



Cork C of I new Certificate in Christian Studies in partnership with Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth



Module leaders, tutors and course participants with the Bishop of Cork, Dr Paul Colton at the launch of the new Certificate in Christian Studies in Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

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On Saturday, 28th April 2018, the first group of adult learners - 22 people in all - embarked on the first cycle of the new Certificate in Christian Studies in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Certificate (an NQF level 7 course) is being run in partnership with Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The participants gathered from all parts of the Dioceses at Northridge House Education and Research Centre at Saint Luke's Charity, Cork, for the launch by the Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton. The first module - Christian Liturgy: Worship and the people of God - is being led by the Dean of Leighlin, the Very Reverend Tom Gordon. Also present today were some of the coordinating group and module leaders of future modules: Dr Tim Jackson, the Reverend Robert Ferris, Dr Daniel Nuzum, the Reverend Peter Rutherford, and Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson.

RAF 100 exhibition in Belfast Cathedral

An exhibition of memorabilia celebrating 100 years of the Royal Air Force has gone on display in Belfast Cathedral.

Highlights include a restored Nash & Thompson FN 4A Turret and the propeller of a Spitfire.

Among the RAF uniforms on display are a ground crew uniform from the Middle East Campaign, 1940s pattern battle dress jackets – one male, one female, worn by local people who saw active service during World War Two, and an officer pattern service dress (or No 1) dress jacket worn by Flight Lieutenant Graham from Lisburn who received a variety of honours and awards.

There is the photo diary of Lieutenant A Erwin, 58th Squadron, and a selection of recovered aircraft parts, including a fragment of a propeller, a compass and a pilot's head cushion. Another cabinet holds items including a blind flying panel, an RR Merlin engine cylinder, and a gun sight.

Visitors can browse a collection of medals, as well as water bottles, flying goggles, and an airman's clothing ration ticket, among other many other historic items.

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You can read the story of the Donegal Spitfire which crashed into a bog in 1941 and was only recovered in 2011. Learn too the story of the Monaghan Spitfire, excavated from a field in Emyvale, Co Monaghan, in May 2017, having lain there since it crashed in 1942.

This exhibition has been compiled by the Royal Air Force with items provided by War Years Remembered, The Somme Association, The Ulster Aviation Society and Mr Jonny McNee, a Second World War Aviation Researcher.

It will run until May 6, and forms part of the centenary celebrations of the RAF which include a service of commemoration taking place in St Anne's on Sunday April 29 at 3.30 pm.

The Cathedral's normal admission fees apply throughout the period of the exhibition.

Colleagues farewell

to South Belfast

rector

Several of the clergy of South Belfast Rural Deanery came together to say farewell to the Rev Elizabeth Hanna who retires as rector of St Nicholas on May 31, having completed more than 10 years of ministry in the parish.

Rural Dean, the Rev Kevin Graham, said: "Elizabeth shared her many gifts in the Deanery and in ecumenical endeavours in south Belfast and she will be missed not only in the Deanery but in the wider community in south Belfast."

Her fellow clergy presented Elizabeth with a small gift to help her relax following her retirement and sent her on her way with love.

Present were the Revs Trevor Johnston, Bobbie Moore, Raymond Moore Paul Jack and Kevin Graham.



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"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."

Liturgical Seminar for Dublin & Glendalough Clergy

A Liturgical Seminar for the clergy of Dublin & Glendalough will take place tomorrow, Tuesday next, May 1, in the Church of Ireland Centre, All Hallows College.

The seminar has been organised by the Revd Alan Rufli, Diocesan Liturgical Officer, and Archdeacon Ricky Rountree, a member of the Liturgical Advisory Committee. They will look at areas of importance in liturgical life and give guidance on the structure and areas of freedom and flexibility of the Holy Communion Service and on the appropriate use of the funeral liturgy.

They will also provide information on the new Morning and Evening Prayer for use on Sundays which is being brought to General Synod this year as a Bill and if passed will be included in the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer. A preview of the new

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Church of Ireland Daily Prayer App will be shown. The app is due to be launched at General Synod in May.

Compass Rose Society confirm million-dollar Lambeth Conference scholarship scheme



Bishops at the 2008 Lambeth Conference

An international charity that supports the work of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Consultative Council has announced a sponsorship scheme to enable bishops from poorer countries attend the [Lambeth Conference in 2020](#). The Compass Rose Society announced that \$1 million USD (approximately £724,000 GBP) will provide scholarships to bishops requiring financial aid to attend the decennial meeting, which will take place in Canterbury, Kent, between 24 July and 3 August 2020. The funding was agreed at a meeting of the Society's board of directors this month. The total cost per bishop to attend will be announced later this year when bookings open.

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“I am very grateful for this extremely generous donation,” the CEO of the Lambeth Conference Company, Phil George, said in response to the announcement. “The Compass Rose Society has been wonderfully supportive of the Anglican Communion over the years and this is another example of that practical encouragement. “My hope is to see every bishop from across the Communion coming to the Lambeth Conference in 2020 ready to play a full part. But we recognise that this will be a financial challenge for many. We don’t want funding to be a barrier and so this sponsorship scheme is a significant step in making it more possible for a good number of bishops to attend.”

The board of the Compass Rose Society held their meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, at the invitation of Bishop Jane Alexander, who took the opportunity to introduce the board’s members to her diocese’s work with the indigenous people of the province of Alberta.

The Lambeth Conference Scholarship will be one of the largest donations made by the Society since its formation in 1997. Since then, it has donated more than \$10 million to support the mission of the Anglican Communion. Last November, the Society launched a new \$10 million endowment fund to continue its support of the Anglican Consultative Council going forward.

At this month’s meeting, the board began the search for a new president of the society. Its current president, Bishop Andrew Doyle of the US-based Episcopal Church’s Diocese of Texas, will stand down after the 2020 Lambeth Conference.

The Society’s 400 members are drawn primarily from the US, Canada, and Hong Kong. Its annual meeting this year will be held at Church House, Westminster, the London-headquarters of the Church of England, from 9-10 October.

- [Click here](#) to see *membership information about the Compass Rose Society*.

New Zealand ex British Army padre speaks of wounds that don't bleed

Reverend Stephen Van Os lives a quiet life in Whanganui these days but in previous years he was living on the edge of war zones. Stephen served for a period as a Presbyterian minister in Lurgan, before returning to his native New Zealand.

The Wanganui Chronicle reports - As a padre for the British Army for 30 years, he was posted to combat zones in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan where he gave spiritual support to combat personnel.

Although he was aware of Post Traumatic Stress Injury (also known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), it did not occur to him that he may be affected.

"It wasn't until I was back on 'civvie street' that I realised things were not right.

"I woke up one morning not caring about anything and I didn't care that I didn't care."

Van Os says his doctor diagnosed him with PTSI and prescribed antidepressants.

"He was a former military doctor who was able to recognise the symptoms, which can be hard to spot.

"The condition has a spectrum and I am at the lower end of that range."

The medication, he says, helps to "unscramble the serotonin levels" in his brain.

"Talking about it helps immensely - especially with people who have been in combat zones.

"If you know someone who has been to war ask them what's happening and how they are feeling if they seem to be struggling with life."

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After seeing the "guys who had it bad" during his years of service, Van Os says it had not occurred to him that his own symptoms could be PTSD.

Van Os retired from the British Army four years ago and came back to Whanganui to take up his role as reverend of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Glasgow St.

He left Whanganui as an 8 year-old to live with his family in Tokoroa and later studied in Otago before finding his calling.

Returning to a place of happy childhood memories has given him a sense of serenity and life coming full circle, he says.

President's Diary

REV. DR. LAURENCE GRAHAM



From 29th of April - 6th of May

Sunday:
Services in Bray, Dun
Laoghaire and Gorey

Monday:
Connexional Committees,
Belfast

Tuesday:
World Mission
Committee, Belfast.

Wednesday:
Dublin Central Mission
Board.

Thursday:
World Mission Strategy
meetings, London.

Friday:
Home Office based,
Dublin

Saturday:
Off

Sunday:
Services in
Dundrum(Dublin) and
Mountmellick

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"The Whanganui RSA have been brilliant in helping me to re-assimilate and members of the congregation have been very helpful as well."

It is very fitting, he says, that the theme for this year's RSA Poppy Appeal, not all wounds bleed, highlights the fact that mental health injuries are the most common, but least understood, of all wounds suffered by New Zealand servicemen and women.

New Zealand now has 41,000 veterans – the most at any time since the end of WWII and about three quarters of those have served since the Vietnam War.

RSA national president BJ Clark said the 2018 Poppy Appeal is aimed at providing recognition and support for younger veterans.

"This younger generation of veterans have to deal with many of the same life challenges of those earlier generations of servicemen and women but perhaps without the understanding of the public that they too had experienced some dangerous, stressful and personally distressing situations in their service for New Zealand."

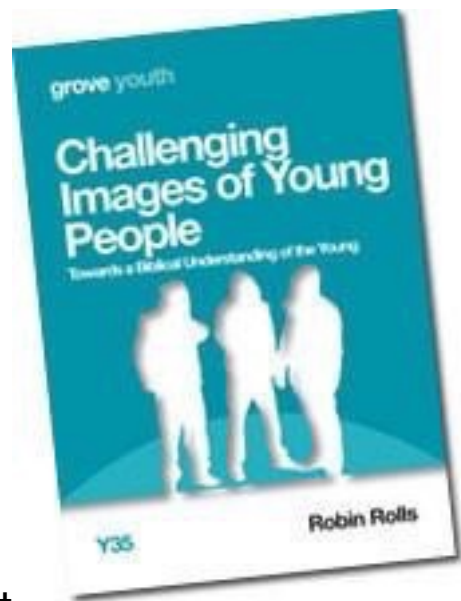
Funds raised from the appeal will help to support former servicemen and women with the mental health challenges they are dealing with on a daily basis, he said.

Video of interview at -

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/mental-health/news/article.cfm?c_id=699&objectid=12037779

Y 35 Challenging Images of Young People: Towards a Biblical Understanding of the Young

Negative portrayals of young people can be found all around us, from media reports of criminal behaviour to advertising that casts the blame for many of society's problems at the feet of the young.



agents of creative change. This booklet makes a compelling case for fresh and more honest ways of working with young people, and calls for an understanding of the young that is both biblically rooted and follows the very passion of God. Grove youth £3.95

Author: Robin Rolls - Having spent a short while in youth work, Robin Rolls now works for the Outlook Trust, a charity working at the other end of the age range! Robin lives in Yorkshire with his three children and Charlie the dog. He is a Leeds United supporter and plays cricket when he can.

