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New President of the Methodist Women in Ireland

The new President of the Methodist Women in Ireland for 2015 - 2017 will be Linda McGuffin. Linda's theme for her term of office is "God is Able"

The Installation Service will be in Darling Street Methodist Church, Enniskillen, BT74 7EW, on Saturday 12 September 2015 at 2.30pm.

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Open Night and courses at St Luke's Home Education Centre, Cork

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There will be an Open Night on Tuesday, 1st September at St Luke's Home Education Centre (Northridge House, Castle Road, Mahon, Cork) 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. There is an open invitation to people to come to view the facilities, as well as to meet the tutors to discuss the courses that are available. More than 40 courses are on offer, including: Pastoral Courses, Personal Development Courses, QI Accredited Courses, and a wide range of courses for those Caring for the Older Adult in Residential Care, including directors of care, nurse managers, and staff nurses. The full list of courses is available [here](#).



On a visit to St Luke's Home Education Centre, Cork at Northridge House, the CHairman of the Board, Dr Paul Colton, is presented with details of this year's courses by administrator Claire Coakley and the Director of Education, Bruce Pierce.

St Luke's Home Education Centre is an initiative of the Board of Directors of the Cork-based Christian charity under the chairmanship of Bishop Paul Colton - St Luke's Home, Cork - led by the Director of Education, Bruce Pierce. All courses are presented by accredited facilitators and all participants will receive certificates. Many of the courses have *An Bord Altranais* Category 1 Approval.

During November 2011 St Luke's Home Education Centre was accredited as a Registered Provider by QQI. The Centre offers a number of modules, at competitive prices, across the healthcare and managerial sectors at both Level 5 and 6.

Individual courses are also provided off site and are tailor made to the needs of other individual Care Centres, helping to meet the diverse and fluctuating needs, which vary between Centres. Courses offered are responsive to the needs of other Care Centres and those of Statutory Requirements.

All Courses at St. Luke's Home commence at 9:30 sharp. Places are limited and to ensure an appropriate learning environment for each participant early booking is advised. Lunch is provided for those undertaking full day courses. Please contact Northridge House to discuss how your training needs might be met: click [here](#).

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Church music workshop in Doagh

Kilbride Parish Church near Doagh in County Antrim is the venue for 'Lift up your voice!' – a workshop offering simple, achievable music for use in churches where there is no trained musical leadership.

Run by RSCM Ireland and directed by Mark Bowyer, 'Lift up your voice!' will take place on Saturday September 26 from 11am until approximately 3pm.

Intended for lay and ordained leaders and anyone else interested in leading worship, this workshop will provide churches with no trained musical leadership with the skills and resources they need to encourage and uplift the singing in their congregations.

Participants will discover how to lead singing effectively and receive examples of repertoire they could introduce into their own worship.

The event will also offer some ready-made service outlines, suitable for those groups of parishes where a small number of clergy have to cover a wide area and services are not always led by a priest.

There will also be insights for celebrating the church's seasons creatively. Copiable resources are included in the cost which is £10.00 per person.

Kilbride Parish Church is in Doagh, postcode is BT39 0QA. Application form at - <http://connor.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Lift-up-your-voice-Booking-0915.pdf>

Youth Work Coordinator Appointed for Dublin and Glendalough

Dublin and Glendalough Youth Council has announced the appointment of Eric Denner to the role of Youth Work Coordinator for the United Dioceses. Eric will be based in St Ann's Parish Centre on Dawson Street and will work closely with the Rural Deaneries to explore new and creative ways of ministering with young people.

Eric (pictured) comes to DGYC with a wealth of experience. He was born and raised on the north side of Dublin and attended Sunday School in North Strand Parish before progressing to their youth club and later the junior fellowship group. He was also, and still is, heavily involved in his local Boys' Brigade companies and currently



helps out with Anchors in 7th Company and is Company Captain of 39th Company.

Having attended many Church of Ireland Youth Council summer camps in his teenage years, Eric recalls being fascinated by the leaders who gave up their time for him and the many other teenagers to teach them about God, faith and their role in the Church. Their impact was so great that he spent his first summer holiday in his first job, at the age of 18, helping out at a Limerick and Killaloe diocesan summer camp.

After a time with Limerick and Killaloe UDYC, he took up an internship with 3Rock Youth, the

predecessor of Dublin and Glendalough Youth Council and spent a year learning about youth work and running residential events, camps, school events and concerts.

He put what he had learnt into practice by starting a new youth club, C180, with friends from Coolock Parish. This club ran for many years in different forms. For the last few years Eric has organised and run, with the help of volunteer leaders, a very successful annual Holiday Bible club in Raheny parish.

“This new role that I am undertaking as the Youth Work Coordinator for Dublin and Glendalough Youth Council is one which excites me immensely. I look forward to meeting everyone through this role, applying my experience to this position and learning from others in Dioceses as I tackle the job of showing the world what the Church has to offer to young people today and demonstrating that God still loves us and cares for all of us just as much as when he came to earth 2000 years ago,” Eric said.

Commenting on the appointment, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, said he was pleased to welcome Mr Denner to the post of Youth Work Coordinator.

“Mr Denner has accepted this position at a critical time in the dioceses’ addressing the welcome and involvement of young people in church life at every level. I regard confirmation as one of the most significant and privileged parts of my Episcopal ministry. From my own experience I can assure Mr Denner that there is great enthusiasm for engagement on the part of faithful young people in our parishes. I pray that members of congregations will embrace and encourage the new ministries of young people that will be released through Mr Denner’s collaboration with parishes through the Rural Deaneries. I wish him God’s blessing in the years ahead,” he stated.

Eric’s appointment has also been welcomed by the chairman of Dublin and Glendalough Youth Council, the Revd Niall Sloane. “Eric brings a wealth of experience to the role and a commitment to young people. In his appointment we are looking forward to the next stage of ministry with young people in these United Dioceses,” Mr Sloane said.

“In collaboration with the Vicar and Select Vestry we are thrilled to have a home and office space for the Youth Council in St Ann’s Parish Centre, Dawson St. As part of his new role, Eric will be working closely with the nine Rural Deaneries

throughout the United Dioceses to execute new and creative ways of ministering with young people. This will be carried out where groups of parishes within Rural Deaneries will work together to implement youth initiatives. We look forward to this next step on the journey and are glad to have Eric with us,” he added.

C of I Longford Rose responds to unsavoury social media comments

The 2015 Longford Rose Daphne Howard has responded to social media users, who made negative comments about her religion during last week’s Rose of Tralee selection nights.

Longford Leader - As with most major television events, the selection nights, which were broadcast live on RTÉ1, attracted a lot of attention on social media.

As she took to the stage, Daphne spoke eloquently about a number of things, including her college education and her religion, proudly telling host Dáithí Ó’Sé that she is a member of the Church of Ireland.



Longford Rose Daphne Howard (right) with Louth Rose Jenny Hanlon and Dublin Rose Aisling Finnigan ahead of last week's live television shows in Tralee. Photo: Domnick Walsh/Eye Focus LTD

It was that fact which sent Twitter into a meltdown, as a number of users posted jokes and unsavoury comments.

Still on a high after the festival, Daphne took it in her stride, stating, "All you can do is laugh. There's always going to be people who react negatively - it's the same with the Rose of Tralee festival.

“I’m more than proud to say I’m Church of Ireland. I’m representing modern women,” she said, pointing out that the Roses represent ‘Irish women in general’, many of whom are Church of Ireland.

Luckily, the comments did nothing to dampen Daphne’s spirits following a whirlwind fortnight, which saw her take part in the Rose tour, dazzle at the Rose Ball and greet thousands of people at the Festival parade, amongst other things.

“I have had the best experience of my life,” she grinned, adding that she has enjoyed every part of it, from the local selection to the Dome. “I’m so lucky I got to Tralee, but even at the regionals, I met some of the most amazing people.

“You make memories that will last you forever!”

Revealing that she was overwhelmed by the support from her native Newtownforbes, Daphne spoke of her time at the festival in glowing terms.

“It all seems like a dream now,” she admitted. “Looking back, there were so many little things that we experienced that were just once-in-a-lifetime.”

While her term as Longford Rose is far from over, Daphne is already encouraging local girls to sign up for next year, saying, “It really is a special time and something to be proud of - I would recommend it to anybody!”

For now, the Primary School teacher will continue to represent the county, and despite school starting up again next week, Daphne still has a number of appearances scheduled.

“I’m looking forward to making the most out of the year,” she concluded.

Hospitality and Sanctuary For All - Racial Justice Sunday 2015

Hospitality and Sanctuary For All is the theme of Racial Justice Sunday which will be observed on 13 September 2015

Racial Justice Sunday is an opportunity for all Christians in Britain and Ireland to focus their worship, prayer and action on racial justice by:

- Celebrating human diversity.
- Rejoicing in how far God’s people have travelled together.
- Recognising that there is much further to go both in the Church and in the world



The aims of Racial Justice Sunday are as follows:

- To raise awareness and deepen understanding of the diversity of culture and experience both in society and in the church.
- To become more inclusive, outward-looking and welcoming.
- To encourage all Christians to tackle injustice, not ignore it.

Racial Justice Sunday takes place on the second Sunday in September. However, it can also be celebrated on any Sunday during the year.

This year's theme aims to prompt conversation and reflection on the theme of hospitality and sanctuary. It has been written by Inderjit Bhogal, of the Leeds Church Institute. An order of service, material for Bible study, group

discussions, activities and worship can be downloaded from the [CTBI website](https://ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2015/).
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Oldest Bible to be displayed at British Museum

For only the second time since the British Library obtained the Codex Sinaiticus in the 1930's, it is being lent out. It will be on display at the British Museum as part of their upcoming Exhibit [Egypt: Faith after the Pharaohs](#).

The [Codex Sinaiticus](#) was written in the Fourth Century, and was kept for many years at [St Catherine's monastery](#) in Egypt's Sinai desert.

From the [Guardian](#):

What is particularly fascinating about the codex are the 27,000 corrections in it. "This is a very beautiful and fine book, but it also has all this activity going on its margins and between lines, all over the place really," he added.

Experts now believe the codex was the work of four scribes, evocatively known as A, B1, B2 and D (the existence of a C has now been disproved by modern scholars).

The codex is considered one of the world's greatest written treasures and was the prototype for every subsequent Christian Bible. [Since 2009, the complete and transcribed book can be consulted by anyone online](#) because of a collaboration between the four institutions that hold different parts of the manuscript –the British Library, [the Monastery of St Catherine on Mount Sinai](#), the University Library of Leipzig and the National Library of Russia, St Petersburg.

Vatican backs plan to name square in Rome after Martin Luther

Next month a hilltop square in Rome is due to be named Piazza Martin Lutero, in memory of Luther's achievements. The site chosen is the Oppian Hill, a park area that overlooks the Colosseum.

The move has been six years in a making, following a request made by the Seventh-day Adventists, a Protestant denomination, Italian daily La Repubblica said. The original plan was to inaugurate the square in time for the 500th anniversary of Luther's historic trip to Rome in 2010. City officials were not able to discuss the

process behind naming the square or the reason for the holdup.

Luther was excommunicated in 1521, after calling into question the authority of Rome beginning with his 95 Theses which, by tradition, he posted on the door of [All Saints' Church in Wittenberg](#) in 1517. He called into question the Church's practice of selling indulgences and he disparaged the idea that a papal pardon could achieve forgiveness of sins.

But in recent years, the Roman Catholic Church has become more involved in ecumenical dialogue and the Vatican was supportive of the name change.

"It's a decision taken by Rome city hall which is favorable to Catholics in that it's in line with the path of dialogue started with the ecumenical council," said the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, deputy director of the Vatican press office, referring to a gathering of churchmen to rule on faith matters.

Media digest

Irish Independent - Fine Gael minister calls for IRA report before election

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/politics/fine-gael-minister-calls-for-ira-report-before-election-31484257.html>

Belfast Telegraph - A brutal IRA murder that's left Stormont on the brink - try spinning your way out of this one, Gerry

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/a-brutal-ira-murder-thats-left-stormont-on-the-brink-try-spinning-your-way-out-of-this-one-gerry-31484350.html>

We just don't have will to build a post-conflict society - Alex Kane

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/debateni/we-just-dont-have-will-to-build-a-postconflict-society-31480667.html>

DUP nominee to House of Lords rejected by sleaze watchdog

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/dup-nominee-to-house-of-lords-rejected-by-sleaze-watchdog-31483569.html>

Irish News - The DUP will be digging escape tunnels already

<http://www.irishnews.com/opinion/2015/08/27/news/the-dup-will-be-digging-escape-tunnels-already-242038/>

Irish Times - Educate Together national school in Mayo fails to open amid row

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/educate-together-national-school-in-mayo-fails-to-open-amid-row-1.2329787>

In/Times/Mail//Tel/Exp/Guard/Mirror/Huff Post
Articles on the shooting of two American TV journalists and how the gunman, Vester Lee Flanagan, a former TV network employee, had sent a fax claiming to be undertaking a 'race war' in response to the Charleston Church massacre, in which nine black people were killed in South Carolina.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/vester-flanagan-was-ordered-by-his-wdbj7-to-see-mental-health-or-be-fired-after-threatening-behaviour-10473816.html>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/americas/article4539456.ece>

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3212142/The-human-tape-recorder-TV-murderer-criticized-bosses-appalling-journalistic-standards-reprimanded-wearing-Obama-badge-report-elections.html?](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3212142/The-human-tape-recorder-TV-murderer-criticized-bosses-appalling-journalistic-standards-reprimanded-wearing-Obama-badge-report-elections.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

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<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/virginia-gunman-told-tv-station-6328022>

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/461460/Virginia-TV-shooting-Dear-America-world-begs-USA-sort-out-gun-laws>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/11826100/Bryce-Williams-profile-of-Virginia-news-gunman.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/aug/26/virginia-tv-shooting-white-house-gun-control>
http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/08/26/virginia-shooting-bryce-williams-charleston_n_8045228.html?utm_hp_ref=uk&ir=UK
<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/600899/American-journalists-shot-dead-gunman-live-TV-interview>

Ind

Columnist, Carl Packman, writes on how politicians need to tackle rising personal debt which he says has reached crisis level. He mentions the Archbishop of Canterbury promoting credit unions as an alternative to high street lenders, but says it will be too long before these can really make a difference.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/corbymomics-must-address-the-silent-crisis-of-personal-debt-10472946.html>

Mail

Report on baptism of glamour model Emma McKay, who now lives in Cornwall, and who was baptized in the sea at Porthpean beach. It states she was baptised by the Revd Mike Marshall, from the Holy Trinity Church, St Austell. She is quoted saying Christianity had helped her overcome her demons.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3211349/Glamour-model-baptised-sea-turning-Christianity-bid-real-hasn-t-stopped-posting-revealing-snaps-social-media.html#ixzz3jzWhImKw>

Times

Report on second careers for lawyers which mentions Eversheds solicitor, Giles Orton, who is a Church of England ordinand beginning a journey into working for the Church, based in Derbyshire.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/article4538960.ece>

Times

David Aaronovitch writes about the migrant crisis and calls on more action by the UK government to respond. He says it appears as if we are

putting our heads in the sand and trying to ignore the situation.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4539208.ece>

Mail

Columnist Amanda Platell writes about what happiness means for her after her father was diagnosed with cancer. She mentions her faith and praying during the period of waiting to see if he would receive the all clear.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3211976/You-learn-happiness-means-ve-nearly-lost-loved-one-Amanda-Platell-s-father-s-diagnosis-gave-perspective.html>

BBC

Report on how schools are receiving help from Oxfordshire County Council to increase the number of children having free school meals. It says the local authority is using £1.1m in government funding to improve facilities. Half the government money will go towards new kitchen facilities at Woodstock CE School and Clanfield Church of England Primary School.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-34064049>

Ind/Eve Stand/Mail/Star/Exp

Reports on the funeral at Bury Parish Church in Manchester, of Neville Neville, father of ex-Manchester United footballers Gary and Phil Neville. The former commercial director of Bury Football Club suffered a heart attack as he travelled to Australia. They state the funeral was attended by football stars including David Beckham and Ryan Giggs.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/neville-neville-funeral-david-beckham-and-ryan-giggs-lead-football-legends-paying-respects-10475123.html>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/sport/football/david-beckham-and-sir-alex-ferguson-join-mourners-at-funeral-of-neville-neville-a2922576.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3212936/David-Beckham-leads-football-stars-saying-goodbye-Neville-Neville-Manchester-funeral.html>

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/461567/Manchester-United-legends-Neville-Neville-funeral>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/601233/David-Beckham-Manchester-United-Class-of-92-funeral-of-Gary-Phil-Neville>

Mirror

Article on a wedding at St Lawrence Church in Chobham, where the bride's sister Stephanie Carfrae, was able to walk down the aisle as a bridesmaid. It says the 23-year-old had not walked for seven years due to a degenerative condition.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/disabled-bridesmaid-surprises-sister-walking-6332973>

BBC

Interview with Archbishop Desmond Tutu's daughter who talks about his health. Canon Mpho Tutu says the hugs and kisses of well-wishers are helping her father's recovery. He is in hospital for the third time in recent weeks.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-34078561>

Mail & Ind

Articles on the trend in changing names of roads. They say 'Green' has replaced 'church' as the most popular street name in the UK over the past century.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3213641/Why-Green-Close-modern-Church-Street.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/green-and-close-now-most-common-names-for-streets-10475858.html>

Obituaries

Tel

Obituary on John Ewington, who has died aged 79. It states he was a specialist in the insurance of musical instruments and was also general secretary of the Guild of Church Musicians, campaigning for better pay for church musicians.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/11828304/John-Ewington-insurer-obituary.html>

Times

Comment on the obituary report for the Rt Revd Ronald Gordon, which said little was written about his time as bishop of Portsmouth. It mentions his response to families during the Falklands War.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/obituaries/article4540387.ece>

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