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Londonderry Festival of Flowers

May 12 @ 11:00 am - May 14 @ 6:00 pm in All Saints' Clooney, Clooney Terrace

Londonderry. A festival of flowers to celebrate the church's 150th anniversary. Details in the flyer below. Everyone welcome. Directions at - <http://connor.anglican.org/event/festival-flowers-saints-clooney-parish-church-londonderry/>

St. Edmund's Coolkelure. Concert

Friday 12th May, 8pm – Jim Schmid – Country Gospel Singer.

Betwixt and Between, Spiritual life...Corrymeela Ballycastle

12 - 14 May 2017 - Liminality is that state of confusing transition all people enter either by choice or crisis. This space between the spaces is full of danger and great transformational power. This retreat aims to help people understand the liminal passages and find

hopeful ways to move our communities through critical thresholds to greater peace, wholeness and harmony.

For decades Corrymeela has posited that our work has been about healing divisions. What are the characteristics of such transformation? We're delighted to welcome author [Tim Carson](#) to Corrymeela Ballycastle in May to explore with those in the room how a contemporary understanding of liminality might serve to shape our understanding of social transformation.

The retreat will gather on Friday Evening with the first session starting around 8pm. The retreat is open to people of all faiths and none. The retreat will reference the person of Jesus and sacred texts from the christian tradition. The retreat is not designed to be an engagement with the book, [Liminal Reality and Transformational Power](#), however having read the book in advance might help the process of building a shared understanding that enables us to journey further together over the weekend.

Read more about Tim's reflections in his [blog](#) or listen to a recent interview w/ Tim [here](#) (starts around 4:30).

<http://www.corrymeela.org/events/108/betwixt-and-between-spiritual-lifecorrymeela>

MU pilgrimages to mark 130th anniversary

13 May, - Connor Diocese MU Prayer walks in Coleraine and Ballycastle -This year marks the 130th Anniversary of Mothers' Union (MU) in Ireland and to mark the occasion, All Ireland President Phyllis Grothier is making a pilgrimage round all 12 dioceses in Ireland. On 13 May, Phyllis will be joined by the MU Worldwide President Lynne Tembey as they travel from Derry & Raphoe Diocese to Connor Diocese.

Dawn Chorus Ecumenical event ~ Currabinny Woods.

May 14.

Service of Wholeness and Healing

14 May 2017 7.00 pm - 8.30. [St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe](#), The Diamond, Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland

Cleric to give final organ recital in current Armagh series

The last in the organ recital series, in memory of Mr Theo Saunders, the former organist of St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, will be given by the Revd Dr Peter Thompson on Sunday 14 May 2017 at 4.15pm in the Cathedral.

Wartburg Choir in Belfast Cathedral

The internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often premieres new works of contemporary composers. Called a “mighty fortress of skill” by the Washington Post, the Wartburg Choir is one of three college musical ensembles that tour internationally on a triennial basis. Beyond tours, the choir receives invitations for special appearances in the United States and abroad, most recently to participate in the December 2011 White House Holiday Concert Series. As part of that trip to Washington, D.C., the choir also sang at the National Cathedral’s Bethlehem Prayer Service, which was simulcast worldwide. The Wartburg Choir comes to Belfast

Cathedral for their first performance in the city -
May 15th. 1.00 - 2.00 pm. Entry is free.

Music in May at Christ Church, Lisburn

Christ Church Parish, Lisburn, is hosting two lunchtime concerts during May. These take place on May 16 and May 23. Full details in the poster below. Concerts start at 1.15pm and everyone is very welcome. May 16 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Quakers Dublin Monthly Meeting

May 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Quaker House, Stocking Lane. Dublin Monthly Meeting. Tea at 6.30pm in Bloomfield. Meeting starts at 7.30pm sharp.

Connect: Training for Youth Workers

The next Connect event will take place on Thursday, 18th May, between 9.30am and 1.30pm in Knock Methodist Centre, Belfast. Patrick Regan and Naomi Allen (XLP Ministries) speaking on 'dying to belong' and 'soul

keeping'. This is a training day for Methodist and Church of Ireland youth workers, and lunch is included. Please register online or contact the Church of Ireland Youth Department office on 028 9082 8890 or by email at admin@ciyd.org

Brian Kennedy & The Pro Bono Choir in concert for Homeless

On May 18 The Pro Bono Choir present "A Place Called Home"— a concert in support of homeless people both here and abroad. The main proceeds from this event in Belfast Cathedral will be going to the The Welcome Organisation, Belfast. Performances will include Brian Kennedy, The Abaana New Life Choir, Liam Lawton Music and Karl McGuckin.. May 18 @ 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Una Voce in concert in Antrim

All Saints' Parish Church, Antrim, hosts Una Voce and the Lisburn Camerata in concert with guest Brian McCrossan, baritone, on Friday May 19. Admission 8.00 includes refreshment.

Hail Gladdening Light - Cappella Caeciliana concert in Belfast

Cappella Caeciliana presents a concert to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road, Belfast on May 19 at 7.30 pm.

The concert includes inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ, with guest organist Stephen Hamill.

The concert will also feature a special appearance by tenor Fr. Eugene O'Hagan, founder member of Cappella and member of The Priests, who will perform solo works and also sing jointly with the choir in some items.

The programme include Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and Widor's *Toccata*.

Proceeds are in aid of the organ fund and Cappella's 2018 CD recording.

Tickets cost £15 are now available online [here](#). Students and under 25s will be admitted free of charge, and no ticket is required.

St Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road, Belfast BT6 0LL [[map](#)]. Price: £15 (students and under 25s admitted free of charge)

<http://www.caeciliana.org/>

get tickets st. bernadettes concert on 19th may/

Tobermore Flower Festival

19 May 2017 11:00 – 21:00 in [Kilcronaghan Parish Church, Tobermore](#), Wood Road 1, Magherafelt

IDAHOT 2017

[Changing Attitude Ireland](#): services to mark IDAHOT in conjunction with the following Anglican cathedral and churches:..

May 20 from 5 p.m. @ [St George's Church of Ireland](#), High Street, Belfast (speaker: Rev Nigel Kirkpatrick)

May 21 from 10:30 a.m. @ [St Anne's Church of Ireland](#), Shandon, Cork (speaker: Rev Elaine Murray)

May 21; from 3.30 p.m. @ [Christ Church Cathedral](#), Dublin (speaker: Rev Dr Brendan McCarthy)

IDAHOT - International Day against
Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

Religion, Reform, Identity: Ireland and the Age of Reformations

A day of lectures marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation will take place on 20th May 2017 at Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford.

Speakers will include Professor Tadhg Ó hAnnrachain (UCD), Dr Aine Hensey (Irish Association of Professional Historians), Professor John McCafferty, Professor Marc Caball and Dr Ivar McGrath (UCD), as well as Professor Salvador Ryan (Maynooth) and Professor Alan Ford (University of Nottingham).

This conference is curated by Dr Jeffrey Cox (UCD) and funded by The Priorities Fund of the Church of Ireland. Conference fee: €50.
Concessions: €30

Christ Church, Rushbrooke. Annual Cake & Plant Sale

May 20. 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Audrey Assad live in concert

Audrey Assad, the daughter of a Syrian refugee, an author, speaker, producer, and critically lauded songwriter and musician, will be playing at Ballyholme Parish Church on Saturday 20th May 2017.

Her first solo album was awarded the iTunes Christian Breakthrough Album of the Year in 2010 as she went on to be nominated for two Dove Awards. Audrey has recorded and performed alongside Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher.

Don't miss Audrey playing at the newly restored Ballyholme Parish Church on Saturday 20th May 2017.

Ticket are available at: <https://audreyassadatballyholme.eventbrite.com>

Kilbride recital series

St Bride's Church of Ireland, Kilbride Road, Doagh, presents a series of recitals on Sunday May 21 from 3pm-4.30pm. Featuring performances of a mix of classical and popular

literature by Beth Aiken, Organ and Piano (Director of Music and Organist, St Bride's) and by current scholars in the Down & Dromore and Connor Organ Scholarship Scheme. Admission is free with a retiring collection for the development of the music programme for the church's 150th anniversary (June 2018). For further information, please contact kilbridemusic@gmail.com St Bride's Parish Church, Kilbride Road Doagh, [+ Google Map](#)

Corrymeela in the City, Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Belfast

Corrymeela will be delighted to welcome you to an evening of quiet prayer, reflection and gospel reading.

Beginning at 5.15pm in Fitzroy Church, University Street, Belfast (please enter through the side door towards the café area).

On the following dates:

21st May

18th June

24th September

22nd October

26th November

10th December

Corrymeela in the City will be followed by a cup of tea and a chat for any who wish to join us. No booking required – all are welcome <http://www.corrymeela.org/events/84/corrymeela-in-the-city-fitzroy>

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Leaders focus on Faith in our families

On Thursday 25 May from 10.30am to 12.30pm, at Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Care for the Family is hosting an event for leaders.

It is estimated that just 50% of children with Christian parents will have a personal faith of their own as adults. A number of national agencies including Care for the Family, Bible Reading Fellowship and New Wine are

working to help support and equip parents and churches with the prayer that many more children ‘keep the faith’.

This event will provide plenty of opportunities for discussion and your thoughts and ideas. We will be joined by Andy Frost, Director of Share Jesus International who will help us look at why this matters and what we can do to work together. Peter Lynas, Director of Evangelical Alliance – Northern Ireland will also present his thoughts on why this conversation is so important. A light working lunch will be provided.

God and Google? Faith and Facebook?

“Trusting technology in a post-truth world” is the theme of a seminar and workshop with Vinoth Ramachanda and Steve Stockman, which is being organised by Contemporary Christianity on Saturday 27 May. 10.00am to 12.30pm. (Tea/coffee/registration from 9.30am). Fitzroy Presbyterian Church Cafe Area, University Road, Belfast BT7 1HL

Belfast Cathedral service to focus on childhood loss

A special service for anyone affected by the loss of a baby at any stage, during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, will be held in St Anne’s

Cathedral, Belfast, at 3/30 pm on Sunday May 28. It is organised by The Mariposa Trust, a UK charity

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