



## **Over 1,000 expected at Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting**

Held in Assembly Buildings in Belfast, and repeated on Friday 6th May at 7.15pm, the event is also the launch pad for the 2016/2017 PW theme: This is the Day.

Encouraging people to attend, Acting PW General Secretary, Charlotte Stevenson, said that the Annual Meetings attract over 1,500



***Elaine Duncan, Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society***

women from congregations across Ireland. “It is a wonderful time of worship, fellowship and of course catching up with one another,” she added.

“This year our guest speaker is Elaine Duncan, the Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society. Elaine is not only enthusiastic about people having a Bible in their own language, but also helping them to understand God’s Word and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through it.

“The focus of Elaine’s work has always been to encourage people to know God better as they interact with His Word. We are very much looking forward to hearing from her and what she has to say at the seminar she is holding on Friday afternoon at 3pm,” Charlotte said.

As women’s fellowships within the Presbyterian Church, each of the 465 PW Groups across Ireland encourage women to become Christians. Each group seeks ways to actively reach women in their own area for Christ and supports mission at home and overseas.

At this year’s meeting, outgoing President, Sandra Stokes of Edengrove Presbyterian Church, Ballynahinch, will hand over the baton to new President, Jean Farlow, who attends Main Street Presbyterian Church in Garvagh.

The incoming President said that she was looking to her year in office and taking this year’s theme forward. The theme, This is the day, is based on Zephaniah 3:5, which says ‘...every new day He does not fail.’ Explaining the concept behind this year’s theme, Jean said, “If we commit our lives to Christ we are assured that He will use all of our days, no matter how difficult, for

the good of others, ourselves and ultimately for His Glory.”

## **Archbishop Martin announces Year of Mercy Rosary Relay in Armagh Archdiocese**

The Archdiocese of Armagh is holding a *Rosary Relay* during the month of May in schools and across the archdiocese as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Announcing the prayer initiative, Archbishop Eamon Martin said “In my Pastoral Message for the Year of Mercy, I indicated my wish for schools throughout the diocese to participate in a Rosary initiative and this has become our *Rosary Relay*.

My vision is firstly to unite the pupils of the Archdiocese of Armagh in prayer during the month of May and then, through their example, to pass on the good news about the Rosary to families and others in the community.

“My intention is that across the Archdiocese as many young people as possible will learn to pray together a decade of the Rosary at 12 noon each day during the month of May. Then, as if in a

relay, they will pass on the story of the rosary to their families and friends. The aim of this *Rosary Relay* is to engage the pupils and staff in the mysteries of our faith and to be part of what Pope Francis has described as an ‘*extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal*’ in this Year of Mercy”.

Already many of the schools of the diocese have responded to Archbishop Eamon’s invitation to participate in the *Rosary Relay* during May.

To date the diocese has despatched 19,000 rosaries as well as 19,000 rosary prayer cards in readiness for 1 May. Many children will also bring their own rosaries into school.

Archbishop Eamon continued: “While the *Rosary Relay* will begin in our schools, I am also inviting all the faithful of the diocese to pick up the RosaryRelay baton and pass it on to others. We will be using social media #RosaryRelay to invite as many people as possible at home and in the community to say a decade of the Rosary themselves and then to pass on the invitation to their friends, colleagues and families. We have prepared some excellent online resources to accompany the RosaryRelay and to help people

who may not know, or may have forgotten how to pray the Rosary.

“I have always liked what the Dominicans teach about the Rosary – *Rosarium magis est modus praedicandi quam orandi* – that it is more than a method of prayer, but is also a mode of preaching.

“As the great Lacordaire put it: the Rosary is the Gospel on its knees!

“In extending this invitation I am mindful of what Pope Francis said about education of children in the faith in his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on love in the family. He said ‘*Children need symbols, actions and stories.*’ The Rosary has all of these things together – the wonderful symbolism of the Rosary beads, the stories contained in the Mysteries of the Rosary and the actions of offering a prayer.”

To assist schools new rosary resources, including an engaging video of the Mysteries of the Rosary aimed at children, have been made available on the diocesan website at [www.archdioceseofarmagh.com](http://www.archdioceseofarmagh.com).

## Cork young people focus on homelessness



*Young people from Cork, Cloyne and Ross, with leaders at help out with sandwich-making at Cork Penny Dinners.*

Thirteen young people, from around the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, together with several leaders, met up on Saturday, April 23rd, to discuss the homelessness crisis in Cork. The group met first at St. Anne's Church Shandon, for a tour of the church, to ring the bells followed by a discussion on homelessness.

The group then walked to Cork Penny Dinners where they heard about that charity's work, how many people they feed and what their needs are.

The Cork, Cloyne and Ross group then had the opportunity to make some of the hundreds of sandwiches that they distribute to people on a daily basis.

In the afternoon the group headed back to St. Anne's parish centre where a representative from the Simon Community came and talked to about the homeless crisis and what they do to combat it. They showed a short video, gave an overview of their centres and answered questions.

The afternoon ended with a discussion and a short service led by the Reverend Tony Murphy and ended with pizza!

## **Syrian refugees get warm welcome from Derry church leaders**

The arrival of a second group of Syrian refugees in Northern Ireland has been welcomed by church leaders.

The 57 refugees – including 14 families and 20 children – arrived in Belfast on Thursday morning. One family is settling in Belfast and the rest in Londonderry. All underwent security



screening and are given housing, healthcare, education and they can work.

Church leaders in Londonderry gave them warm welcomes.

Bishop of Derry Donal McKeown said: “I think we’ve really all been moved by the terrible destruction that’s gone on in Syria and in the wider Middle East region.”

Church of Ireland Bishop for Derry and Raphoe Ken Good added: “These lives have been thrown upside down, the catastrophe that has befallen so many of these families.”

Clerk of the Church’s Presbytery of Derry and Donegal, Rev Robert Buick, said that “the prayers of our people will be that they will experience a friendly welcome among us, and find in this area a place of healing and rest”.

## **Northern Ireland Pray for schools initiative**

There are 30,000 schools in the UK, and Pray for Schools’ vision is to see every single one of them supported by regular Christian prayer.



*Pray for Schools* is not an organisation to 'join', but a network that exists simply to encourage prayer for schools in partnership with prayer groups, churches and Christian organisations. With prayer the combined efforts of Christian teachers, parents, governors, school board members and many others will become more effective.

You can participate through starting a group to pray regularly for your local school; having schools prayer as a focus for your church or praying as an individual for a school near you.

Heather Wallace is the coordinator for *Pray for Schools* in Northern Ireland. Partners here include, CARE, Crown Jesus, Urban Saints,

Scripture Union, Youth for Christ, 24/7 Prayer Ireland and the churches.

There are 1, 187 schools in Northern Ireland (DENI 2014), and while *Pray for Schools* already have a small number being prayed for, *Pray for Schools* vision is to see each one of them supported in this way.

[Contact Heather](#) or find out about the many resources available at [www.prayforschools.org](http://www.prayforschools.org) **Pray for Schools fortnight** is 8–22 May 2016 and the theme is *Freedom*.

## **Papal Nuncio to open a Door of Mercy at Lough Derg Basilica**

The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown, will open a Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Basilica in Lough Derg this Sunday to mark the beginning of the new pilgrimage season.

An estimated 500 pilgrims on a one-day retreat will be invited to cross the threshold with the Nuncio, who will also preach the homily at the opening Mass of the retreat. Bishop Liam MacDaid of Clogher and Fr Owen McEneaney, the Prior of Lough Derg, will join the Nuncio and the pilgrims.

The opening of the Door of Mercy in Lough Derg is in response to Pope Francis' invitation to all major shrines across the world to offer pilgrims an opportunity to cross the threshold of a Holy Door in this extraordinary Jubilee Year while on pilgrimage or retreat.

Commenting on this landmark occasion in the Island's history, Bishop Liam MacDaid said, "It will be a great honour, and a recognition of its importance to our people, that the Papal Nuncio will open a Holy Door on Lough Derg."

"Having a Door of Mercy in this extraordinary Jubilee Year will put Lough Derg on a par with major shrines and places of pilgrimage throughout the world. We are deeply grateful to His Holiness Pope Francis for his thoughtfulness and we warmly welcome his representative, the Papal Nuncio," the Bishop said.

The Diocese of Clogher has been the sole custodian of Lough Derg since 1780.

As the new pilgrimage season gets underway, Prior Owen McEneaney extended an invitation of welcome to all.

"The Island shrine is a sacred space of mercy and everyone is invited to 'Come and let God's mercy find you on Lough Derg'. To come and

walk in the footsteps of your forebears over the centuries and walk across the threshold stone, which reads 'I am the Door. Enter and Be Safe', into a new awareness is a commitment to both giving and receiving mercy."

The Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage Season commences on Sunday 1 May and one-day retreats continue on certain days until Monday 30 May.

The three-day pilgrimage season commences on Wednesday 1 June and pilgrims can begin their pilgrimage on any day up to and including 13 August with the one-day retreats recommencing after this on Sunday 21 August.

Historical records date the practice of pilgrimage to Lough Derg to the 7th century. Legend also presents the cave on the Island as the place where St Patrick had his vision of Purgatory.

St Patrick is said to have left a disciple in the area and the foundation of one of the earliest monastic Christian settlements followed. The remnants of the monastic prayer cells remain central to the pilgrimage tradition.

Today the Lough Derg three-day pilgrimage follows a pattern prayer from the Celtic monastic time and shows remarkable continuity with the

earliest systematic account of the pilgrimage which dates to the 1600s.

## **15 nationalities celebrate new National School in Lucan**

Thursday was a day of celebration for the pupils, staff and parents of St Andrew's National School in Lucan as their brand new, state of the art school was officially opened and dedicated by Archbishop Michael Jackson. The fabulous new building represents the culmination of a 20 year campaign and many former teachers and past parents joined the huge crowd this morning to be part of the milestone event for the school.

Among the guests at the opening was local TD and acting Minister for Justice, Frances Fitzgerald. She said generations of children to come would thank the persistent campaigners for their dedication and commitment to getting the new school building. She thanked school Principal, Julie Chapman, for inviting her and the Revd Scott Peoples for his "incredible commitment and persistence". She also paid tribute to the boards of management, PTA and parents down through the years, including former Principal, Inez Cooper.



***Archbishop Michael Jackson cuts the ribbon on the new St Andrew's National School building surrounded by members of the school's student council. Also pictured is the Revd Scott Peoples and the Principal Julie Chapman.***

However, the Minister said that today was really about the children and their lovely new school. "Everyone in the Lucan community is delighted to see this wonderful building for the children – this building which will cater for all our children," she said. She recalled the old school building and its cramped conditions and said that Mrs Cooper always had a vision of what the children should have and worked hard to achieve it.

Welcoming everyone to the school, Julie Chapman acknowledged the commitment of past and present staff, parents and parishioners of St Andrew's and St Mary's parishes and the wider community. She also paid tribute to the staff who worked as a team to ensure that the transition to the new school was an exciting time. During the morning the school's Green Flag for energy was raised and Mrs Chapman thanked the Green Flag committee for their work. The PTA Library was also opened and she praised the parents' association for their work in raising funds for this great new facility.

“The new St Andrew's National School is a testament to the hard work and commitment of so many and I am very proud to be Principal of St Andrew's. I look forward to the future years and I know that this will be a happy and fulfilling school for our children,” she concluded.

Archbishop Jackson said that education was God's gift to us and our gift to others. In 2016, he said that schools under Church patronage were often portrayed negatively. “From the very first days of our existence – and the year 2016, The Year of Centenary Commemoration in our country, is no different – we have sought to include, to engage and to learn from one another. And this year we do so around our





***The Revd Scott Peoples, Acting Minister for Justice  
Frances Fitzgerald, Archbishop Michael Jackson and  
school Principal Julie Chapman.***

national identity in past, present and future. The fact that our continuing contribution is increasingly seen in the same year 2016 by

many as repressive of intellectual freedom and diminishing of human flourishing is rarely borne out as true to fact in the lived experience of communities on the ground; nor is it borne out in the commitment to fairness and inclusion shown by Principals and Teachers, Boards of Management and Parents and, most of all, Pupils,” he stated.

The Archbishop added that it was a specific outworking of the Proclamation that we cherish all the children of the nation equally “within the large room of freedom of conscience and of open pasture of freedom of religion. Enhanced facilities will not, of themselves, create happiness but they will go a long way to consolidating capacity for a wider range and enlarged picture of pupil experiences and lived dignity”.

The Revd Scott Peoples, chairman of the Board of Management, thanked all who had provided encouragement, support and advice over the years and then all who had helped bring the building project to fruition. He recalled one time during their campaign for the new school building that the growth in Lucan’s population was described as a “temporary bulge” but pointed out that the bulge had kept on bulging.

“This is a project where we’ve kept the faith and that faith has been rewarded,” he said. Echoing the words of the Archbishop, he said: “Our school is a school of diversity. With have 15 different nationalities here. These are the new Irish and we are the richer for what we have received from them.” He added that St Andrew’s National School is heavily oversubscribed and said “it is clear that parents want a Christian environment in which their children can be instructed”.

## Cathedral and choral

**ARMAGH ORGAN RECITAL - Dr Stephen Timpany** will give the next organ recital in the current series on Sunday 15 May 2016 at 4.15pm in St Patrick’s Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, when he will play works by J S Bach, John Stanley, William Walton and Edward Elgar.

As Director of Music at Armagh Cathedral, Stephen has been instrumental in inviting organists to take part in the recital series. It will be his turn next month when his choice of programme will include J S Bach's 'Fantasia Komm Heiliger Geist,' and Stanley's 'Suite for Organ'. He will also play Walton's 'Crown

Imperial' and Elgar's 'Imperial March', in addition to a number of shorter pieces.

The Dean of Armagh, the **Very Revd Gregory Dunstan**, said, "We have already enjoyed hearing some of the music for Stephen's recital as voluntaries after Cathedral services. Since his appointment in September, Stephen has brought many gifts both to the organ and to the recruitment and training of the choir. We look forward to his own recital, which includes music specifically chosen for the afternoon of the Feast of Pentecost or Whitsunday."

The next recital in this series will be held on Sunday 19 June 2016 when the Cathedral's musicians will provide the programme.

As with all the recitals in this series, admission is free, with a retiring collection towards the further endowment of the Cathedral choir through the Archbishop's Choir Fund.

**ARMAGH DIOCESAN MOTHERS' UNION -**  
Festival and 140th Anniversary Service will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 @ 7.30 pm

## **RAPHOE ORGANIST AND CHOIRS**

**WORKSHOP** - The Dean and Chapter of St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe, are inviting organists and small Church Choirs to take part in two-hour workshops which will take place in the Cathedral on Saturday, 21st May. The workshops will be conducted by **Nathan Barrett**, who is the Organist and Choir Director at St Paul's Church, Glenageary, Co Dublin. The workshops have been organised to enthuse, support and encourage the work of organists and choirs in our parish churches.

Participants in the Organists' workshop are invited to bring a hymn, voluntary, psalm, etc., that they may like some tips on playing. A light lunch will be available from 1pm – 2pm in the Cathedral Hall. The lunch will cost €6.00 and advance booking is required. Please book place(s) by emailing Dean Arthur Barrett at: [deanarthur@raphoe.anglican.org](mailto:deanarthur@raphoe.anglican.org) or by telephoning: 074 9145226. Timetable at - <http://derryandraphoe.org/news/item/895-raphoe-cathedral-to-host-workshops-for-organists-and-small-church-choirs>

**DOMINICAN VESPERS** - On Friday 29 April, the Feast of St Catherine of Siena, **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** officiated at Solemn Vespers in Westminster Cathedral to celebrate the 800th

anniversary of the foundation of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 1216. Vespers was sung by nearly 50 Dominican friars, and included Dominican chants. A specially composed setting of the 'Magnificat' by Sir James MacMillan was sung by members of the Cathedral Choir.

The homily was preached by the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Revd Malcolm McMahon OP, and those present were addressed by the Master of the Order of Preachers, Fra Bruno Cadoré OP, and the Provincial of the Province of England, Fra Martin Ganeri OP. Also present were Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, the Most Revd George Stack (Archbishop of Cardiff), several bishops, abbots and also other members of various religious orders and communities, as well as Dominicans Sisters and Tertiaries and ecumenical guests. The service ended with the Dominican solemn setting of the Salve Regina. Photos here: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/westminstercathedral/albums>

## News briefs

**Ballymena student lunches** - A successful outreach project connecting with local students has been running in **St Patrick's Parish**, Ballymena, for six years.

The idea for student lunches, offering an 'Open Space' where students from North Regional College across the road from the church could come one day a week to 'chill out' and if they wanted talk about their issues and problems, originated with a former curate, the Rev Brian Lacey, now rector of St Peter's, Belfast. That was approximately six years ago and the student lunches are still going each Thursday during term time.

Funding for the lunches is provided by the volunteers who help each week and now, at the invitation of curate the Rev Iain Jamieson, parishioners have started to come along on a Thursday for a 'bite and a drink' and, perhaps the most important thing, a chat. No fee is charged, but parishioners and students are encouraged to make a small donation and in recent months the project has begun to show a small profit which is being channelled back into church funds. Anyone in the area of the church on a Thursday between noon and 2pm is welcome to call in and have a freshly made toastie or sandwich and a cuppa.

**A Coffee morning in aid of a Uganda project** held in Waringstown C of I Hall has raised £702. Sarah Wylie and Sarah Patterson, who organised the event, will travel as part of a team

to Uganda to help the local community. Local Ulster Unionist Assembly Candidate Jo-Anne Dobson, supported the coffee morning. She commented after attending: “When young people step forward with a goal of helping to improve the life experiences of people half way around the world, it’s always deserving of our support. “This is a super opportunity for both Sarahs to make a real and lasting difference in a country where the people have so little and I wish them both every success. It was also great to see additional tables having to be brought out in our Church Hall and to accommodate the crowd! Well done to everyone who helped out in any way for all their hard work which made the morning such a success.”

The next event in the **Presbyterian Historical Society’s** programme is the Robert Allen Memorial Lecture ‘Putting Children First: From Presbyterian Orphan Society to Presbyterian Children’s Society, the Story of 150 Years’ by Dr Paul Gray, Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Children’s Society. On Thursday 5 May 2016 at 8.00 p.m. in Union Theological College, 108 Botanic Avenue, Belfast BT7 1JT. Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided.



The **Church of Ireland Historical Society** “has taken the next step in global domination by joining Twitter.” Together with its website, the Society hopes to connect to a wider audience and keep both members and non-members informed of developments. The Society also hopes to promote all aspects of Irish church history as best it can and even engage in some dialogue on Irish ecclesiastical history! Please do follow CHIS : @COIHS\_

On Friday evening 22nd April, family, friends and parishioners, past and present, gathered to celebrate the **institution of the Revd Tanya Woods as Rector of the Annagh Group of parishes** (Belturbet, Cloverhill, Drumaloor and Drumlane). The service, which took place in a packed Belturbet Parish church, was led by Bishop Ferran Glenfield assisted by Archdeacon Craig McCauley with Maud Cunningham acting as stand-in registrar. The parish praise band led the congregation in worship and the Belturbet Community Choir were a fantastic contribution to the singing on the night. It was fitting that the music was a real highlight of the evening given Revd. Tanya’s interest in church music. Scripture readings were read by George Davidson and Canon Liz McElhinney whose reading was delivered by recording. The address was given by The Venerable Craig McCauley, Archdeacon of [churchnewsireland@gmail.com](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.com)

Kilmore. He said that the symbols used in the Service of Institution remind us that ministry requires a person to be servant-hearted, pastorally minded, Bible focused and prayerful.

On Friday evening 22nd April, **Inishmacsaint parish**, as they welcomed their new rector, the **Revd Canon David Skuce**, who was instituted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Prior to taking up the position in Inishmacsaint Parish, Canon Skuce was rector of the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. The preacher at the service of institution was the Revd Canon Noel Regan, former precentor of Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes. Assisting the bishop at the service were the Venerable Helene Steed, Archdeacon; the Revd John McClenaghan; and the Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Emeritus. The Bishop's Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka and the organist was Mrs Gillian Rutherford.

A service for the **Commissioning of Parish Readers** took place in **Kilskeery Parish Church** on Sunday 24th April 2016. The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher commissioned the new parish readers, **Mr Harry Anderson** from Inishmacsaint Parish and **Mr Adrian Irvine** from Kilskeery Parish. The bishop preached the sermon. The service commenced with the

singing of hymn 'We have a gospel to proclaim' followed by the Admission of Parish Readers. The first reading from Genesis chapter 22 was read by Mr Adrian Irvine, followed by Psalm 119, read by the Revd Rosemary Logue. The second reading from Acts chapter 15 was read by Mr Harry Anderson and the Gospel reading from St Mark chapter 13, by the Revd Rosemary Logue. Bishop McDowell preached the sermon and celebrated Holy Communion. The hymn 'God is here, As we his people' was sung and the service concluded with the singing of the hymn 'How Great Thou Art'.

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

### **Ireland and the EU are backing a massive €230 million expansion at DCU**

The Journal

The money is being used for a massive development of the university's campus.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/dcu-campus-expansion-2-2742088-Apr2016/>

### **Irish charity GOAL under US investigation for alleged mismanagement in Syria**

The Journal

The USAID agency has put some of its funding for GOAL on hold, pending the probe.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/goal-investigation-usaid-syria-irish-charity-2741388-Apr2016/>

## **Complaint about abortion sentence rejected**

News Letter

The Public Prosecution Service has rejected representations from a pro-life group that a sentence given to a woman for inducing her own abortion was unduly lenient.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/abortion-complaint-rejected-1-7356883>

## **Belfast special school faces up to inspectors' criticism**

BBC News

How one of Northern Ireland's best-known special schools turned a corner after a highly critical inspection

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36160017>

## **De La Salle College: Panel set up to investigate staff dispute at Belfast school**

BBC News

A three-person panel is appointed to carry out an investigation into ongoing industrial problems at De La Salle College in west Belfast.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36163760>

## **Fr John Sullivan: Portora Royal School celebrates ex-pupil's honour from Pope**

BBC News

He added that because Fr Sullivan "split his life so evenly" between his father's **Church of Ireland** heritage and his mother's Catholic tradition, both ...

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36158142>

## **Mail**

Reports a letter written to Conservative MPs by fellow MP Stephen Phillips urging them to support Lord Dubs' amendment to allow more unaccompanied child refugees into the country. The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler is quoted (see above) praising the *Mail's* stance on the issue adding: "As a nation we must show kindness and compassion to children at risk, playing our part in offering proper refuge to those already in Europe whose lives are deeply traumatised."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3564743/Show-care-child-refugees-rebel-MP-tells-Tories-Backbencher-uses-letter-plead-colleagues-change-law.html>

## **Guard**

Reports that the Royal Bank of Scotland is facing further problems in selling 300 Williams & Glyn branches. The European Union demanded the branches be separated as the price of agreeing to RBS's £45bn taxpayer bailout. The article notes that the original deal was announced in 2013 [with a consortium which included the Church of England](#) (Church Commissioners) to try to complete the separation.

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/apr/28/rbs-admits-delays-offloading-williams-and-glyn>

## **Guard**

Reports that a growing list of major investors are backing calls for ExxonMobil to acknowledge climate risk, after its

credit rating was downgraded on Tuesday. British insurer Aviva and Seattle's public pension fund are among the latest to declare their support for a shareholder resolution to be considered at next month's AGM. New York City Pension Fund and the Church Commissioners are also in favour.

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/apr/28/shareholders-pressure-mounts-on-downgraded-exxonmobil-climate-change>

### **Ind/Guard**

Reports that the University of Cambridge has become the latest higher education institution to face growing pressure to withdraw its investments from fossil fuel companies following the launch of a student-led campaign. The group leading the campaign, Cambridge Zero Carbon, says companies like Shell and BP's business practices are "immoral and at odds with global efforts" to halt the rise in global temperatures. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is supporting the campaign to endorse Cambridge Zero Carbon's official report, which outlines the case for divestment.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/cambridge-university-faces-growing-pressure-to-divest-from-fossil-fuel-companies-a7005486.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/apr/28/rowan-williams-calls-on-cambridge-university-to-divest-from-fossil-fuels>

### **Mail**

In the wake of the CofE producing a prayer of the EU Referendum, this diary item (scroll down) highlights an

alternative prayer in favour of exit, written by retired priest Peter Mullen.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-3564790/SEBASTIAN-SHAKESPEARE-Heartless-Jagger-jeered-tribute-L-Wren-Scott-Twitter-birthday-post-late-lover.html>

## **Tel**

Gallery of photographs taken by photographer Matthias Haker, from Potsdam, Germany of images showing the crumbling remains of places of worship around the world. The shots include golden chapels, overgrown synagogues and eerily silent rooms that were once used for prayer.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/28/photographer-visits-abandoned-places-of-worship-in-pictures/>

## **Mail**

Agency copy of reasons why Leicester is famous, as its football team edges closer to the Premiership title. These include King Richard III's reburial last year in Leicester Cathedral.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-3563867/From-King-Richard-III-cheese-Leicester-away-soccer.html>

## **Comment**

**Times:** Labour's sickness - Britain's democratic qualities rest on its tolerance. Article notes that during Jeremy Corbyn's leadership campaign it emerged he had defended an Anglican vicar who spread the fantasy that Israel was responsible for the 9/11 attack.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/labours-sickness-rj5rnkk68>

## **Obituary**

**Guardian:** Fred Luther, who worked as a draughtsman for the York practice of the church architect George Pace and for his successor, Ronald Sims.

<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2016/apr/28/fred-luther-obituary>

## **Blogs**

**Nick Baines:** The Hillsborough statement

<https://nickbaines.wordpress.com/2016/04/28/the-hillsborough-statement/>

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