



A Forward Look - planned Church Events

13 OCTOBER

Down and Dromore Clergy Conference

The Down and Dromore Clergy Conference will take place from 13–16 October in the Central Hotel, Co Donegal. The conference is a time for worship, fellowship and teaching and this year. The speakers, teaching on their respective topics are:

- Graham Tomlin: 'Spiritual Fitness'
- Chuck Owens: 'Leadership for a Growing Church'
- Spud Murphy: 'Reaching Men for the Kingdom'
- Malcolm Duncan: Bible Readings in 1 Peter 1–3

14 OCTOBER

Aghavea MU Visitors' Night: Building Blocks of Faith with Johanne

8pm. Johanne served overseas with Crosslinks in Northern Africa for nearly a decade, returning home 2 years ago to take up a new role as a trainer and evangelist. She brings her insight and experience from overseas, the ability to communicate in Arabic, a great enthusiasm and an unstinting commitment to see people won for Christ. She will speak about the building blocks of her faith; how she ended up serving overseas and what she is doing now in her home territory. All ladies will be made most welcome.

Mum's the Word

An event organised by Care for the Family. Speakers are former Blue Peter presenter and celebrity mum, Diane Louise Jordan and Cathy Madavan who will offer amusing insights into the challenges that mums face as well as

practical tips on juggling work, life, children and everything else. Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast. 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

15 OCTOBER

Art Expo IV, Parish of Whitehead & Islandmagee

Art Expo IV will be held in St Patricks Parochial hall, Edward Road, Whitehead. Works by both professional and amateur artists from all over the province will be on display and there will be something to please and inspire even the most discerning critic. A donation will be made to the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice from the proceeds of the sale.

In the past two years Whitehead has seen a growth in arts and crafts with new shops opening and various classes being held. There is a lovely seaside walk and great places for coffee or a meal – it's well worth a visit! October 15 @ 10:00 am - October 18 @ 5:00 pm

Clogher MU Autumn Council in Colebrooke Parish Hall.

16 OCTOBER

SEARCH– A Church of Ireland Journal to re–launch

While SEARCH is updating its website, adding more information, easier payment methods and Facebook and Twitter feeds, it is also about to launch a redesigned paper edition. This will feature its usual mix of church and faith–related articles, aiming to stimulate discussion and fresh thinking in the C of I and beyond. But the articles will on the whole be shorter, more varied, and easier on the eye. Contributors will range from key figures in church life at home and abroad to recent graduates taking their first steps into print. “We aim to foster new talent as well as soliciting wisdom from the ‘elders’,” says editor Canon Ginie Kennerley.

Two major launches, in Dublin and Belfast, are planned in chaplaincy premises of TCD and QUB: the first on October 16 at 5.45 pm in the Gallery Chapel, where the speaker will be Mr Adrian Clements, Chief Officer of the RCB, and the second on October 27 at 4.00 pm at 22 Elmwood Avenue, where Bishop Harold Miller will welcome those attending.

The fresh–off–the–press autumn edition will be available at both events, along with favourable deals for new subscribers and some cut–price back numbers. All those interested in exploring current theological, biblical and social issues in the Church are warmly invited to these events.

Among the contributions to the new issue will be anniversary pieces on World War I by John Cooney, CMS Ireland by Roger Cooke and USPG, now rebranded as Us, by Linda Chambers. Dr Katie Heffelfinger, from the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, writes on preaching from Isaiah for Advent, while two aspects of ministry are also discussed – Terry Lilburn on NSMs and Frank Dobbs on Lay Readers.

17 OCTOBER

Points of origin - Science and religion workshop - Chaplaincies at Queen's

An all day workshop on science and religion. It is free of charge and includes lunch.

Featuring a keynote address by Professor John Lennox, author of 'Has science buried God?' this workshop will include presentations on the relationship between faith and science in a wide range of areas – the classroom, contemporary culture, the history of the debate, the undergraduate mind...

All are welcome. The whole day is funded by the Templeton Foundation. Registration is essential so please email: s.chen@ulster.ac.uk

Rededication of parish church

The Bishop of Derry & Raphoe will preach at a Service of Rededication in St Peter's church, Killaghtee, which is part of a group of parishes based on Inver where the rector is the Revd Ruth West.

Dean of Christ Church Cathedral to Sleep Rough for Focus Ireland

On Friday 17 October, The Very Reverend Dermot Dunne, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, will be leaving the comfort of his own home, for one night to 'sleep rough' in the Iveagh Gardens and 'Shine a Light' on homelessness in Ireland. Whilst you are tucked up in bed, he will be sleeping on cardboard, battling Ireland's bitter cold winter with just a sleeping bag and a cup of soup.

The Dean thinks it is unacceptable that over 5,000 people are homeless in Ireland today and that one in seven is a child. He has signed up for 'Shine a Light Night' so that he can play his part in helping Focus Ireland provide vital prevention services which help change people's lives.

Holding an event - forward information to - churchnewsireland@gmail.com

Focus Ireland aim to break the cycle of homelessness by giving people access to information, housing, childcare and a range of education services throughout Dublin, Cork, Kilkenny, Limerick, Sligo, Waterford, Clare and Wexford.

Fivemiletown Parish Concert for school in Peru

Variety Concert in Fivemiletown Parish Hall at 8.00pm in aid of SAMS (South American Missionary Society). To continue our support for Santisima Trinidad (Holy Trinity) Primary School in Lima, Peru. We have been building closer links with mission partners. Fivemiletown Parish Men's Ministry Group have organised this event along with the Auction to help with providing a new roof for the primary school at this stage, as part of ongoing support. This school is located on the outskirts of Lima and provides a Christian education, a hot meal and a safe haven for the children from an extremely poor area in the hillsides around Lima.

18 OCTOBER

Thomas Dineley Conference at Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, will host a conference in its Chapter Room on Saturday 18 October 2014 on the subject of the English antiquary, Thomas Dineley (or Dingley) who visited Ireland in 1680–1.

His importance lies in the journal that he kept, now preserved as Ms 392 in the National Library of Ireland, in which he not only comments on what he saw on his Irish travels, but also draws in some detail 'Monuments, Inscriptions, draughts of towns, Castles, etc.'

Chaired by Jane Fenlon and David Dickson, speakers will discuss Dineley's view of the cathedral of Christ Church in Dublin and the castle in Kilkenny, as well as his accuracy and attention to detail, particularly with regard to Dublin funerary monuments. Overviews will also be provided of his cultural world and his interest in Irish architecture and gardens. The conference will be followed by choral evensong at 5pm with an appropriately late 17th-century selection of music, sung with instruments by Peregrine (<https://www.facebook.com/Peregrine>). A reception will follow in the crypt. All are most welcome, and enquiries (to allow for numbers) should be directed to the organiser, Dr Amy Harris at thomasdineleyconf@gmail.com.

Connor Big Adventure day for children

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. St. Paul's Church Hall, 3 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim BT28 1UD. Admission £3 for children and leaders go free

Holding an event - forward information to - churchnewsireland@gmail.com

Meet and Sing Evensong, Kilkenny

Saint Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 2:00 PM. An opportunity to meet the RSCM Coordinator for Ireland, Mark Bowyer and to explore the work of the RSCM, look at accessible resources and the available RSCM training schemes. Following the information session there will be a rehearsal followed by Choral Evensong sung by the participants and led by cathedral musicians Malcolm Proud and David Forde. Open to choirs, individuals, clergy, affiliates and non-affiliates alike

Please email mbowyer@rscm.com or call +353 (0)871172995 to register your interest.

Lisburn event to help churches develop leaders

A new CPAS training day entitled 'Growing leaders in the local church' is taking place at Christ Church Lisburn on Saturday 18 October.

Bishop Ken 'Fanta' Clarke will be speaking, along with CPAS general director John Dunnett and Kate Marshall, a facilitator and coach who runs her own business helping organisations grow and succeed through developing their people. The training day will enable participants to grow leaders within their local church, as well as help individuals further their own growth as a leader. It is open to ministers, vestry members, elders, Readers, youth leaders and anyone else involved in leadership in a local church.

Paul Dundas, Rector of Christ Church, said: 'We're very much looking forward to hearing leadership insights and wisdom from Bishop Ken, John Dunnett and Kate Marshall. We warmly invite anybody who is involved in local church leadership to come along to this training day to be encouraged and given tools to develop leadership, so that local churches across the country can become more effective in their mission and ministry.'

This is the seventh CPAS event at Christ Church Lisburn since Christ Church became a training centre for the Anglican evangelical mission agency in 2013. Previous events have covered key leadership topics such as mentoring, realising vision, sustaining oneself in leadership and managing change. Paul Dundas said: 'All the events have the aim of seeing lay and ordained leaders grow, churches strengthened, and many won for Christ through their mission.'

'Growing Leaders in the local church' will take place between 10am-3.30pm on Saturday 18 October at Christ Church Lisburn. Spaces are limited, and

can be booked online at www.cpas.org.uk/lisburn for £20 per person. For every two places booked, a third place is free.

Praying Well

Designed to encourage theological reflection, fellowship and discussion on “everyday” discipleship matters, the “Faith in Everyday Living series”, will look at the following theme in October:

Praying Well, an exploration on how to deepen one’s experience of prayer and “styles” of prayer. Facilitated by Louise Wilson (Training & Development Officer, ETC) and David Brown, (Lay Training Co-ordinator, CITI).

10.00 am – 3.30 pm - Edgehill Theological College, Belfast

Pursuing Transformation with Tearfund

“Pursuing Transformation” is about exploring a fresher and deeper understanding of personal, church and community transformation. We want to support and equip you in your calling to see individuals thrive and communities flourish.

18 October 2014 from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm. Carnmoney Presbyterian Church

Keynote speakers

Chris Wright is an Anglican clergyman and Old Testament scholar. He is currently the International Ministries Director of Langham Partnership International. Chris spent five years teaching the Old Testament in India, and thirteen years as Academic Dean and then Principal of All Nations Christian College, in England.

Darrell Tunngley is a former drug dealer, addict and convicted armed robber. God broke dramatically into his life and Darrell is now at the forefront of community mission. He is also part of the senior leadership of Hope Corner Community Church. Find out more about Darrell’s story and his ministry here: www.unreachable.org.uk

Keynote addresses

Chris Wright – speaking on the theology of transformation

Darrell Tunngley – speaking from a practical perspective of personal transformation and how that has led him to his work in the wider community.

Seminar streams (choice of 2 out of 3)

1. “Beyond foodbanks” – with Helen Sloan (Storehouse, Northdown) and Julie Rutledge (CAP)
2. “From global to local” – partnerships and learning: with Derek Hall and Revd Liz Hughes
3. “Sharing your faith in the community” – with Darrell Tunningley and John Beattie

Booking

[Online here](#) Or call Jane or Diane in the Belfast Tearfund office: 028 9073 0060 [Download a flyer here](#)

Self-harm talk

Cathy Bell will be delivering a talk entitled 'Self-harm: the hidden harm and the churches' response'. This talk at 11:00 AM in Kilfennan Presbyterian Church will be similar to the one she gave at the Taking Care Conference in April.

Cathy Bell is Regional Co-ordinator for The Independent Counselling Service for Schools, Chair of The British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy for Children and Young People and on the Board of Directors of The Big House, Ireland. Cathy has also been involved in children's ministry in her own church and has served as a PCI Missionary.

You can register for this event by email: takingcare@presbyterianireland.org or phone: +44 (0)28 9041 7290

The day will begin with refreshments at 10:30am

19 OCTOBER

Dublin and Glendalough Annual Diocesan Healing Service

The Dublin and Glendalough Annual Diocesan Healing Service will take place in St Patrick's Church, Powerscourt, on Sunday October 19 at 5.00 pm. Archbishop Michael Jackson will preach at the service and will also commission newly appointed prayer ministers. There will be a reception afterwards and everyone is warmly invited.

20 OCTOBER

Service on Praying for those with cancer in St. Anne's Cathedral

Bishop Ken Clarke, director of the South American Missionary Society, will be the speaker at a special service of healing in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on Monday, October 20 at 8 pm. The theme of the service will be 'Praying for those with cancer'.

These special services have been held twice a year for a number of years, focussing particularly on those suffering from cancer, as well as their friends and family. Last year cancer accounted for almost 30% of people who died in Northern Ireland. Medical facilities for those suffering from this illness are well publicised. Not so much is known about spiritual healing, yet this dimension of healing is very important. Brother David Jardine, one of the organisers of the services, says *'It will help people in body, mind and spirit to come to that service on October 20 and receive prayer. Indeed, sometimes God does a miracle. Two or three years ago a woman suffering from an advanced stage of lung cancer was completely healed.'*

Personal prayer for healing and the anointing with oil will be available at this service. Although we will be concentrating particularly on the theme of cancer on October 20 people can come for prayer for anything. Some of the official cancer agencies will be present to give advice to people. Worship will be led by Caz Hamilton.

You will be very welcome to come along to this special service.

21 OCTOBER

Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Synods

Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Synods take place in Taney Parish Centre on Tuesday October 21 2014.

This will be the first year for the new one-evening Synods and proceedings begin with a celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church, Taney, at 4.00 pm during which Archbishop Michael Jackson will give an address.

The business of the Synod will begin at the end of the Service of Holy Communion in the adjoining Parish Centre. Synods conclude at 10.00 pm.

Social Media Training: Understanding Facebook, Twitter and other Social Media

Taking Care Social Media Training provided by the Presbyterian Church is specifically designed to provide practical steps for leaders and parents, enabling them to protect and support healthy relations in the online world.

The presentation takes a look at what social media is and highlights some of the dangers present online but at the same time embracing the positives. The presentation also considers what our response to social media might be – as parents, leaders of young people and as the church. The training includes some short CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) films which would not be recommended to any children under 12 years old.

The presentation will last approx. 1 hour or 1hr 30mins (Dependant on group discussion.)

If you wish to attend this training please contact the host Congregation, OC Presbyterian Church, Randalstown or for more information contact Amanda at the Taking Care Office on akyle@presbyterianireland.org or +44 (0)28 9041 7290.

The event commences at 7:30 PM

22 OCTOBER

Drama on trafficking at Queens Chaplaincies

7.30 - 9.30 pm. The Chaplaincies at Queen's, in conjunction with the International Justice Mission, present 'It's Not Fair,' a play on the issue of human trafficking.

This exciting new theatre show is performed by the highly acclaimed UK based Rhema Theatre Company.

City of Derry International Choral Festival

The City of Derry International Choral Festival, which will run from 22nd-26th October, in this its second year, has already attracted over 70 choirs who wish to participate. School, national and international choirs will compete in a range of categories, perform in public spaces throughout the city, participate in choral workshops and take part in exciting concerts over the five-day event.

Aside from the competitive focus, the City of Derry comes alive with pop-up performances, high-quality concerts and educational activities providing a celebration of everything choral music has to offer.

An initiative of the City of Derry Civic Choirs with the support of Walled City Music, the festival is already establishing itself firmly on the global calendar of international choral festivals.

It is hoped that, as part of a 'Sacred Trail' on Sunday 26th October, churches throughout the city, including St Columb's Cathedral, will host visiting choirs as part of their regular Sunday services

The Dean was invited to the launch of the Choral Festival recently in The City Hotel when details of this year's Programme were launched by Artistic Director of the Festival, Mr Donal Doherty.

Festival Evening Programme 22nd October – 26th October 2014

THE SIXTEEN

'QUEEN OF HEAVEN'

Wednesday 22nd October, The Guildhall, 7.30 pm

NEIL COWLEY TRIO/ UTOPIA & REALITY/ CODETTA Thursday 23rd
October

St Columb's Hall, 7.30 pm

THE SWINGLE SINGERS

'TIMELESS'

Friday 24th October

St Columb's Hall, 7.30 pm

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION Saturday 25th October

St Columb's Hall, 7.30 pm

CLOSING GALA CONCERT AND AWARDS Sunday 26th October

St Columb's Hall, 7.30 pm

Tickets are available from The Millennium Forum Box Office, New Market Street, Londonderry. Telephone: 028 7126 4455. Book online at

www.millenniumforum.co.uk

Further details can be found online at www.codichoral.com.

23 OCTOBER

Weaving The Fabric of Creation - Derry Cathedral lecture

The Autumn Lecture of The Friends of Saint Columb's Cathedral will take place on Thursday 23rd October in the context of the opening of 'On Earth As It Is In Heaven', an Exhibition of images and words on Linen in the Bible. The Exhibition, designed by Dr Margaret Barker and Mr Bruce Clark, will open at 7.00 pm that evening and will be followed at 7.45 pm by a lecture by Dr Barker, 'Weaving The Fabric of Creation'.

Mr Clark, a member of the well-known linen-manufacturing family from Upperlands, will also speak about the linen industry. Refreshments will be served at 9.00 pm. The Friends of the Cathedral commend this special event and exhibition to as many others as possible.

Downpatrick Methodist, Faith in a Divided Society, Baroness May Blood

Baroness Blood will be this year's speaker at the Downpatrick Methodist Society's annual public meeting, offered to their community, where an individual is invited to reflect on their faith as it relates to their work.

May Blood was born in Belfast and worked in a linen mill for almost forty years, becoming a shop steward and active trade-unionist. She was increasingly involved in community work in West Belfast when the 'troubles' were at their height, and has continued to be engaged in social action, taking a particular interest in integrated education, in social deprivation, and the place of women in politics. She was elevated to the House of Lords in 1999 as a Labour peer.

Baroness Blood is a Presbyterian. Her theme will be 'Faith in a divided community?', asking questions about how faith works and what our faith says to those around us.

The meeting is on Thursday, 23rd October 2014 at 8 p.m. in the Methodist Church, Scotch Street, Downpatrick and everyone, from near and far, is warmly invited to come.

Previous speakers have been former local MP Eddie McGrady, Northern Ireland Victims Commissioner Brendan McAllister, Marie Walshe, nurse and

Church of Ireland minister, and Rev Dr Johnston McMaster, Methodist minister.

Email: ken.connor@irishmethodist.org Phone: (028) 4372 3474. Website with Further Details: <http://downmethodist.info/>

Cookery night with Bishop of Connor

A Cookery Demonstration by Bishop Alan Abernethy and local chef Aaron Heasley. Tickets including refreshments: £5 available from the Parish Office. Proceeds to St Apollo School, Diocese of Luwero, Uganda. Christ Church, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn, 7.30 - 9..30

24 OCTOBER

Mission to Seafarers Woolly Hat Day

Flying Angel Seafarers' Centre, *Prince's Dock Street, Belfast, 12.00 pm - 2.30 pm*. Admission £7.50. Everyone is welcome, and the event offers a unique opportunity to visit the centre and learn more about the lives of the people that work at sea.

Autumn Soul 2014 - Oaks of Righteousness

Autumn Soul 2014 - Check out the The Methodist Church in Ireland's Youth and Children's Department web site for more info - <http://www.irishmethodist.org/imycd/autumn-soul-2014>

Friday, 24 October, 2014 - 19:00 to Sunday, 26 October, 2014 - 15:00

Venue: Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church - Bangor, Co Down

Church or Organisation: he Methodist Church in Ireland's Youth and Children's Department

Email: imycd@irishmethodist.org

Website with Further Details: <http://www.irishmethodist.org/imycd/autumn-soul-2014>

30 OCTOBER

Hugo Duncan's Country Show Damask Community Outreach

Hugo Duncan's Country Show - Thursday 30th October 2014 in Seymour Street Methodist Church Hall, Lisburn at 8.00pm. Tickets £15. Supporting

Holding an event - forward information to - churchnewsireland@gmail.com

Artistes, Ann Breen, Gary Gamble, Boxcar Brian, Sharon Nixon and Country Harmony...for tickets contact 07746 666860 or 07778 119231.

Damask Community Outreach, Email: info@damasklisburn.org. Phone: 07746 666860 or 07778 119231.

Website with Further Details: <http://www.damasklisburn.org/>

2 NOVEMBER

Come and Sing - Faure Requiem

Saint Bartholomew's Church, Dublin - This regular 'Come and Sing' event will be held in the beautiful Saint Bartholomew's Church in Dublin 4. The event will be directed by Tristan Russcher, director of music at Saint Bartholomew's. The rehearsal will start at 2pm (with registration from 1.30pm). Refreshments will be available and the performance will take place at 4pm. The event is open to all, affiliates and non-affiliates as usual. The cost is €10 (affiliates) or €12.50 (non-affiliate fee).

Please confirm your attendance by downloading and completing the booking form available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

4 NOVEMBER

Safeguarding Trust training for clergy

Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children

Who is the training for?

Clergy who are newly ordained, in a first incumbency, new to the jurisdiction, returning to parish ministry or who may have missed out on previous training. It is also suitable for clergy who would like to refresh their knowledge of the child protection policy.

Rectors have a key role in ensuring a high standard of safeguarding practice in their parishes. This training day provides an opportunity to increase knowledge of the requirements of the code and to learn about impending legal changes in relation to child protection in the Republic of Ireland.

When: Tuesday 4th November 2014

Where: Church House, Dublin 6
Time: 10.30am–4pm. Lunch will be provided

Please contact Renée English Child Protection Officer at
cpori@ireland.anglican.org

Or telephone 01– 4125662 by Friday 24th October to book your place

5 NOVEMBER

Onwards Christian Soldiers - Remembrance

The parish of Magheralin is taking a creative approach to outreach with a World War One remembrance event in their halls on 5 November at 7.30 pm.

‘Remember, Remember’ will include an exhibition of WW1 Memorabilia, a community sing along to war time songs and hymns and a presentation of the gospel entitled, “Onward Christian Soldiers? What place did faith have in World War One?”

Everyone will receive a copy of the 100th Anniversary edition of the Active Service St John’s Gospel and at the end of the evening The Last Post will be played.

6 NOVEMBER

Mental Health & Pastoral Care: A Specialist Workshop for Clergy & Pastoral Carers

Trainers: **Rev. Dr. Scott Peddie**, **Dr. Volodimir Bezulowsky** (*Psychiatrist*) & **Dr. Paul Miller** (*Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychogeriatrician*)

Date: **Thursday 6th November 2014** from 1-5pm

Venue: **Mirabilis Health, Hollywood House, Hollywood, BT18 9HF**

Cost: **£45 per person** (includes refreshments)

This interactive course is designed especially for Ministers/Priests/Pastors/Pastoral Carers and will comprise the following sessions:

- Exploding the myths surrounding mental illness.
- Exploring the pastoral implications of some commonly encountered mental illnesses (depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia among others).
- Exploring the range of Christian responses to mental ill-health.
- Revisiting that Christian response: the interface between faith and mental illness.

Scott Peddie comments - I do hope that you can join us on this exciting course! To book your place, please e-mail (scottpeddie@sky.com) at your earliest convenience.

7 NOVEMBER

Prof John Sweeney Eco-Congregation Event, Cork

John Sweeney, former Professor of Geography at NUI Maynooth, will be speaking at an Eco-Congregation Ireland event in Carrigaline Church of Ireland, Cork, on 7th November.

Prof Sweeney has taught courses related to climatology and environmental resource management as well as biogeography and geomorphology. Over the past 30 years he has published 60 scientific papers and edited/co-authored four texts on various aspects of climatology and climate change in Ireland. As one of the contributing authors and review editors of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), John shared with several hundred other climatologists the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

fionam1840@gmail.com Website with Further Details: <http://ecocongregationireland.com/archives/4714>

8 NOVEMBER

Lift up your voice

St Bartholomew's Church, Clyde Road, Dublin 4, at 2.00 pm. A course for churches with no musical leadership. Intended for lay and ordained leaders, this course offers simple, achievable music for use where there is no trained musical leadership, and insights for celebrating the church's seasons creatively. Copiable resources are included in the cost, which is €12.50 per person. The event is directed by Mark Bowyer, RSCM coordinator for Ireland.

To book and for further details please download the booking form available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

M14 Mandate 2014

M14 is a gathering of sent disciples, from all areas of society, from all across Northern Ireland and beyond, all seeking to be inspired and equipped to live Kingdom lives with mission and discipleship at the core.

More info and booking at askwhatnow

KARL MARTIN

Karl is Senior Pastor of Central in the City of Edinburgh. He is married to Niki and they have four daughters. Karl loves the Church and longs for her to become everything that God calls her to be - passionate, creative, missional, able and alive. Karl's first book 'Stand' is now available.

DAVE DICKINSON

Dave is the worship associate at Carnmoney Church. He is passionate about developing musically relevant, spirit led worship within the local church framework— worship that is raw and honest, speaking of a God who is present amongst His people. A Law graduate from Queens, he has been the head of Alpha Northern Ireland for nearly 4 years, working with churches all across the province. He and his wife Joy live in Newtownabbey. He is passionate about guitars, coffee, football and downhill mountain biking.

Saturday, 8 November, 2014 (All day). Venue: Assembly Buildings Conference Centre 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast, BT1 6DW.

Email: hello@askwhatnow.org. Website with Further Details: <http://askwhatnow.org>

11 NOVEMBER

Suicide Prevention and Awareness Evening

A suicide prevention and awareness evening is being organised by the Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Committee for Social Action and the Diocesan Ministry of Healing Committee on November 11 at 7.30pm at the Church of Ireland College of Education, Rathmines Upper. The speaker is Joan Freeman, founder of Pieta House. Admission is free and all are welcome.

12 NOVEMBER

Accepting Sexuality Group: Christianity of Gay and Lesbian Truthfulness

How do we give those who have been opposed to us, hated us, or frightened of us, a soft-landing in the world in which we are increasingly coming to be seen as a rather normal part of the fabric of daily life? James will explore with us the ways in which we can find ourselves able to narrate who we are within, and standing on the shoulders of, the Christian narrative. If we find ourselves able to this with magnanimity, we will be in a better position to help welcome

those who have been, or are, scandalised by us, into a fuller inclusion, for themselves and for us, in the life of the Church.

James Alison is a Catholic priest and theologian. Born in London, he currently lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Author of eight books, and published in as many languages, his most recent work is the course of Introduction to the Christian Faith for Adults entitled Jesus the Forgiving Victim (www.forgivingvictim.com) in which he explores the fecundity of the thought of Rene Girard for Basic Christianity. He is also known as one of the few openly gay Catholic priest-theologians in the world, and has been accompanying groups of gay and lesbian believers in many countries for many years.

Wednesday, 12 November, 2014 - 20:00. Venue: Agape Centre, 238 Lisburn Road BELFAST BT9 6GF. Accepting Sexuality Group
Email: mail@acceptingsexuality.org. Website with Further Details: <http://acceptingsexuality.org/wp/>

15 NOVEMBER

Building Block Childrens' Ministry Conference - Belfast

Building Blocks is a conference to support those working with children and young people in their local church, community and school and to encourage others to be involved in this vital ministry.

This year the seminars will be giving new ideas and developing new skills so the focus is a "how to" guide.

HOW TO...

- Run Messy Church
- Disciple Kids
- Help kids worship
- Communicate the Gospel to kids
- Celebrate Christmas, Easter and Harvest
- Manage the chaos
- Help boys enjoy church
- Connect with parents through Messy Church

Saturday, 15 November, 2014 (All day). Assembly Buildings, 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast, BT1 6DW.

Building Blocks Childrens' Ministry. Email: belfast@buildingblocks.ie

Website with Further Details:

<http://www.buildingblocks.ie/belfast.html>

Come and Sing, Cork

St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. Come and join us on Saturday 15 November 2014 at 2pm at Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. There will be an opportunity to meet the RSCM Ireland coordinator, Mark Bowyer and view some of the resources that are available to help those who are involved in music in their church. The main event will be a Come and Sing Evensong where there will be an opportunity to join other singers in rehearsing for the service which will take place at 4pm in the cathedral. The cathedral director of music Malcolm Wisener will lead this event and all are welcome to join the rehearsal and service. There is no charge for the event and all music will be provided. A contribution may be made towards the cost of refreshments. A booking form is available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

19 NOVEMBER

'Ethics of War' Lecture to Mark Centenary of Outbreak of First World War

To mark the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, the Church of Ireland Historical Centenaries Working Group presents the 'Ethics of War', a lecture by Professor Nigel Biggar with a response by Professor Keith Jeffery in the Music Room of Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday November 19 at 7.30 pm.

Professor Nigel Biggar of the University of Oxford will speak on the theme based on his recent book *In Defence of War*, to which Professor Keith Jeffrey of Queen's University, Belfast will respond referring to his recent historical research. The event will be chaired by Dr John Bowman who will open up debate and discussion to the audience.

This open event is organised by the Church of Ireland's Historical Centenaries Working Group as a contribution to the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, the event complements the 'Lives Remembered' exhibition and programme at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

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- Help kids worship
- Communicate the Gospel to kids
- Celebrate Christmas, Easter and Harvest
- Manage the chaos
- Help boys enjoy church
- Connect with parents through Messy Church

Saturday, 22 November, 2014 (All day). Venue: All Hallows Drumcondra. Building Blocks Childrens' Ministry. Email: dublin@buildingblocks.ie Website with Further Details: <http://www.buildingblocks.ie/dublin.html>

22 NOVEMBER

RSCM Awards Service - Celebration

St Gall's, Carnalea, Bangor, BT19 1BT at 2:00 PM. Come and celebrate those who have successfully completed their RSCM Voice for Life awards during 2014. The awards ceremony will take place during Choral Evensong with the combined choirs of the award winners and local affiliate choirs. All are welcome to the service at 4pm. The event will be conducted by Rosemary Smyth (St Gall's). Please confirm if you are attending by calling +353 (0)87 117 2995 or email mbowyer@rscm.com

18 JANUARY 2015

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015

The Well is Deep - This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil who are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable.

The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition as although the competition between our churches is less obvious, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18-25 January - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Materials are available to download or to purchase in hard copy by clicking here <<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/682/>>

24 JANUARY 2015

Voice for Life 'Taster' session

St Gall's Church, Carnalea, BT19 1BT at 2.00 pm. Come and see what's involved in setting up, running and preparing candidates for the Voice for Life examinations. This session will give a brief overview of the scheme, look at the available resources and will include practical advice from those currently running the scheme. There is no charge for this event, but please let us know that you are coming by completing the booking form available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

5 MAY 2015

CTBI's Annual Conference

Will take place on Tuesday 5 - Wednesday 6
May 2015 at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire.

23 JUNE 2015

"Cacophony or Conversation?"

The Bible and Inter Faith Dialogue" 23-25 June 2015

How should Christians use the Bible in inter-religious dialogue? How can the Bible help us to be more effective in dialogue? Does dialogue with people of other faiths lead us to read the Bible differently? This Conference aims to open up a rich conversation about the Bible in

the context of religious pluralism. Organised by The Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group of CTBI

For more information and how to attend, please contact
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Holding an event - forward information to churchnewsireland@gmail.com