



***Seated (from left): Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin, and Archbishop Richard Clarke, Chairman of the Governors and Guardians of Armagh Public Library. Standing (from left): Dean Gregory Dunstan, Keeper of Armagh Public Library, Ms Helen Shenton, Librarian and College Archivist, Trinity College Dublin, and Mr Harry Carson, Governor and Guardian, Armagh Public Library***

## **Trinity College Dublin and Armagh Public Library in new relationship**

Trinity College Dublin and Armagh Public Library have celebrated a growing relationship between them with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions. The ceremony was held in Armagh Public Library on Tuesday 23rd August. Dr Patrick Prendergast, Provost and President of Trinity College Dublin, signed on behalf of the University. Archbishop Richard Clarke signed as Chairman of the Governors and Guardians of Armagh Public Library.

The Memorandum of Understanding is a formal basis for collaboration between the University and Library. Its aim is to support academic research, by encouraging access by scholars to the resources of both institutions; facilitating the exchange of ideas and expertise between researchers; and providing a framework for the development of collaborative research proposals, including joint or collaborative applications for funding.

Trinity's Provost, Dr Prendergast, said, "We are delighted to be collaborating with the Armagh Public Library, Northern Ireland's oldest library. This exciting collaboration will enable

opportunities for great scholarship and future research partnerships on the island of Ireland.”

The Archbishop said, “Trinity College Dublin is one of the great European universities. Its historic library is the finest in Ireland. There has also been a very long-standing and mutually beneficial relationship between Trinity College and the Church of Ireland. In this context, the new relationship between the University and Armagh Public Library is especially to be welcomed. Although smaller, the Library at Armagh is of great significance as an eighteenth century collection, offering real resources for the study of the period. I am delighted at this initiative on the part of the two institutions, and look forward to much fruitful collaboration in the years to come.”

## National youth ministry leadership

**Together** is a national youth leadership gathering for all those working in youth ministry.

One of the most significant youth ministry conferences for many years is taking shape for Saturday 3rd September 2016. At a key time for churches, it will bring together volunteer leaders



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and paid workers for worship, training, resourcing and prayer together.

The Together gathering is being organised by church denominations and other youth ministries with the vision to equip and inspire leaders toward great youth ministry. It's a 'can't miss' opportunity for leaders and the Church of Ireland Youth Department encourages you to come along and/or promote this to other leaders in your church and networks. It will be especially important for enthusing new and established volunteers at the start of a new year in their youth ministry.

**What will happen on the day?** It will run from 10am–5:30pm in the Ramada Hotel, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast and include worship, 16 different workshops and seminars, key note address, a resource bag, discussion and prayers. Lunch is provided at the hotel as part of the price.

**Who is involved?** The event will involve and be attended by leaders in some of the most significant youth ministries in Northern Ireland including the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist Youth Departments, Scripture Union, Exodus, Youth For Christ, Crown Jesus Ministries, Love for Life, 24–7 Prayer, Alpha, Youth Initiatives, and a whole host of other churches and youth organisations.

**What does it cost?** The cost for this event is £25 and this includes lunch and a resource pack. However, the Church of Ireland Youth Department is able to subsidise a limited number of these tickets for its members down to **only £15**. To avail of these tickets please book online at [www.ciyd.org](http://www.ciyd.org)

## **Killaloe launches new 'Be Proud of Your Parish' project**



The Diocese of Killaloe has introduced a new project to celebrate the natural beauty that can be found in the area. Introduced by the Justice, Peace and Care of Creation Committee, the project will produce a DVD by the end of 2016 aiming to make parishioners in the diocese proud of their parishes.

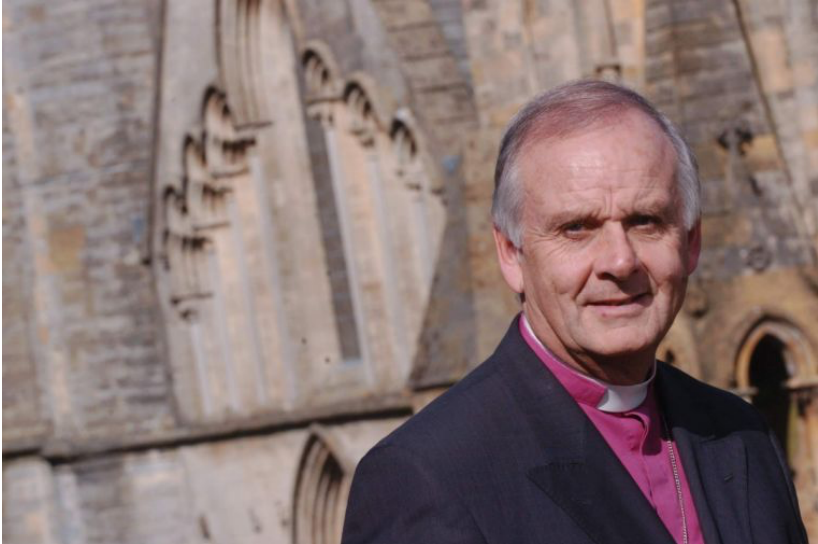
The project was inspired by the words of Pope Francis in his message for the World Day of Peace where he said that, “The human family has received from the Creator a common gift: nature.” The ‘Be Proud of Your Parish’ project aims to rejoice in that gift and to share the treasure with all in the diocese.

Father Gerard Fitzgerald, a member of the Justice, Peace and Care of Creation Committee, said of the project, "We wish to release a DVD which will capture through photos, music, reflection, prayer and poetry the singular radiance of the diocese of Killaloe. This is a project which hopes to celebrate beauty but also which hopes to instil within each one of us a sense of pride in your own parish. Therefore, our invitation to you is simple. Our invitation to you is to 'Be Proud of Your Parish'.

Parishioners of all ages are invited to get involved, and are asked to get out and photograph local landmarks and areas of natural beauty in their parishes. These photographs would be included on the DVD which will be available ahead of Christmas. All pictures can be sent to Father Gerard Fitzgerald at [fitz.ger@gmail.com](mailto:fitz.ger@gmail.com).

## **Archbishop of Wales Barry Morgan set to retire in January**

The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, is to retire next year after nearly 14 years at the helm of the Church in Wales and 24 years as a bishop.



***The Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan, has announced his retirement.***

Dr Morgan, who is the longest-serving archbishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion and also one of the longest serving bishops, will retire on his 70th birthday at the end of January. He will also retire as Bishop of Llandaff after more than 17 years service, having previously been Bishop of Bangor for nearly seven years. He will continue his work and engagements in both roles as normal until then.

The Archbishop of Canterbury described Dr Morgan as an "extraordinary servant" who would be "deeply missed" while the First Minister of



Wales praised his "vast contribution" to Welsh life. Wales' senior bishop, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, praised his "courageous leadership" of the Church in Wales.

Announcing his retirement, Dr Morgan, who lost his wife Hilary to cancer early this year, said: "It has been an enormous privilege to serve as Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Llandaff and to do so during such a momentous era in Welsh life. It's been a rollercoaster ride but all along I have been sustained and inspired by the people I meet, day in day out, who live out God's love in every part of Wales through their commitment and devotion to their churches and communities.

"I would like to thank all those who have supported, shared and upheld me in my ministry over the years, particularly since Hilary's death – the loss of her love, encouragement and friendship has been enormously hard to bear.

"Over the years I have seen Wales grow in self-confidence as a nation and I now have every hope that this will be nurtured and enriched with the continued support of the Church in Wales."

During his tenure as Archbishop, Dr Morgan has championed many changes in the Church in Wales, including a change in its law to enable women to be ordained as bishops and the implementation of a radical strategy, 2020 Vision, to help the church grow and prosper in the approach to its centenary year. He has also played a prominent role in public life, campaigning most notably for a fair devolution settlement for the Welsh Government and speaking out on matters of moral concern.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Barry was one of those on the interviewing panel for my appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury, and was notable for the quality and courtesy of the questions he asked. More than that his follow up and every contact since has been gracious, encouraging and full of the presence of Christ. Caroline and I stayed with him and Hilary about two years ago and we realised the depth of their partnership, the contribution she made to his ministry and the deep loss he has felt since her death. Barry has been an extraordinary servant of those places where he has ministered, of the Church in Wales and of the whole Anglican Communion. We will miss him very deeply indeed."

The First Minister for Wales, Carwyn Jones, said: "I greatly value the vast contribution Dr Barry Morgan has made during the past 14 years as Archbishop of Wales. He has had such a positive impact on the lives of so many people from Wales' religious communities, and has encouraged the establishment of good community relations across the country.

"It has been an honour to have worked closely with the Archbishop through the work of the Faith Communities Forum, which he has served since its inception. I am grateful for his advice and wisdom on matters affecting the economic, social and cultural life in Wales and for his unwavering commitment to promote interfaith work across Wales."

## **News briefs**

### **+++ Rector follows in grandfather's footsteps**

- The new rector of Killyleagh, Revd Colin Darling, has followed in the footsteps of his maternal grandfather, Revd Stanley Mann, who was rector of the parish from 1935–1962. "It feels very sentimental to go to a place where my grandfather on my mother's side was rector for 28 years from the mid 1930s," said Colin. "I

followed the course of ordained ministry only in later life and there is a little sadness that I didn't respond earlier to God's call. Because of that, I would say the chances of me serving in Killyleagh as long as my grandfather would be fairly slim!" Family and friends joined Killyleagh parishioners at the service on 22 August when Bishop Harold instituted the new incumbent and Canon Jono Pierce, rector of St Finninan's, gave the address.

### **+++ Drones deployed to protect ancient churches**

-A remote controlled flying drone equipped with a video camera is to be used to identify maintenance requirements of historic churches in Yorkshire, England. The Church of England's dioceses of Sheffield and York are to take part in a pilot programme organised by the National Churches Trust. The scheme will be funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund – a grant-making body distributing funds from the UK's National Lottery. The National Churches Trust (NCT) will use the £90,100 GBP to establish the Yorkshire Maintenance Project, which they say will "help keep churches and chapels in Yorkshire in good condition and to prevent the need for expensive repairs." The project will entail drone surveys of churches,

training workshops to help volunteers maintain church buildings and a new Maintenance Booker website where churches of all denominations can organise gutter clearances and other urgent maintenance tasks. It is not the first time that churches have found a use for drones. Last month, the authorities at Christchurch Cathedral in New Zealand [released dramatic footage](#) showing the extent of the damage caused by the 2011 earthquake to the city's historic cathedral; and the Church in Wales' Diocese of Llandaff explained that drones were being used to [map ancient burial grounds](#).

### **+++ British pilgrims rescued on the Camino de Santiago**

**-** Two British pilgrims had to be rescued last week after getting lost on a section of the Camino de Santiago, the famous pilgrimage walk from southern France to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, where the remains of St James the Apostle are believed to be housed in the cathedral. The pair spent five days in the open in the Navarra region, in Spain, and drank from ditches and animal troughs when their food and water ran out. Eventually realising the severity of their situation they called the emergency services. A helicopter crew spotted a large cross made of brightly

coloured clothes, and the lost pilgrims nearby. “They were tired, rather dehydrated and hungry,” the Navarra government said. “Given that the area was too steep to land the helicopter, the firefighters came down to check what kind of state the hikers were in. After making sure they were OK [and providing water], they decided not to risk a dangerous air rescue and chose instead to note down the co-ordinates and told the pilgrims to stay put while they went to get an off-road vehicle.” The two were on a short section of the 500-mile walk, from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Roncesvalles in Spain when they drifted from the route. Robin Mellows, and experienced pilgrimage walker currently in Lourdes with Tangney Tours, said that “it’s pretty difficult to get lost” on that stretch of the walk. “All along the way it’s well signposted. If you’ve not passed a way marker for half an hour, you should just retrace your steps,” he said.

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

**Religion, nursing and teacher training - what's the connection?**

[RTE.ie](http://RTE.ie)

... DCU of three former colleges of education - the Catholic St Patrick's and Mater Dei colleges, and the **Church of Ireland** College of Education (CICE).  
<http://www.rte.ie/news/2016/0822/811138-nursing-teacher-training/>

## **Why does the Irish Catholic Church need two large, traditional seminaries?**

Irish Times

Currently, the Irish Catholic **Church** has 67 men studying for the priesthood: 55 at St Patrick's College Maynooth and 12 at the Irish College in Rome.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/why-does-the-irish-catholic-church-need-two-large-traditional-seminaries-1.2764851>

## **Mail/Mirror/Express/Metro**

Reports about the ceremony to mark the first anniversary of the Shoreham Airshow disaster. Thousands gathered yesterday at Shoreham Tollbridge in West Sussex, close to the crash site where a minute's silence was observed and eleven white doves were released followed by the sounding of church bells. The names of the 11 who died were read by the Rev Canon Ann Waizeneker. The commemorations followed a memorial service held on Saturday at St Mary de Haura Church in Shoreham.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3753376/Shoreham-falls-silent-year-airshow-disaster-Sussex-town-remembers-11-men-killed.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/tearful-families-remember-shoreham-air-8683035#ICID=nsm>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/702785/Shoreham-Airshow-disaster-Relatives-11-killed-gather-mark-first-anniversary>

<http://metro.co.uk/2016/08/22/shoreham-airshow-victim-never-got-to-meet-his-baby-son-6082508/>

## **Tel**

Report about a judgement by the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Coventry, forbidding the use of padded chairs in the 12<sup>th</sup> century Holy Trinity Church in Long Itchington, Warwickshire, following objections from heritage groups.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/22/not-the-comfy-chair-parishioners-given-spanish-inquisition-by-ch/>

Times/[Christian Today](#)

Further reports about a document, now superseded, to bishops on apologies to survivors of sex abuse.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/church-told-bishops-not-to-give-full-apology-for-abuse-9b0rvgdgb>

Premier/[Christian Today](#)

Further coverage of a report first published in the Sunday Times that a dozen clergy are set to reveal in an open letter that they have married their gay partners

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Twelve-vicars-defy-Church-and-enter-gay-marriages>

## **Northern Echo**

Report that the Open Treasure exhibition at Durham Cathedral has attracted more than 5,500 visitors in the first month of opening.

[http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14698099.Durham\\_Cathedral\\_exhibition\\_proving\\_popular\\_in\\_first\\_month/?ref=rss](http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/14698099.Durham_Cathedral_exhibition_proving_popular_in_first_month/?ref=rss)

## **Obituary**

Rev Roly Bain, priest and clown

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/08/22/the-reverend-roly-bain-priest-and-clown--obituary/>

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