap on the door of my room at about 10.30pm with John keen to discuss what either of us had been reading. Indeed that was almost always the first question he asked if you were sitting beside him at dinner.

John was of a height which lends itself to impishness, although he was never hurtful. He took his responsibilities very seriously and his smile would be overtaken often by a frown; but never his laugh. He loved Ireland and the Church of Ireland, but was a constant and happy reminder that much of the substance of our tradition, lies in the word "Anglican" ... of the English. He brought what was best across that narrow sea and enriched his adopted country and his Church to a degree which will now have its fit reward.

My prayers are with John's widow Olivia and his children Penny, Jessica and Helen.

Ar dheis Dé go raith a ánim dílis.

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, writes:

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It is with considerable sadness that members of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough will have learned of the death of the Reverend Canon Professor John Bartlett.

Canon Bartlett was beloved of generations of undergraduate students and staff in Trinity College where he lectured in Old Testament and Inter Testamental Studies. He served the College as a Fellow and the University as a Professor. His 'reasonable Anglicanism' made him a very accessible exponent of the Christian tradition in a secular university. He was assiduous in his support of the College Chapel and in his pastoral care of his tutorial pupils.

Canon Bartlett served the Church of Ireland in the capacity of Principal of the Theological College. He had already lectured to many ordinands in Trinity College before becoming Principal. This was a testing time. It was also a time during which he generously and graciously shared the best of contemporary critical scholarship with the future clergy of the Church of Ireland.

Christ Church Cathedral became his spiritual home in recent years. He served faithfully as Precentor and greatly enjoyed the musical tradition of the cathedral.

Canon Bartlett will be missed most by his family. He will also be missed by all who worship in the cathedral and in Christ Church Taney where in years past he served with Canon Walter Burrows. He will be remembered for his humanity, his simplicity, his erudition and his delight in God and other people – and for his Greek New Testament in which he always followed the New Testament Readings.



Perspective

Countdown to the COP27 UN Climate Conference in Egypt

The National Justice and Peace Network Environment Group produced this campaigning paper on climate change annual conference last month.

COP27 is due to take place in the coastal town of Sharm al-Sheikh, on the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, from 7-18 November 2022. Alok Sharma MP, the Glasgow COP26

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president from the UK, continues to play a key role up to COP27. It is very important that Churches speak up and hold the UK government to account for delivering and building on COP26 commitments at COP27. This is a key chance to avoid catastrophic climate change.

Climate change is a global environmental problem, and we have learnt that the UK Government is failing to do what is needed to comply with its obligations. The June 2022 Progress Report of the Climate Change Committee - the UK's independent advisor on tackling climate change - warned that "current programmes will not deliver Net Zero." Indeed, all governments should be concentrating on a rapid and massive reduction of carbon emissions to allow us to keep to the 1.5C recommended in the 2015 Paris Agreement and underlined at COP26.

Many hope that with Egypt hosting COP27 it will give a more powerful voice to African countries, which are among those most affected by climate change. However, the way in which the world responds to the climate emergency is crucial to all our futures. With the likelihood that countries will be asked at COP27 to ramp up their pledges to cut greenhouse gas emissions within a year, instead of waiting another five, it is urgent that the UK steps up its domestic action before then to be in a position to commit more internationally.

Campaigning points in the countdown to COP27

One outcome of COP26 was the request for governments to 'revisit and strengthen' their 2030 national emission reduction targets (NDCs) before the end of 2022, rather

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than in 2025, as laid out in the Paris Agreement. Most of the world's biggest economies, and biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, including the UK, have yet to fulfil the pledges they made at Glasgow last November to strengthen their targets.

They must also accelerate energy transitions, phasing out fossil fuels. The UK must end fossil fuel production and create jobs in renewable energy rather than developing nuclear power further. The Churches are urging divestment from fossil fuels.

Richer countries have failed to deliver on their promise of \$100 billion in annual climate finance, and this is actually insufficient to meet the adaptation and other needs of developing countries. Compensating countries in the Global South for the loss and damage caused to them by climate change is vital. Rich countries also need to find ways to compensate poor countries for not extracting more oil and gas.

International institutions must find a way to reduce the huge burden of mounting debt that inhibits many poor countries from tackling the climate crisis.

Protect forests, oceans and nature from pollution and large-scale extractive industries.

Military emissions to be included in carbon tallies. The world's militaries combined, and the industries that provide their equipment, are estimated to create 6% of all global emissions, according to Scientists for Global Responsibility.

Speaking at Chatham House in June 2022, COP26 President, Alok Sharma MP said:



"Unless we honour the promises made, to turn the commitments in the Glasgow Climate Pact into action, they will wither on the vine."

Alok Sharma MP at alok.sharma.mp@parliament.uk and contact your own MP

Further details at:

Climate Change Committee www.theccc.org.uk/

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Climate Change Risk Assessment, September 2021:
www.chathamhouse.org/2021/09/climate-change-risk-assessment-2021

Campaigns:

Details of a virtual walk from Glasgow to Sharm El- Sheikh, starting on 22 September 2022 www.walk2cop27.com/

CAFOD's Campaign on the Climate Crisis and the Livesimply Parish Award <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate-crisis> and <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/LiveSimply-award>

Operation Noah's Bright Now campaign: Next global divestment announcement around COP27 in November 2022 <https://brightnow.org.uk/>

Christian Climate Action <https://christianclimateaction.org/>

Global Justice campaigns on 'Ending trade rules that block climate action' and 'Stopping funding fossil fuels' www.globaljustice.org.uk/our-campaigns/climate/

Campaigning with Friends of the Earth <https://takeclimateaction.uk/>

Source: NJPN Environment Group

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Poem for today

The Railway Children by Seamus Heaney

When we climbed the slopes of the cutting
We were eye-level with the white cups
Of the telegraph poles and the sizzling wires.

Like lovely freehand they curved for miles
East and miles west beyond us, sagging
Under their burden of swallows.

We were small and thought we knew nothing
Worth knowing. We thought words travelled the wires
In the shiny pouches of raindrops,

Each one seeded full with the light
Of the sky, the gleam of the lines, and ourselves
So infinitesimally scaled

We could stream through the eye of a needle.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this sit

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