



Seaside Evensong

Cantemus will sing Evensong in Agherton Parish Church, Portstewart, this Sunday, 24th November at 6.00 pm

Cantemus has a cross community membership which comes from all walks of life. A spokesperson for the choir said, "The one thing we share is a love of choral church music. Anthems, psalms, hymns, versicles & responses. We sing ancient & modern repertoire - anything from Bach to Stopford; Wesley to Parry!

"We number 15 singers at present but aim to grow to about 21. All of us to a greater or lesser extent read music and try to sing in tune! There is a simple audition to join us.

"Rehearsals are 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month [at 7.45pm](#) in the Dunluce Parish Centre, Bushmills.

Mayor officially opens Lisburn's first foodbank

Lisburn's first foodbank was officially opened this week by the city's mayor

Prayer for Today

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in our asking; have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Councillor Margaret Tolerton.

The Ulster Star - The foodbank, which operates under the auspices of the 'Trussell Trust', is one of 400 network foodbanks in the UK

Invited guests heard from speakers, including referral agencies, volunteers, church and community representatives and the Tesco Community Champion, about the need for a local foodbank.

Susanne Downey, Northern Ireland Regional Development Officer told how Trussell Trust Foodbanks are designed not only to give three days supply of food to those in short term crisis, but to prevent dependency and help people out of crisis by partnering with and signposting to other agencies able to help solve the root of the problem.

The evening continued with opportunity to ask questions about how people can become involved or access the Foodbank.

The Trussell Trust have a very simple system of operation. Food is collected

through a variety of channels (Supermarkets, Schools, Churches, Individuals etc) Vouchers are 'distributed' by referral agencies (Doctors, Social Services, CAB, etc) to ensure that the food is given to those who are genuinely in need. Volunteers give of their time to serve at the Food Bank Centre at appointed opening times.

Brian Agnew, chairperson of Lisburn Foodbank concluded with an invitation to front line care professionals to join the growing number of referral agents sig



n-posting those in short term crisis to the foodbank.

If you would like more details on becoming a volunteer, a referral agency or if you would like to support Lisburn Foodbank financially or assist through your business knowledge or expertise, contact Brian Agnew on 07712 645 444 or email info@lisburn.foodbank.org.uk.

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir Launch Christmas CD

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir will launch a new Christmas CD with a free concert in the cathedral on Friday November 29 2013. *Christmas FromDublin* is packed full of favourite carols including *O come all ye faithful, The holly and the ivy and Ding Dong! Merrily on high* to name but a few.

Directed by Stuart Nicholson with David Leigh on organ the CD also features David Collins and Rick Cowan (trumpets), Bethan Watkeys (horn), Gavin Roche (trombone) and Francis Magee (tuba) as well as the acclaimed cathedral choir.

The concert gets underway at 6.00 pm and the choir will perform tracks from the CD. Admission is free.

Christmas From Dublin costs €10 and is available online via the cathedral website or from the cathedral shop. It will also be available to purchase on the night of the concert. For more details see: http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/Christmas_from_Dublin.aspx



Tolerance and Acceptance the Focus of Dublin City Interfaith Forum Seminar

Dublin City Interfaith Forum and the Lutheran Church are organising an evening seminar entitled *Towards Tolerance and Acceptance* on Thursday November 21 from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm in the Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin.

The evening will include an evocative performance of the Parable of the Rings

by Gotthold Ephraim Lessing (Conor Doyle). This will be followed by a facilitated exploration of how society can move from tolerance to acceptance. The facilitator will be Fr Alan Hilliard of DIT. Light refreshments will be served.

The event is supported by the German Embassy and Dublin City Council.

The Dublin City Interfaith Forum whose members include Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian (including the Church of Ireland), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh communities, works to educate and encourage people of different faiths to talk and work together in matters of policy, strategy and action and challenge all forms of injustice and discrimination.

Installation of new MWI President

Hundreds of people from all over Ireland gathered in Carlisle Road Methodist Church on Saturday, 9th November, 2013 at 2.00pm to support Mrs Charlotte Maye from Donegal, as she was installed as the All Ireland President of Methodist Women in Ireland (MWI) by the President of the Methodist Church, Rev Dr Heather Morris.

As if that was not a big enough first, the occasion took place in the European City of Culture for 2013 – Derry / Londonderry.



There was robust congregational singing of "All I Once Held Dear" and "Before the

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Throne of God Above" to name two of the worship songs, and a closing Grace in Irish from the new MWI President.

The outgoing President, Mrs Maureen Weir, thanked the many people, including the General Committee of the Methodist Church and her family, who had supported her two years of Presidency.

The President of the Methodist Church, Rev Dr Heather Morris, thanked Maureen for her godly leadership, her vision and passion for Christ and thanked Charlotte for taking up the MWI reins under her theme, "Shine for Jesus – Share His love."

The service concluded with that great Wesleyan favourite "Love Divine, all Loves Excelling."

Cork youth 5 aside

The 7th soccer CDYC tournament was hosted on Saturday, 9th November at the National Maritime College, Ringaskiddy, County Cork.

It was a great success - over 60 teenagers (boys and girls) from youth groups all round the diocese participated. 11 teams played almost 30 matches in a great spirit of fun and competition (not a yellow card in sight so well done to the referees!!)

(There was even an opportunity for the leaders to show off some skills!!)

A spokesperson for the organisers said, "The National Maritime College is a great venue. We were allowed to set up a games room with playstation, fuss ball, giant jenga and other games to entertain those waiting for their next game, plus a tuck shop to keep their energy up !

"After the games finished, we made short work of a huge delivery of Pizzas and then Matt Gould led us in a reflection. We focused on John Chapter 10 v 10. where Jesus tells us" I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" and the great news that God was present at

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our event , encouraging us to enjoy ourselves and try our very best in Christian fellowship. The young people were encouraged to chat to their youth leaders if they had any questions about the thoughts we had discussed.

“We then had the trophy presentations:

Bandon won The Junior Trophy.

Midleton emerged victorious from the senior competition.

Carrigaline/Crosshaven were chosen as displaying the best team spirit during the day

Special individual prizes were awarded to Claire Roche and Catherine Deane recognising their great enthusiasm throughout the competition.

Congratulations to all the participants who were a credit to their parishes and many thanks to all who helped on the day - Bring on Tournament Number 8 in 2014!”

Bible App offers the Bible on the move

The Bible Society recently hosted an event in Belfast City Hall to celebrate the launch of the Bible App.

This is a means to download 700 versions of the Bible in over 450 languages from the Digital Bible Library – completely free. And so anyone can carry the Bible text with them on their smartphone, tablet or laptop.

In English, there is a choice of 38 versions encompassing everything from the KJV to the more modern ESV, NIV and the Message. In a statement The Bible Society said: “This represents a huge opportunity to encourage young people to engage with Scripture as the smart phone is now the easiest and best medium with which to reach them. Increasingly in our church Services we can see young people following the Scripture passages on their

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phone.”

The Society said the growth of the ‘YouVersion’ service had been phenomenal with 16 million Bibles downloaded since July, and more than 116 million to date. And it is easy to access: go to www.bible.com or search for YouVersion in the App store.



New Rural Dean for Lisburn



The Rev Nicholas Dark, rector of Magheragall, has been appointed Rural Dean for Lisburn Rural Deanery.



The Big Festive Fry for Charlene's Project

This year's 'Big Festive Fry' will be held on Saturday 14 December from 7.30 am – noon at St Saviour's Halls in Dollingstown in aid of Charlene's Project.

A spokesperson said, "Bring your family and friends and come early or come late. You will be so so welcome and will leave the really well fed, excited about Christmas and encouraged and blessed as you play your part in the ongoing work that Charlene started and that continues to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Uganda. Last year's Big Festive Fry put clean water into the second school in Kahara in western Uganda"

For further information contact Janice at info@charlenesproject.org or 07709806418

Breakfast food item donations for the event are very welcome.

Divine Healing Ministries Twentieth anniversary celebrated

Divine Healing Ministries celebrated its 20th anniversary in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Monday November 18.

There has been a healing service in the Cathedral almost every Monday evening since 1993.

Brother David Jardine, Director of the interdenominational ministry, said: "During that time enormous healing has taken place in body, mind and spirit. Indeed, there have been quite a number of notable healing miracles, and we wanted to come together on November 18 to thank God for everything He has been doing."

The speaker at this service was the Rev Pat Collins from Dublin who spoke on the theme 'God still heals today.' Worship was led by West Church Bangor Music Group.



Statues currently on display in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Service of Consecration

The Service of Consecration of the Revd Pat Storey as Bishop of Meath and Kildare, will take place at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday 30 November 2013 (St Andrews Day) at 2.00pm.

This will be followed by two Diocesan events on Friday 6th December in St Patrick's Cathedral Trim at 7.30 pm and in St Brigid's Cathedral Kildare on Saturday 14th December at 3.30 pm. At each of these services Pat will be enthroned as Bishop of Meath and Kildare. These services are where the new bishop is publicly welcomed into her dioceses.

The Revd Pat Storey is currently Rector of St Augustine's Parish Church, Londonderry. She has said: 'I am both excited and daunted by this new adventure in our lives. I have had an extraordinarily happy experience in St Augustine's and in this wonderful city which I will be sad to leave. However, I count it an enormous privilege to begin a new phase of my ministry with the people of Meath and Kildare, and I look forward to working with the team of clergy who are already there. I would sincerely ask for your prayers for myself and my family, who are the best family in the world!'

The Revd Pat Storey (53) has been Rector of St Augustine's, Londonderry (Derry and Raphoe) since 2004. She is married to the Revd Earl Storey and has two adult children, Carolyn and Luke, and a son-in-law Peter.

Having grown up in Belfast and studied French and English at Trinity College, Dublin, she trained at the Church of Ireland Theological College (now Institute) and was ordained deacon in 1997 and priest in 1998. She served a Curacy in Ballymena (Connor) and was a Team Vicar in Glenavy (Connor) and a part-time Youth Worker Co-ordinator with the Church of Ireland Youth Department. Among Central Church participation, she is a member of the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

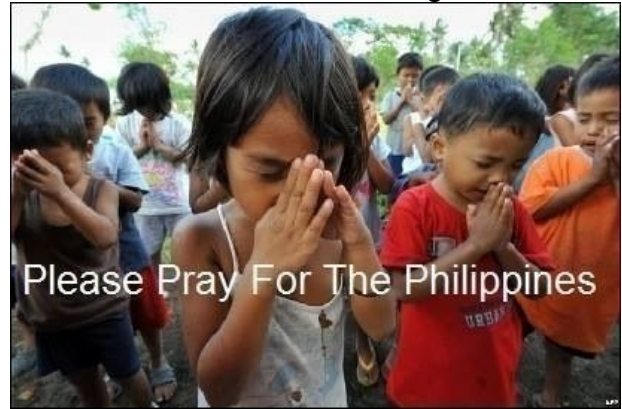
Former YMCA in east Belfast goes on sale

It used to be the place you could go when you were short on your dough, according to 1970s performers the Village People – and now the former [YMCA](#) in east [Belfast](#) is on sale for £400,000.

The Albertbridge Road property dates back to around 1900 but has been refurbished more recently, according to selling agents CBRE.

The agency described the centre, around one mile from [Belfast](#) city centre, as an "active asset management opportunity".

Two retail units on the ground floor are let to Gordons Chemist and European Delicatessance, while the upper floors are let to The Trustees of Exchange Church.



The Young Men's Christian Association was founded in the 1840s in [London](#) to hold bible study for young people, but its aims later grew to promoting Christian values through health and fitness.

Belfast's [YMCA](#) has been based in the Lagan Meadows since 1997. But the American branch of the organisation caused a stir three years ago by dropping the 'MCA' and renaming itself The Y.

Canon Horace McKinley Reflects on Ordained Life in First Book

The strands of ordained life and how they develop over years of ministry are focus of a new book by Whitechurch rector, Canon Horace McKinley. *As I Said... An Ordinary Priest Reflects* is Canon McKinley's first book and it was launched last Friday evening.

Drawing on talks and articles he has giving over the years, the long serving rector has put down on paper what he feels are the key aspects of ordained ministry – pastor, priest and prophet. The publication includes a selection of his own sermons

and articles to give flesh to his argument and allows the reader to see how his vocation has worked out in the way he endeavours to fulfil it.

The book also contains a thought provoking forward by Bishop Michael Burrows who was in one of Canon McKinley's first confirmation classes. Speaking at the launch, Archbishop Michael Jackson said books such as Canon McKinley's were important as they showed the centring of prayer which gave a quiet dynamism. They revealed the "flowing river of liturgy" and made plain the proper repetitiveness of visiting in the home, school, hospital, hospice, nursing home and sports fields.



Archbishop Michael Jackson, Pam McKinley, Canon Horace McKinley and Dr Harold Hislop are pictured here at the launch of Canon McKinley's book 'As I Said...an ordinary priest reflects' in Whitechurch Parish. (Photo: Stephen Wall Morris)

"He pulls us to the bedrock understanding which he has of priesthood in the first section. This is required reading for anyone who dips into the rest of the book or reads it from cover to cover. It constitutes a refreshing appraisal of priesthood in the Church of Ireland in the generous spirit of Christianity itself, lay and ordained," the Archbishop said.

"It also asserts, time and again, very firmly that the diaconate grounds all life and all ministry in the Christ-like priority of service itself. It is the weaving together of

ministries and of people which gives Horace his energy. This is more than a social service although it might read like it. Horace himself is so assured of the person and the priority of Jesus Christ in his own life that he hardly ever needs to talk in this language," he added.

Whitechurch parishioner, Harold Hislop, highlighted two themes that struck him as he read the book – a sense of community and vocation.

He said that the book had a great deal to say about what the community of the church could and should be. On a local and personal level it would resonate with members of the parish but Mr Hislop said that it also provided reflection on how the message of the gospel could and should be lived out in ordinary lives.

"We are fortunate in this place to have a priest who has persistently challenged us not to be comfortable in our belief and practice, but to live the challenge of the gospel in the society and communities in which we work and live..."

"There are several chapters drawn from over a decade's prophetic writing and campaigning on how Christians in Ireland and Irish society in general ought to welcome members of new communities into the church in this country and into Irish society. Indeed, taken as a whole, one can see buried beneath the surface of much of the writing a personal commitment to real inclusiveness which has been so much the mark of Horace's work within the parish, with other local Christian communities, and within Irish society," he commented.

Mr Hislop added that the book also gave an important account and celebration of the dedication to service that is implicit in the word "vocation". "He writes of this in a very humble way, yet in doing so, he expresses so convincingly and almost unconsciously, the outstanding strengths of his own calling and service. In an age of job specifications, role profiles, mission

statements, performance management and a lot else besides, Horace has given us a deceptively simple yet thoroughly convincing account of the challenges, struggles and joys that come if you serve others as the committed priest that we know Horace to be," he stated.

As I Said... An Ordinary Priest Reflects is available in local bookshops at a cost of €10.

New Appointments

Bishop Trevor Williams has announced several new appointments in his dioceses -

He said, "I am pleased to announce that the Reverend Susan Watterson has been appointed as Archdeacon of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe.



"The following other appointments have also been made after consultation with Dean Sandra Pragnell (St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick) and Dean Designate, The Reverend Gary Paulsen (St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe) to fill the joint chapter of St. Mary's St. and Flannan's Cathedrals:

- The Reverend Canon Marie Rowley-Brooke to be Treasurer (formerly Canon of Inniscattery)
- The Reverend George Flynn to be Canon (Inniscattery)
- The Reverend Michael Johnston to be Canon (St Munchin's and Tulloh)

The Service of Installation of the Archdeacon, Treasurer and new Canons will be held on Sunday January 19th 2014 at 7.00pm in St Mary's Cathedral Limerick"

Down and Dromore MU events

Upcoming events and diocesan magazine down load -

Young Members Advent Carol Service in Seapatrck, Banbridge, at 8.00 pm on 2 December.

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February 6 – Bangor Area Meeting, Bangor Abbey

February 14 – 60s Party in Killinchy

March 7, 8, 9 – All Ireland Training, Termonfeckin An Grianan

March 25 – Festival Service St John's Orangefield, 8.00 pm

June 20/21 – Mothers' Union Annual Meeting in Belfast

The Autumn 2013 edition of Down and Dromore's MU magazine is available for download here -

<http://www.downanddromore.org/cmsfiles/moved/files/a/MU-MagAutumn-2013.pdf>