



Dean William Morton receiving the 'Year of Prayer' book from Archdeacon Robert Miller

Year of prayer launched in Derry diocese

Lent 2015 has been designated by Bishop Ken Good as the start of the 'Year of Prayer' where parishes will each take one week to pray for their communities. The 48 parishes in the diocese,

alongside young people and social media will ensure prayer continues for a whole year.

In launching what the diocese is calling a 'Prayer River' at the Ash Wednesday service in St Columb's Cathedral, Archdeacon Robert Miller handed Dean Morton a book which will be passed from parish to parish as the weeks progress. This is to record what has been prayed for and will be on public display while the week of prayer is in operation.

Archdeacon Miller explained, "This Year of Prayer aims to engage people in a fresh ways with traditional and contemporary methods of prayer, not only for their benefit, but also for the communities they live in." In talking about the wider vision for the diocese, Archdeacon Miller said, "The diocese has designated 2016 as a Year of Opportunity for reaching children, engaging in mission, and being more generous. Prayer is not an optional extra, but rather it is something which provides a foundation for all that happens in the future."

The Year of Prayer will run from 18 February 2015 until the 10 February 2016. More information can be found on www.derryandraphoe.org

Linkage Agreement between C of I College of Education and Dublin City University

On 27th January 2015 the Church of Ireland College of Education (CICE) and Dublin City University (DCU) signed an inter-institutional linkage agreement. Reflecting the growing partnership between the two institutions, this signing means that CICE becomes a college of the university and that DCU will become the sole accrediting body for all CICE's undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. CICE and DCU welcome this agreement which arises against the background of the incorporation of the Church of Ireland College of Education, Mater Dei Institute of Education and St. Patrick's College Drumcondra into Dublin City University. The incorporation will lead to the creation of an internationally-significant Institute of Education that will become the fifth faculty of the university.

Core Principles to underpin CICEs future

The Church of Ireland General Synod has endorsed unanimously four core principles of the Board of Governors of Church of Ireland College of Education regarding the College's future in a university setting, namely:

- Safeguarding and enhancing the holistic educational experience of all CICE students;
- Protection of the rights of CICE staff;
- Retention of CICE's identity in terms of its ethos and culture, including its relationship with and responsibility to the Church of Ireland network of primary schools throughout the State;
- Affirmation of, and formal positive acknowledgement of, and respect for, the values, origins and traditions of CICE.

In parallel to this, the President of DCU has written to CICE giving a clear commitment and assurance regarding the University's respect for each and all of these four core principles.

A Centre for Cherishing Educational Commitments & Heritage while Embracing Change

In order to ensure that the distinctive identity and values of teacher education in both the Church of Ireland / Reformed Christian and Roman Catholic traditions are structurally maintained, promoted and safeguarded on an ongoing basis, two Centres for Denominational Education will be established within the Institute (a Church of Ireland Centre for Education and a Centre for

Catholic Education). The core curriculum for teacher preparation will be denominationally neutral and common to all, but will, as required, allow for the delivery of modules to prepare teachers appropriately for employment in denominational schools.



Professor Brian MacCraith and Archbishop Michael Jackson signing the agreement.

The Church of Ireland Centre within DCU

The Church of Ireland Centre (CIC) will maintain and promote the distinctive identity, values and learning of the Church of Ireland / Reformed Christian traditions. The Centre will be supported by an Advisory Council who will advise the Centre's Director on the Centre's specialist work. The CIC will organise, oversee, support and supervise School Placements in primary schools under Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Society of Friends patronage for the Centre's B.Ed students and provide related tutorials and School Placement Studies and related specialist research modules. It will also ensure provision for these students of modules in Religious, Ethical and Moral Education and prepare them to teach the *Follow Me* programme. It will assure the provision of specialist modules to support these students to teach in small and multi-level schools, and to develop particular expertise in early childhood education and inclusive education. It will ensure that these students are given adequate support in developing their Irish language literacy. In addition, Dublin City University has actively supported the continuation of the reserved places entry system for applications from the Church of Ireland and the other Reformed Christian communities.

A New Vision for Education

The document entitled *A New Vision of Education for all the Children of Ireland* launched in June 2014 set out the agreed proposals by the University and each of the incorporating institutions for the Denominational Centres, the care of students under the custodianship of each of the Centres, and the provision of worship space and chaplaincy in each tradition. This document also outlined the plans to promote and safeguard the archives and artefacts associated with each Centre. The University is fully committed to upholding the rights of staff from each of the incorporating institutions and is currently engaged in complex negotiations in this regard with staff and their representative bodies.

CICE will take its place as part of an Internationally-recognised Institute of Education

All parties to the incorporation recognise that this development will create an internationally-significant, research-intensive Institute of Education. The Institute will engage with schools and the educational community across Ireland and beyond, and will be an authoritative source of influence on policy development. DCU is, and will continue to be, a secular university with a strong commitment to pluralism, social inclusion

and diversity. The new Institute of Education will provide a place of mutual respect for the formation of teachers for denominational (Church of Ireland, reformed Christian traditions, Roman Catholics and others), non-denominational and multi-denominational schools. While the ethos and identity of each of the three incorporating institutions will be respected and safeguarded in the 'new DCU', these three institutions will cease to exist as autonomous, separate legal entities post incorporation.

Joint Research Initiative on small Protestant Primary Schools

CICE and DCU look forward to deepening and strengthening the emerging synergies across their institutions. Reflecting their mutual respect and inter-institutional parity of esteem, CICE and DCU are delighted to announce a joint partnership in a key research project focusing on small Protestant primary schools in Ireland.

Meath and Kildare diocese fighting poverty and leprosy with sandals

The Church of Ireland dioceses of Meath and Kildare has launched its Good For The Sole Project to buy 10,000 pairs of sandals in Karigiri

in Tamil Nadu, India. The diocesan project, in partnership with The Leprosy Mission Ireland and Bishops' Appeal, will raise €25,000 over this coming year.



Bishop Pat Storey (Meath and Kildare) launched 'Good For The Sole' at a special event held in Wilson's Hospital School, Mullingar. The project is inspired by the desire to fight leprosy and the poverty that accompanies it. The launch was attended by clergy and representatives from every parish in the dioceses.

Bishop Pat said, *"Most of us think leprosy is a disease only in Biblical times. In Meath and Kildare we were shocked to learn that every two minutes someone in the world hears they have leprosy. It is a sad fact that hundreds of*

thousands of people are diagnosed with the disease every year, and that it brings poverty in its wake." Leprosy is prevalent in the poorest countries in the world.

One of the effects of leprosy is often damage to a person's feet. The disease causes them to lose sensitivity in this area, making the individual more prone to injury. The Leprosy Mission has been involved in developing a cost-effective sandal that can protect the wearer from such harm. One pair of sandals can be manufactured and distributed at a cost of €2.50.

Ken Gibson, Chief Executive of The Leprosy Mission Ireland, explained the difference a simple pair of sandals can make. He said, *"If a leprosy sufferer is a breadwinner in their home the resulting damage to their feet can prevent them earning to feed and educate their family. A pair of sandals that prevents injury can allow that person to remain in work, to feed their family and educate their children."*

Lydia Monds, Education Adviser for the Bishops' Appeal, said *"It is not just important what we give, but how we give it."* In other words it is about finding a way of giving that makes the maximum amount of difference. 'Good For The Sole' is designed to do just that.

Every church and school in the dioceses has received its own 'Good For The Soul' shoebox. It contains a pair of sandals, posters and material about how they can be part of the drive to raise €25,000 to buy 10,000 pairs of sandals. Each church and as many of the schools as possible will join the effort to reach the target in the next year and pledges have already started to come in.

As Bishop Pat Storey says, *"It's not just feet that Meath and Kildare are working together to protect. Sandals can protect whole families from poverty – that is why we are doing this."*

New Development Officer to Assist Parishes With Ideas for Ministry

Dublin and Glendalough has established a new role for the development of ministry in the dioceses. The Revd Ása Bjork Ólafsdottir, Vicar of Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire, (pictured) has taken up the position.

When she was appointed to Dun Laoghaire, the Revd Ása was given this second role. As Ministry Development Officer she aims to encourage clergy and congregations in building up ministry within their churches as well as reaching out the

wider community, trying out new ideas and amending old ones.



Initially Ása will visit all the Rural Deaneries in Dublin and Glendalough. She will examine what is being done in the parishes and what is needed in the area. Then they will

brainstorm to find ideas and responses to local needs.

“There is a need for parishes to work within their communities and there are fantastic ideas outthere that can only come from the people in each area as they know the circumstances,” Ása explains.

“I am not saying all should open a soup kitchen (like The Dining Room in my Church Hall) or anything as big as that, but there is a need and longing amongst parishioners to reach out and

make a difference. I also think that many ideas might be too big for one parish, but could be something two or three could work together," she adds.

As an example she highlights the many parents and grandparents who must wait for an hour between collecting younger and older children from primary school. "In many cases there is a Parochial Hall close by where parents and children could have a meaningful social time together and a cup of tea during that time. It takes some planning, but there are many people out there willing to take part in such an adventure," she comments.

Among the resources that could be made available could be a homepage with a resource bank, accessible to clergy and perhaps Select Vestry members in Dublin and Glendalough. Ása suggests that it could be a venue for ideas and healthy discussions on what works and what could be done differently.

The role of the Ministry Development Officer is not set in stone and will be formed according to need. Ása invites people to email their ideas and suggestions to: rector.asa.bjork@gmail.com

Belfast inter-faith forum to discuss religious intolerance

The next meeting of the Forum will be a special meeting combining the Annual General Meeting with a special panel discussion on the theme of religious intolerance. It will be on Wednesday 11th March.

The meeting will start at 7pm with tea and coffee.

The venue is Stranmillis University College, Central Building, Seminar Room 4

The speakers on the panel are Rabbi David Singer from the Belfast Jewish Community, Sheikh Anwar Mady from the Belfast Islamic Centre and Rev. Dr. Lesley Carroll, minister at Fortwilliam & Macrory Presbyterian Church. The discussion will be chaired by Mr Peter Osborne, chairman of the Community Relations Council.

You are invited to consider questions to be put to the speakers. It would be very helpful if you could send questions to us before 2nd March so that the speakers have an opportunity to consider them in advance. Questions should be sent to ni.interfaith@gmail.com.

The evening will commence with the Annual General Meeting. It is not expected that the business of the AGM will take more than 30 minutes. In order to save time during the AGM

reports will be sent to all email contacts in advance.

The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the AGM. Please consider nominating members or volunteering yourself to serve on the Committee for the coming year. Nominations should be sent to ni.interfaith@gmail.com before 9th March.

Both the Annual General Meeting and the panel discussion are open to the public.

The membership subscription is currently £10 and can be paid at the meeting.

- See more at: <http://www.community-relations.org.uk/2015/02/members-friends-inter-faith-forum/#sthash.cq79TWJf.dpuf>

Christina Baxter welcomed back to annual Quiet Day for Down & Dromore

Serving and retired clergy, church plant leaders and Church Army officers serving in the diocese gathered for the annual Down and Dromore Quiet Day on Shrove Tuesday, 17 February.

Returning to the diocese was Canon Dr Christina Baxter, CBE, who spoke on the theme 'Lord, let

your glory fall' (2 Chronicles 5 & 7). Christina is familiar to many in the diocese as the speaker at its Bible Week in 2010. She has served both as Lay Chairman of the Church of England's General Synod and as a member of the Archbishop's Council. She recently retired as principal of St John's College, Nottingham.



Christina also officially launched 'Week of All Weeks', Bishop Harold's Holy Week and Easter Worship Guide and companion Prayer Book.

She praised the books for their clarity and ease of use and agreed with Bishop Miller that Holy Week was indeed a very important time in the Christian year.

"I intend to share this resource with some Church of England clergy, said Dr Baxter, "and "I do hope that it will be a blessing to this diocese and the Church of Ireland."

The Quiet Day was once again generously and expertly hosted by Revd Canon Stephen Lowry and his team at Ignatius Carryduff.

Armagh raises £20,000 for hospices

The Church of Ireland Diocese of Armagh raised just over £20,000 which has now been distributed to the following Hospices: The Southern Area Hospice, Newry; The Northern Ireland Hospice, Belfast; The Foyle Hospice, Londonderry; North Louth Hospice and Home Care Foundation.

At its Diocesan Synod it was agreed that an Annual Hospice Sunday be established and be observed by all Church of Ireland Parishes throughout the Diocese of Armagh. The resolution brought before the Diocesan Synod stated "That the Diocesan Synod approves the establishment of an Annual Hospice Sunday to be observed by all parishes in the Diocese on the Sunday nearest to All Saints' Day for the purpose of raising funds for local Hospice care."



Lisa Hamill (2nd from left), Regional Marketing Officer of the Southern Area Hospice, receives a cheque for £15,891.50 from the Church of Ireland Diocese of Armagh. Presenting the cheque on behalf of the Diocese are from left, Revd Matthew Hagan (Hospice Sunday Co-Ordinator); Most Revd Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Mrs Jane Leighton, Armagh Diocesan Secretary.

The Resolution was brought before the Synod by Reverend Matthew Hagan, rector of Tynan, Aghavilly and Middletown parishes and the representative for Northern Ireland on the UK wide Board of the Association of Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplains where he represents the interests of all Hospices throughout Northern Ireland.

Hospice Sunday took place on Sunday 2nd November 2014 and to date including Gift Aid the money raised has reached just over £20,000 which has now been distributed to the following Hospices: The Southern Area Hospice, Newry; The Northern Ireland Hospice, Belfast; The Foyle Hospice, Londonderry; North Louth Hospice and Home Care Foundation. Therefore the money raised by each parish throughout the Diocese has been given to their local Hospice.

Rev. Matthew Hagan in his role as Hospice Sunday Co-Ordinator commented: ‘ As a new initiative in the Diocese this is a fantastic amount of money that has been raised for local Hospice care throughout Northern Ireland and will undoubtedly benefit the excellent level of patient care in local Hospices. My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Hospice Sunday appeal.’

Dublin Service Of Prayer For Young People

The experimental service held in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, was the first of its kind and was part of an island-wide Day of Prayer for Young People which was organised by the Church of Ireland Youth Department.



Claire Haworth at one of the prayer stations in the cathedral

The low key liturgy was drafted by the Revd Jack Kinhead, curate of Taney Parish and the Revd Abigail Sines and the Revd Alan Breen, deacon interns in St Paul's, Glenageary and St Patrick's, Greystones, respectively. Innovative prayer stations which provided focal points for prayer including homelessness, suicide amongst young people and a reflection on the cross, were dotted around the cathedral and assembled with the assistance of Claire Haworth. The music was provided by a worship band.

The address was given by the Revd Alan Breen who drew upon the reading from 1 Samuel 3:1–10. He said everyone needed people in their lives to point them in the direction of God. He asked if we lived in a world where it was rare for God to speak or if it was the case that we were not tuned into what God was saying. He added that church leaders had a responsibility to role model listening to God's voice and the best way to do this was by getting to know his voice by spending time with him.

‘We want young people to spend time with us because we bring the light of God. We want to be part of a church where people have visions and dreams of God. I think God speaks to us but we just have to tune into the frequency...We are called to pray for this generation, to bring our young people to God. Samuel did not know God but Eli pointed him in the direction of God,’ he said.

The congregation was given an hour to visit each of the prayer stations around the cathedral during which they could reflect, write prayer requests and write or paint on a prayer wall. The service concluded with Holy Communion. It was followed by pancakes in the Crypt.

From Qatar to Cork - lay reader licensed



L-R: Revd Steve McCann (Chaplain to Lay Ministers in Cork, Cloyne and Ross), Mrs Marie Norton, Bishop Paul Colton, and the Rector of Bandon Union of Parishes, the Revd Denis MacCarthy.

Mrs Marie Norton, a parishioner of Bandon Union of Parishes, in the Diocese of Cork, trained, and was licensed, as a Reader in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf while she and her husband Fred were living in Qatar. Having returned to live in West Cork Marie has now been licensed to serve as a Reader in the Church of Ireland within the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Bishop of Cork, the Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton, licensed her on Sunday,

15 February in Holy Trinity Church, Rathclaren,
Co Cork during the Sunday Eucharist.

Marie is looking forward to ministry as a Reader in Bandon Union of Parishes where the rector is the Revd Denis MacCarthy. A number of Readers from the Diocese attended the Service. Marie was presented to the Bishop by the Revd Steve McCann who is Chaplain to Lay Ministers in the Diocese.

Broad welcome for package of measures to sustain small schools

There has been a broad welcome from interest groups for new measures announced yesterday aimed at sustaining small schools, particularly in isolated areas.

Irish Times - From the beginning of the 2015/16 school year, the number of pupils required to retain existing classroom teachers will be reduced to 19 from the current 20 for a second teacher; to 53 from the current 56 for a third teacher; and to 83 from 86 for a fourth teacher.

Numbers of pupils necessary for retention of a second teacher in schools more than eight kilometres from the next nearest school, and of

the same type of patronage and language of instruction, will be reduced from 20 to 15. Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan does not intend to change the number of pupils required to gain an additional classroom teacher other than for isolated one-teacher schools.

Concerning voluntary protocols for one-teacher schools with declining numbers being developed with the [Catholic Primary School Management Association](#) (CPSMA), the [Irish National Teachers Organisation](#) (INTO) and the General [Synod Board](#) of Education of the [Church of Ireland](#), the Department of Education intends writing to patrons of one-teacher schools located within an eight kilometre distance of a school of similar patronage and language of instruction.

This letter will invite them to reflect on their sustainability as a one-teacher school and to engage with the department on supports available if they amalgamate. Similar letters are to be sent to schools that fall below 25 pupils and are approaching one-teacher status.

School patrons will lead local community discussions and, when options have been considered, can contact a single point of contact in the department. Both the CPSMA and the INTO welcomed the announcement.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/broad-welcome-for-package-of-measures-to-sustain-small-schools-1.2107645>

Media digest

Irish Times - Examining the Catholic Church in Ireland, past, present and future

Book edited by Iowa scholars covers broad range of topics from secularism to demographic trends and clerical abuse. The book grew out of a symposium on contemporary Irish Catholicism that featured Irish, Canadian, and American experts who gathered at Loras College last March. This was the first comprehensive and interdisciplinary exploration of the topic of its kind in the United States, and it showcased both a broad range of perspectives and a lively exchange of ideas designed to reach various audiences, from teachers and students to pastors and parish workers.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/culture/books/examining-the-catholic-church-in-ireland-past-present-and-future-1.2107313>

Irish Examiner - We have forsaken the ash, but not the urges to confess and condemn

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<http://www.irishexaminer.com/viewpoints/columnists/gerard-howlin/we-have-forsaken-the-ash-but-not-the-urges-to-confess-and-condemn-313099.html>

Irish Examiner - Time to stop papering over 'craics' and tackle corrosive alcohol abuse

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/viewpoints/columnists/fergus-finlay/time-to-stop-papering-over-craics-and-tackle-corrosive-alcohol-abuse-312921.html>

Irish Times - Children's charities say family law Bill will bring better equality

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/children-s-charities-say-family-law-bill-will-bring-better-equality-1.2107660>

Irish Independent - Parents group says bill puts adults' needs before children

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/parents-group-says-bill-puts-adults-needs-before-children-31001594.html>

Irish Independent - Educate Together Schools massively over-subscribed

www.independent.ie/irish-news/education/educate-together-schools-massively-over-subscribed-31001877.html

News Letter - UUP stresses value of shared education as more schools join scheme

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/uup-stresses-value-of-shared-education-as-more-schools-join-scheme-1-6585946>

BBC News - Orange Order says it uses land funds to 'counter republicans' illegal proceeds'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-31505614>

Belfast Telegraph - Terror memorials are widening divisions over past, warns academic

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/northern-ireland/terror-memorials-are-widening-divisions-over-past-warns-academic-30997518.html>

FT/Tel/ Christian Today/Guard/Times/ITV/ Mail/Sky/Huff Post/Mirror/FT/BBC/Ind/ Reuters/IBTimes/New Statesman

Range of reports on pastoral letter from House of Bishops urging people to engage in politics ahead of the General election. *Mail* describes the letter as a shopping list of policies while *Telegraph* says the CofE has no authority to tell politicians what to do because it only just accepted women as equals. *Guardian* says the letter shows the CofE sharpening up the quality of its public interventions under Archbishop [Justin Welby](#), and that British politics faces a

credibility crisis and needs all the help it can get. *Times* states relations between the CofE and Westminster have plumbed a new low after the 'withering assault on Britain's political culture'. *FT* says the CofE has given a sharp rebuke to the nation's politicians for failing to provide a "fresh moral vision" for society. A number of reports include comments from Bishop of Norwich that CofE bishops are not as sexy as Russell Brand but, unlike the celebrity, they are urging people to get involved in the electoral process.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/11417226/Tory-fury-over-Church-of-England-letter.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/feb/17/guardian-view-on-the-church-and-election-talking-sense>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4357577.ece>

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/2fb5567e-b686-11e4-a5f2-00144feab7de.html?siteedition=uk#axzz3S4YeFiG2>

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/02/17/nadine-dorries-church-of-england_n_6696338.html

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/feb/17/church-of-england-calls-for-fresh-moral-vision-in-british-politics>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2015-02-17/church-of-england-takes-unprecedented-step-into-political-arena-advising-followers-how-to-vote/>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2957106/Church-England-takes-Russell-Brand-election-boycot-call-shocked-profound-effect-young-voters.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/11418663/Thatcherism-is-finished-declares-Church-of-England.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/feb/17/church-of-england-bishops-pastoral-letter-key-points>
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/leaders/article4357322.ece>
<http://news.sky.com/story/1429324/tories-hit-back-at-left-wing-bishops-letter>
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4357461.ece>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2957935/EPHRAIM-HARDCASTLE-Church-England-claims-right-duty-enter-political-debate.html>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2957964/STEPHEN-GLOVER-Blinkered-depth-Church-England-danger-ludicrous.html>

Guard

Article on David Cameron's response to the Bishop's pastoral letter saying the PM rejects the bishop's warning on scapegoating people on benefits.

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/feb/17/cameron-rejects-bishops-warning-against-scapegoating-people-on-benefits>

Tel

Report with two of the paper's senior writers going head to head on the question of faith versus state in response to the House of Bishops' intervention on politics and voting.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11417902/Does-the-Church-have-a-place-in-politics.html>

Times

Article that lays out short summary on key figures/members in the House of Bishops naming both archbishops and Bishops of Norwich and Leicester

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4357603.ece>

Tel

Article that BP has warned that carbon dioxide emission levels from burning fossil fuels are unsustainable unless the international community unilaterally introduces tougher binding regulations on atmospheric pollution. It

states last month, the Anglo-Dutch company bowed to shareholder pressure to be more public about how it will address global warming. The company's board agreed to support a motion proposed by the Church of England and 150 other shareholders calling on the company to explain more fully its policy on climate change.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/11417968/BP-says-CO2-emissions-unsustainable-warns-on-global-warming.html>

Times

Report that David Cameron has endorsed the expansion of grammar schools as the education secretary considers whether to approve the first new selective school in 50 years. It mentions that the Camerons are thought to have applied to the Grey Coat Hospital, a Church of England academy for girls attended by Mr Gove's daughter.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4357420.ece>

Express

Ann Widdecombe writes in defence of the Archbishop's comments at Dresden anniversary and says Justin Welby did not say sorry but said he felt deep regret and sorrow at the huge loss of civilian life.

<http://www.express.co.uk/comment/columnists/ann-widdecombe/558720/Ann-Widdecombe-on-Archbishop-Welby-Koo-Stark-David-Cameron>

Ind

Item looking at facts about Egyptian Coptic Christians says they form the largest Christian community in the Middle East, accounting for an estimated 10 per cent of the population, with an estimated six to 11 million members.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/egypts-coptic-christians-who-are-isiss-latest-victims-and-why-are-they-persecuted-10048328.html>

Times

Item in 'Lives remembered' on the former Bishop of Winchester, Michael Scott-Joynt, *Anthea Del Mar writes*, how on a visit to a local primary school he appeared on his own driving a very modest car. It states the bishop produced from his suitcase the whole panoply of his official glory, including his mitre, and solemnly attired himself.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/obituaries/article4357344.ece>