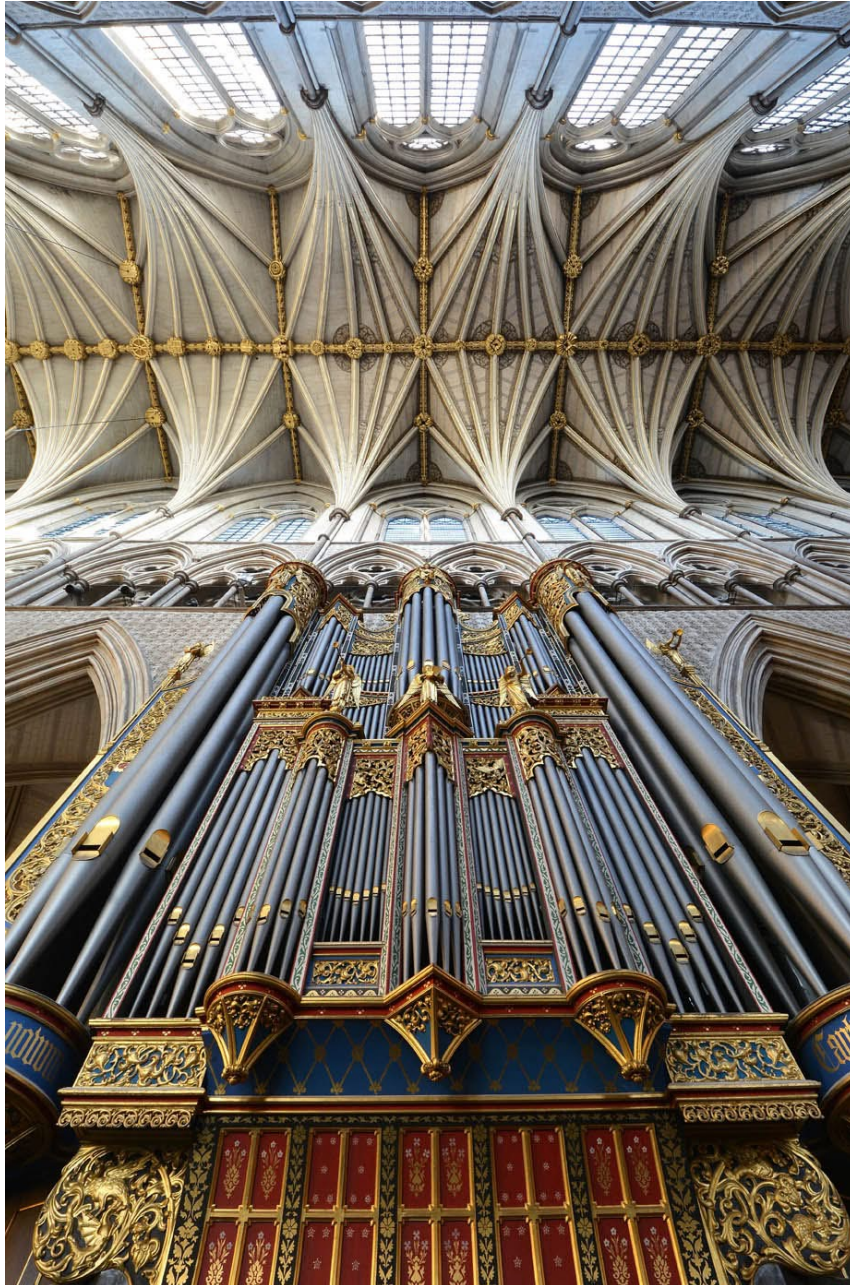


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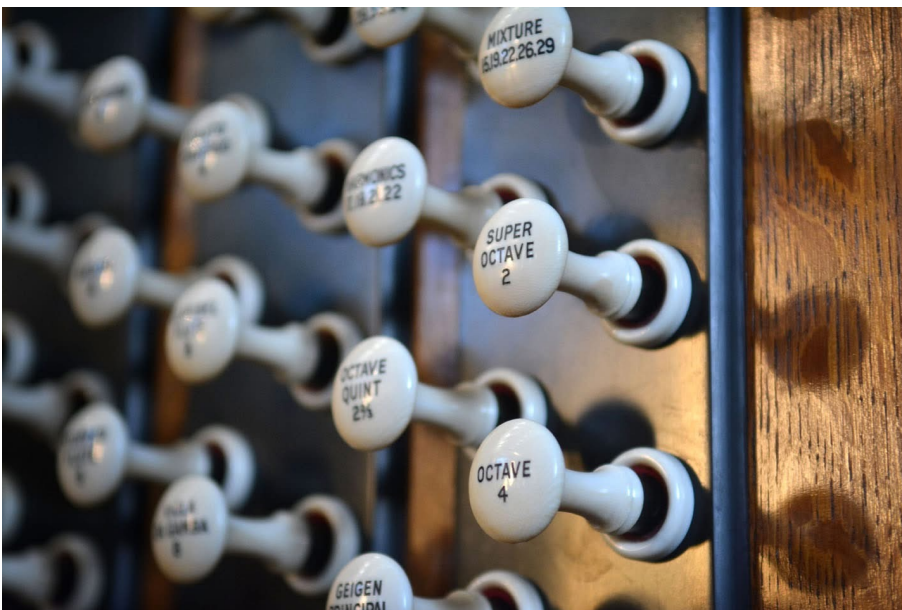
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O is for Organ - Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey is home to a fine Harrison & Harrison

organ, which was installed in 1937 for the coronation of King George VI.



With five manuals and eighty-four speaking stops,

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it incorporated some of the pipework from the previous instrument, built by William Hill in 1848.

You can hear the organ being played at services throughout the year, as well as at the free 30-minute recitals in the Abbey at 5pm on Sundays.

News



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Pirate Pete was to get his Cream Pie up the face....or was he? Great Fun doing Photo Booth

Pics!... AND Ice Cream in the Car Park. Enjoy the sequence of photographs

News

Charles Wood Festival will start in style

The 32nd Charles Wood Festival will start in style on Sunday 10 August at 3pm with A Festival of Hymns in

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the stunning St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh.

Revd Canon Michael Garland, Trustee and Treasurer of The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland, leads us through a rich tapestry of favourite and lesser-known hymns on the theme of beginnings. This uplifting service features the Lowry Singers (Armagh), conducted by Elizabeth Seale, with Ven Dr Peter Thompson at the organ.

A glorious and thoughtful start to a packed week of music-making! See Events in CNI today.

Grab your free ticket at

www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/events



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Next World Youth Day to be in Seoul, Korea

After this Jubilee, the “pilgrimage of hope” of young people continues and will take participants to Asia.



Some members of the delegation from Raphoe Diocese

Pope Leo has renewed the invitation that Pope Francis extended in Lisbon two years ago.

Young people from all over the world will gather together with the Pope to celebrate World Youth Day in Seoul, Korea, from 3 to 8 August 2027.

The theme will be “Take courage! I have overcome the world!” (Jn 16:33).



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Pope Leo commented, "It is precisely the hope that dwells in our hearts that gives us the strength to proclaim the victory of the risen Christ over evil and death; and you, young pilgrims of hope, will be witnesses of this to the ends of the earth! I look forward to seeing you in Seoul: let us continue to dream together and to hope together".

See Perspective later in this issue of CNI - the Pope's final message to the young people in Rome.

First female archbishop 'kept sexuality secret for years'

The new Archbishop of Wales has revealed she kept her sexuality secret for decades as she struggled to be accepted in the Anglican communion.

The Most Rev Cherry Vann is now the UK's first female and first openly homosexual archbishop after being appointed last week.

Speaking to the Guardian, the 66-year-old said that without the strong belief that God had called her to the priesthood, she “would not have survived” her journey through the ranks of the church.

She added: “It happens that I’ve lived in a time that’s meant that I’m a trailblazer, but I’m not a campaigner.

“I’m not somebody to be out there all the time, but I do seek to be true to what I think God’s asking of me.”

The archbishop has worked in the Church in Wales since 2020 after becoming Bishop of Monmouth.

At the time, she publicly disclosed her civil partnership with Wendy Diamond, her partner of 30 years. Before that, she served in the Church of England as Archdeacon of Rochdale between 2008 and 2020.

Ms Vann explained that working in the Church in Wales has been very different because clergy are permitted to be in same-sex civil partnerships. However, in the Church of England, same-sex relationships are technically allowed, but gay clergy are expected to remain celibate.

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She added: “Other people in England were braver than I was and made their sexuality clear. A lot of them suffered the consequences of that, certainly when going forward for ordination.”

Ms Vann said being a woman in the church had been difficult enough, adding: “You can hide your sexuality, up to



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a point, but you can't hide being a woman. There was a lot of nastiness; the men were angry, they felt they had been betrayed."

The former archbishop Andy John announced in June he would be stepping down with immediate effect after an alcohol-fuelled financial, bullying and sexual misconduct scandal at Bangor Cathedral.

Mr John was not accused of wrongdoing, but calls for his resignation gathered pace after summaries of two reports were published and six "serious incident reports" were sent to the Charity Commission.

Education

Lifetime Achievement Teaching Award

Congratulations to John Murray, who has been awarded Pearson National Teaching Award in the Lifetime Achievement Category.

John began his teaching career in 1988 in Sion Mills Primary before moving to St Anne's Convent Primary in Strabane where he took on the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) and Vice Principal. Following that, in 2011, John took up the post of Principal in St Joseph's Primary School in Drumquin and since 2019 has been enriching children's lives as Education Authority (EA)NI Primary Behaviour Support and Provisions Officer. To read more about John's achievement, visit:



<https://www.eani.org.uk/news/teaching-award-for-john>

Day 4 Ex Campbell Reflect 2025

We left Albert and left for Arras where we visited the Arras Flying Services Memorial and the Arras Memorial where 7 OCs are commemorated - three on the Flying Memorial and four on the main memorial.

Incoming Head Boy of Campbell College Alfie P paid his respects to Head Boy of 1914 Reginald Whiteside who had been shot down by the Red Baron in 1916.

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From Arras we headed to Carrière Wellington for an amazing tour of the tunnels there - we were privileged to have been able to conduct a short Act of Remembrance in the tunnels where the church services took place. From there we moved to



Caberet Rouge CWGC Cemetery to pay our respects to OC John Clarke who is buried beside the pilot of the plane he was the observer in as well as OC W Berkley South African Infantry.

After lunch we visited Mémorial' 14-18 Notre Dame de Lorette and were honoured to be allowed to perform there - this is one of France's most significant war cemeteries and a place of tranquility - thanks to the staff there who made it possible.

Our final visit was to Veterans Affairs Canada site at Vimy Ridge - another iconic location that takes your breath away. OC Samuel Fleming is commemorated here



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Could the AI revolution turn Northern Ireland into a global economic powerhouse?

That was the question being discussed at an Economic Forum, when some of the world's most influential business minds came to Queen's University to discuss how AI can supercharge Belfast's potential as a global hub for innovation, investment and economic growth.

Coinciding with the international spotlight on The Open Championship, the Forum focused on four key areas where Queen's has demonstrated international leadership, such as cybersecurity and finance; health and biotechnology; sustainable energy and business and AI regulation.

Key contributors included one of Ireland's most successful businesspeople, financier and serial investor Dermot Desmond, former US trade envoy Dr Joseph P. Kennedy III, representatives from world-leading companies such as

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OpenAI, Mastercard, Salesforce and PwC, and from some of Northern Ireland's fastest-growing deep-tech companies.

“Northern Ireland is in a unique position to attract global investors and build a competitive, resilient economy. With dual access to the UK and EU markets, a lower cost of living than other capital cities, and a world-class university producing a steady stream of talented and highly skilled graduates, Belfast has the potential to be a global economic powerhouse.” (Dermot Desmond)

Want to find out more? Click here to read the full story:
<https://ow.ly/F0eM50WqpaM>

Cathedral Calls

Artist in residence opportunity Limerick

Applications are still open for the 2025 Artist in Residence at the breathtaking Saint Mary's Cathedral - one of Limerick's most iconic and historic landmarks.

This is a rare chance to grow your creative practice in a deeply inspiring setting.

Deadline to apply: 20th August 2025
Full details and how to apply email:
dean@limerick.anglican.org

Clergy and ministry

Andrew and Joanne return to Ibba

Praise God that Andrew and Joanne are safely back in Ibba following a week in Juba to renew their residence visas.



Mission insight from south Sudan

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Insight of recent Mini-Pilgrimage on Achill

Click in to the link below to read the Revd Suzanne Cousins' reflection on the recent Mini-Pilgrimage on Achill, part of a Pioneer Ministry initiative on Spiritual Tourism & Pilgrimage

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Events

Northern Ireland Organ Competition, Armagh

Senior Competitor. Meet Jannik Raeker (19), a student at the University of Church Music Herford-Witten, Germany. He will be performing:



JS Bach: Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

Max Reger: Fantasy on B-A-C-H, Op. 46

Thierry Escaich: Trois Poèmes pour orgue: iii. Vers 'l'espérance'

The Senior Competitions will run next Monday, 11 August, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, 1330-1600 & 1900-2130. Do join us and lend all of our young organists your support.

Charles Wood Festival programme

Alongside a packed week of performances, the Charles Wood Festival proudly presents a rich programme of learning and inspiration – whether you're a student, singer, organist, or simply passionate about music.

Lunchtime Lecture

Professor Fiona M. Palmer, “My beat is said to be too square...”

A distinguished musicologist and performer based at Maynooth University, Professor Palmer explores the lives and legacies of three influential choral conductors who shaped Charles Wood’s student years: Joseph Barnby, Arthur Sullivan and Charles V. Stanford.

Friday 15 August | 2:30pm | £5 | Armagh Robinson Library

Open Rehearsals

An invaluable opportunity for choir directors, singers and organists to observe the Charles Wood Singers in rehearsal under the direction of David Hill and Philip Scriven. With time for questions and discussion, these sessions offer practical insight into high-level choral training.

Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 August | 10:00am | £5 | Methodist Church Hall

Singing Lessons with Paul Farrington

Renowned vocal coach Paul Farrington is offering private lessons during the Festival. With an international reputation as a vocal consultant to institutions including the Royal

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Opera House, Glyndebourne and the Metropolitan Opera, Paul brings world-class expertise to advanced singers (Grade 6 and above, aged 16+). Paul will also lead an inspiring Vocal Masterclass – a chance to perform and receive feedback in a supportive public setting.

Private Lessons: Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 August | £50 for 45 minutes

Workshop

Thursday 15 August | 7:30pm | Performers: £25 (20-minute slot); Audience: £5

Organ Workshops

Don't miss the chance to work with one of the world's leading recitalists and teachers, Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin, as part of the Northern Ireland International Organ Competition. Tuesday 12 August | 6:30pm | St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral | Participants £25; Observers £5

Wednesday 13 August | 11:00am | First Presbyterian Church | Free

More info and booking:

www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/events

15th Glenarm Festival of Voice



The 15th Glenarm Festival of Voice is just a few weeks away. There are still some events available to book:

Free Children's Drama and Craft Workshops

Saturday 23 August | 10am–midday | Coach House, Glenarm Castle

Led by NI Opera facilitators artist Bobbi Rai-Purdy and youth theatre director Debra Hill, these free creative workshops for ages 7–11 offer a fun introduction to drama, prop-making and imaginative play. Held in the historic

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Coach House at Glenarm Castle. Free but booking recommended here <https://niopera.com/performances/the-15th-glenarm-festival-of-voice/>

Afternoon Recital

Saturday 23 August | 3-4pm | Coach House, Glenarm Castle
Join mezzo-soprano Carolyn Dobbin Mezzo-soprano/contralto and pianist Tristan Russcher for a beautiful hour of music tracing the path from Ulster Scots folk traditions to classical and contemporary song. Tickets £10 - book here <https://niopera.com/performances/the-15th-glenarm-festival-of-voice/>

Vocal Competition Finale 2025

Sunday 24 August | 6:30pm | Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenarm

Be part of the festival's most anticipated event as four outstanding young singers from across the island of Ireland compete for this year's title by singing arias, songs, duets and ensemble pieces. This year's finalists are Éadaoin Hassett (soprano), Aimee Kearney (soprano), Clare Quinn (soprano) and Jacq Herbots (tenor) with the Peter Rankin Piano Intern is Orlaith Sharkey.

Presented by broadcaster Sean Rafferty, this is an evening of exceptional live performance in an atmospheric setting.

Tickets £20 / £15 concession - book here

<https://niopera.com/performances/the-15th-glenarm-festival-of-voice/>

Booking and full festival details here

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Come and enjoy some stunning performances and helpcelebrate the 15th Glenarm Festival of Voice.

Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival



Have a look at our programme which will take place for one week from 10th August - 16th August as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe

<https://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2025-programme-226081.html>

Perspective

Pope Leo XIV final words to Young People

Following Holy Mass concluding the Jubilee of Youth in Rome Pope Leo XIV shared these words with the young people -

Dear young people, I would like to offer a few final words.

Thank you again to all of you! Thank you for the music, thank you to everyone who worked to prepare so many things during this week for this Jubilee.

We have already said that the next gathering will be in Korea. A round of applause to the many Koreans in attendance!

I ask you also to bring greetings to the many young people who could not be here with us, in so many countries where it was impossible to leave. There are places from where young people could not come here, for reasons that we know.

Bring this joy, this enthusiasm to the whole world. You are salt of the earth and the light of the world! Take this greeting to

Heritage

Every View Tells a Story - Atop Cole's Monument

Slow down, look up, and let the stories of Enniskillen surround you.

Join a gently-paced guided climb of 108 steps to the top of Cole's Monument in Forthill Park. From this striking vantage point, panoramic views of the Island Town unfold like pages of a living history book - rooftops, spires and streets whispering tales from centuries past.

Discover Enniskillen from a whole new angle and uncover the stories written in the view.

It's not just a climb - it's a journey through time.

Pick your time to visit:

<https://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk/event/atop-coles-monument-tour/>

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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