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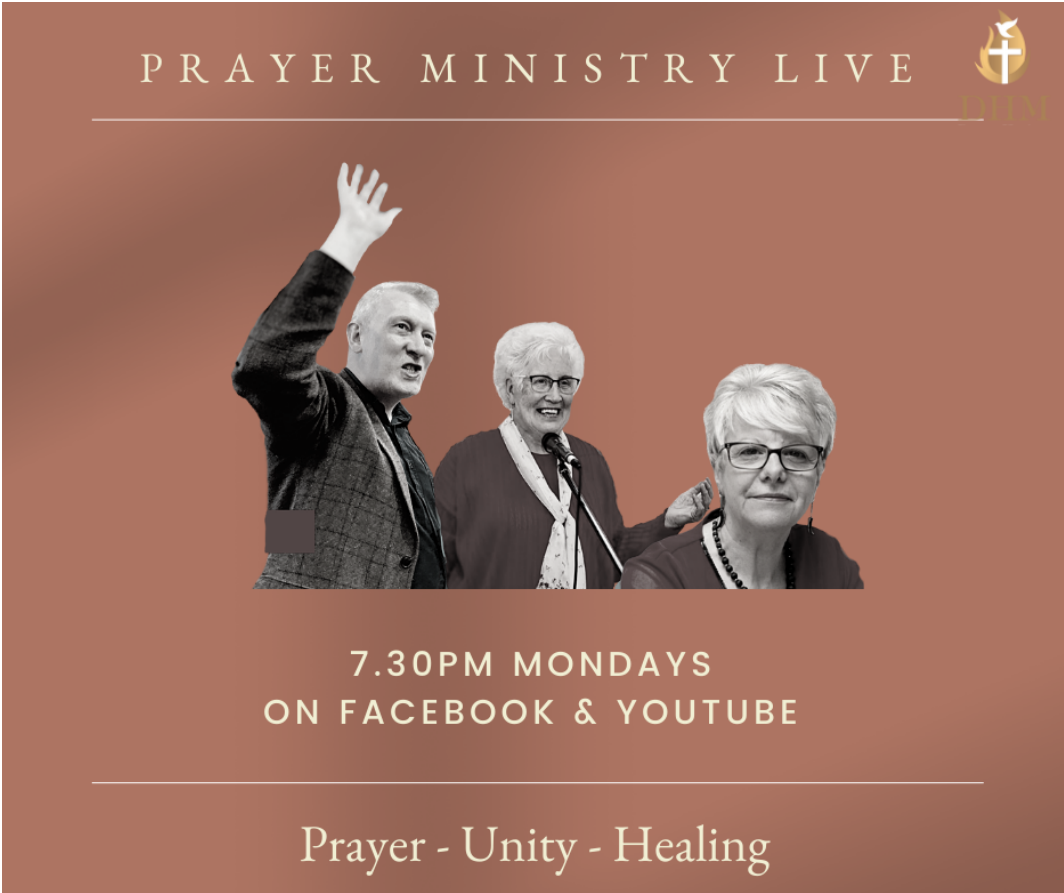
Image of the day – Binevenagh lake

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Binevenagh lake

Best approached from the inland road. There is car parking
Then have a picnic lunch on top overlooking the Magilligan
strand, Lough Foyle, the hills of Donegal and the Roe river
as it meanders to meet the Lough. Thanks to Franxiously for
the photography.

People and places



PRAYER MINISTRY LIVE

7.30PM MONDAYS
ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

Prayer - Unity - Healing

Livestream Prayer Ministry from Divine Healing Ministries

January 12, 2023

7.30pm Mondays on Facebook and YouTube

Facebook: cut & paste - <https://www.facebook.com/DivineHealingMinistries>

YouTube: Divine Healing Ministries DHM



Free bus service to Roselawn Cemetery

Belfast City Council posted - “Did you know we run a free bus service to Roselawn Cemetery for visitors aged 50+?

“Our wheelchair accessible shuttle runs on the first Tuesday and third Friday of each month. Call 028 9027 0296 to book a space.

For more info, including details of the bus pick-up points, visit council website -

<http://ow.ly/Qf0350JZ7pr>

Healing Service

"Living Hope in 2023"

7.30pm Tuesday 31st January

St. Finnian's Parish Church
Cregagh Park
Belfast

Bishop Harold Miller

Prayer Ministry and Anointing with Oil



National Churches Trust listing of Killinchy Parish Livingston Centre

The Livingston Centre at Killinchy Parish Church has now been listed on the National Churches Trust website. Why not pop in for coffee... Their coffee shop is open 10am to 12noon and 2-3pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Livingston Centre at Killinchy Parish Church is a local heritage centre which celebrates tells the transatlantic story of the Livingston family. Reverend John Livingston was the first Protestant rector of Killinchy in 1630. He was behind the

building of the Eagle Wing, the first recorded attempted sailing between Ulster and America. The Livingston family became one of the most influential families in American history and includes Presidents, a First Lady, Congressmen, Senators, Governors, businessmen, entrepreneurs and military heroes.

The Centre also covers other periods of history including the Celtic period, the Viking invasion, the Norman Conquest, the Ulster Plantation, 1798 Rebellion, 1859 Revival and the Ulster Covenant 1912.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/killinchy-parish-church>

News reports

Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 events in Northern Ireland

There are a number of events which are taking place in Northern Ireland this year to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2023.

Please note you should speak to the organisers directly to confirm details and make bookings.

For information regarding 20+ activities taking place across Northern Ireland over the next few weeks please take a look at the map here. Click on location marks:



<https://www.hmd.org.uk/take-part-in-holocaust-memorial-day/activities/>

Belfast event with speaker - Steven Jaffe

Date: Monday 23 January 2023 7.30pm

Venue: Clonard Monastery, Clonard Gardens, Belfast, BT13 2RL

Steven will discuss little-known connections between Belfast and the tragic events in Europe during World War Two. He will look in particular at people and places connected to the Jewish community, ranging from the Jewish section at City Cemetery to the Belfast Silk and Rayon factory on Waterford Street. Steven will tell the story of a heroic Belfast woman who dedicated her life to helping Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors.

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This event is free of charge. To book, please contact Donald Bell by emailing belldonald@belfastcity.gov.uk

The UK Online Commemoration for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 will be streamed on its website on Thursday 26 January at 7pm.

The Commemoration will feature survivors of the Holocaust and genocide, well known figures such as Sir David Suchet and Kirsty Wark, and ordinary people from across the UK. It is an opportunity to come together with friends, family and your community to learn about the past and to commit to stand against prejudice and hatred today.

Register to watch the Commemoration on 26 January.
www.hmd.org.uk

You can order a commemorative HMD candle when you register, to light in your window for the Light the Darkness national moment at 4pm on Holocaust Memorial Day.

Two of Ireland's oldest religious congregations withdraw from friaries around Ireland

Franciscans and Dominicans withdraw from locations where they had been since the 13th century

The new year is not yet a fortnight old and already Ireland's Franciscans have closed two of their oldest friaries in Ireland, each founded in the 13th century. Due to ageing membership and a lack of vocations, friaries at Athlone, Co

Westmeath, and Clonmel, Co Tipperary, marked their departures from both towns last Sunday with Masses of thanksgiving.

It followed announcements last autumn by Fr Aidan McGrath OFM, Minister Provincial of the Irish Franciscans. On September 5th last year he described as a “sad and difficult decision for us” to withdraw from Clonmel where there had been a Franciscan friary since 1269.

It also meant that their support for the Waterford Friary, which the Franciscans left in May 2019 but continued to support from Clonmel, would also end, he said. Fr McGrath thanked “our Friars and staff for the wonderful work they have done here (in Clonmel) and the relationships they have cultivated and developed in the local area.”

He regretted having to make the closure announcement “to the people of Clonmel who have prayed with us and supported us in so many ways over the centuries”.

Rare bible sells for £20,000 at Belfast auction house

A rare copy of the Bible has sold for £20,000 at auction in Belfast.

The Geneva Bible, which is believed to date back to 1615, attracted a lot of interest, auctioneer Karl Bennet said at the sale in the east of the city.

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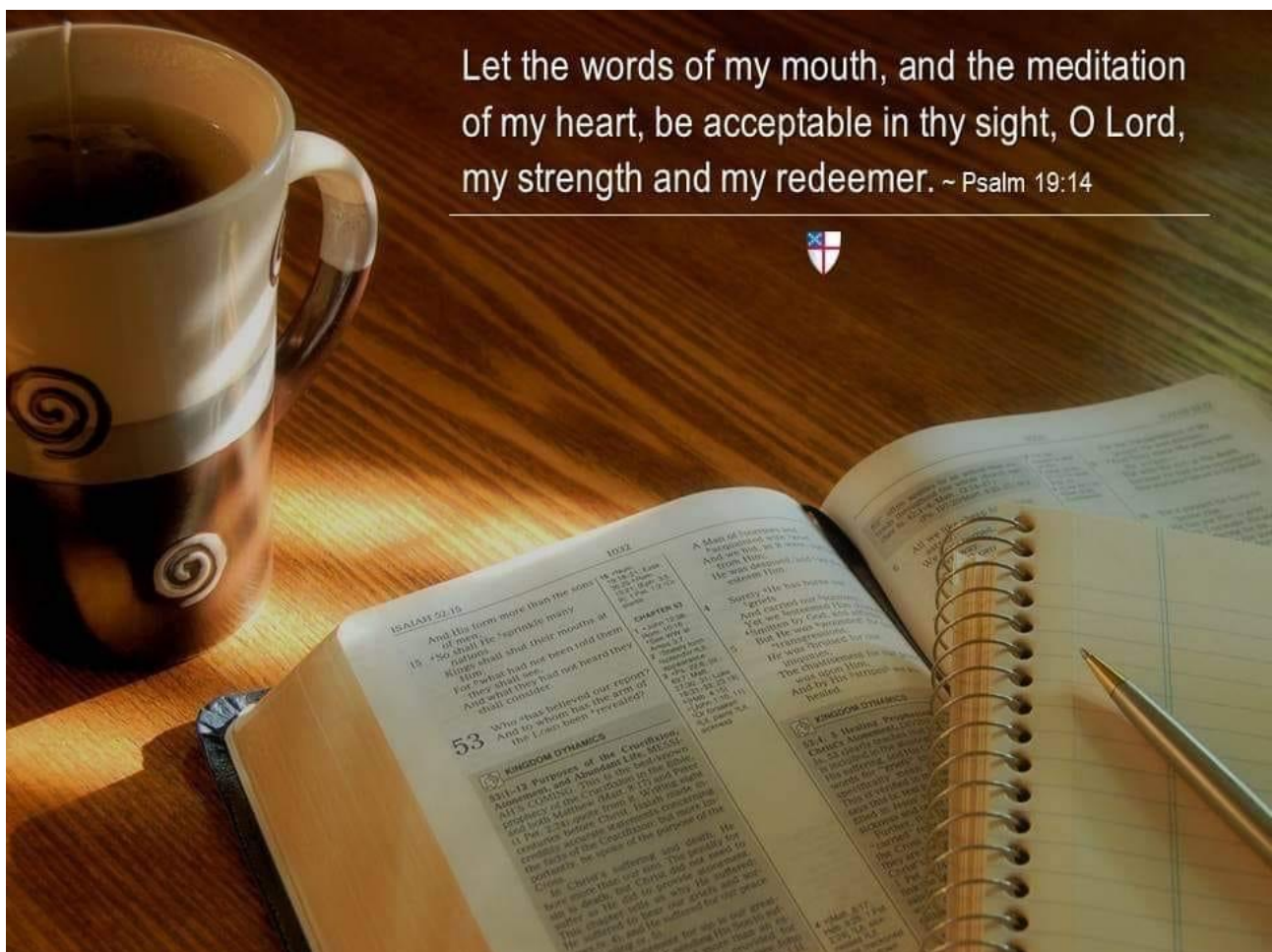
Bidding at Bloomfield Auctions started at £6,000 before swiftly reaching five figures and finishing with the winning bid of £20,000 on Tuesday afternoon.

This was almost twice what it had been expected to sell for.

The book is thought to have travelled from Devon with its former owner Elizabeth Pole in 1633 to what is now Massachusetts in the US, on the Speedwell pilgrim boat.

The Bible was presented to Elizabeth's father Sir William Pole by the Archbishop of Canterbury in recognition of his services to the Church and the poor of Devon.

The Geneva Bible has been described as one of the most historically significant translations of the Bible.



It was the first mechanically printed, mass-produced Bible available to the public and pre-dates the King James Bible by 50 years.

The auction copy was printed by Robert Baker, printer to Elizabeth I and James I and VI.

Copies of it were carried by the Pilgrims on the Mayflower to the New World.

The edition sold by Bloomfield Auctions was owned by Ms Pole, who travelled with her brother on the Speedwell to the Plymouth Colony in 1633 and founded the town of Taunton, Massachusetts.

She is believed to have been the first woman to establish a town in North America.

It remained in the possession of the Pole-Carew family until the mid-20th century when it was sold to a collector from Northern Ireland.

The Bible was sold as part of a private collection.

C of E 100 million pound fund to redress Church's past wrongs of slavery

The Archbishop of Canterbury has defended the establishment of a £100 million fund to “address past wrongs of slavery” during a time of financial crisis among parishes.

The Church Commissioners, who handle more than £10 billion of assets for the Church of England, announced their pledge for a new fund yesterday after the publication of

a report which revealed that much of the institution's wealth originates from the transatlantic slave trade.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, acknowledged that the £100 million injection comes amid mounting concern over parishes' "stretched" finances, but insisted that "it is now time to take action to address our shameful past".

He made the comments after The Daily Telegraph revealed in 2020 that countryside parishes were facing multi-million pound debt and struggling to pay their vicars, as clergy and laypeople voiced their fears over the "collapse" of the Church of England in rural communities.

34,000

The number of slaves transported by the South Sea Company, which had links to the Church of England

After the fund was announced, parishioners and clergy criticised the Archbishop for "suddenly" having "around £100 million behind the back of the sofa" when vicars were losing their jobs and parishes were being merged.

However, the Church Commissioners said that it was vital to redress the "shameful and horrific sin" of exploiting and owning human lives for profit.

They added that the money would pay for a programme of investment, research and engagement and that this would include funding to support "communities affected by historic slavery" as well as funding to pay for further research into dioceses', cathedrals' and parishes' historic links with

slavery. The Church's endowment fund can be traced back to 1704 when Queen Anne's Bounty was established to help support impoverished clergy. These funds were subsumed into the Church Commissioners' endowment when it was created in 1948.

Last year, the Church announced for the first time – “and with great dismay” – that the Bounty had invested significant amounts of its funds in the South Sea Company, which was



founded in 1711 and shipped enslaved people from Africa across the Atlantic.

The report estimated that the South Sea Company transported 34,000 slaves “in crowded, unsanitary, unsafe and inhumane conditions” during its 30 years of operation. The Archbishop said: “I am deeply sorry for these links. It is now time to address our shameful past.”

Rev Marcus Walker, founder of the Save The Parish (STP) campaign group, said: “Suddenly the Church has money. After decades of telling us that there is no money to fund the churches and priests who keep the Church alive on the front line, suddenly they’ve found £100 million behind the back of the sofa. Only last year they told us they couldn’t afford to fund the £12 million which would have cleared all the deficits run up by churches which were caused by Covid, or the £24 million which would clear the deficits in dioceses. How can the Church have the brass neck ever to ask for another penny from its parishes again?”

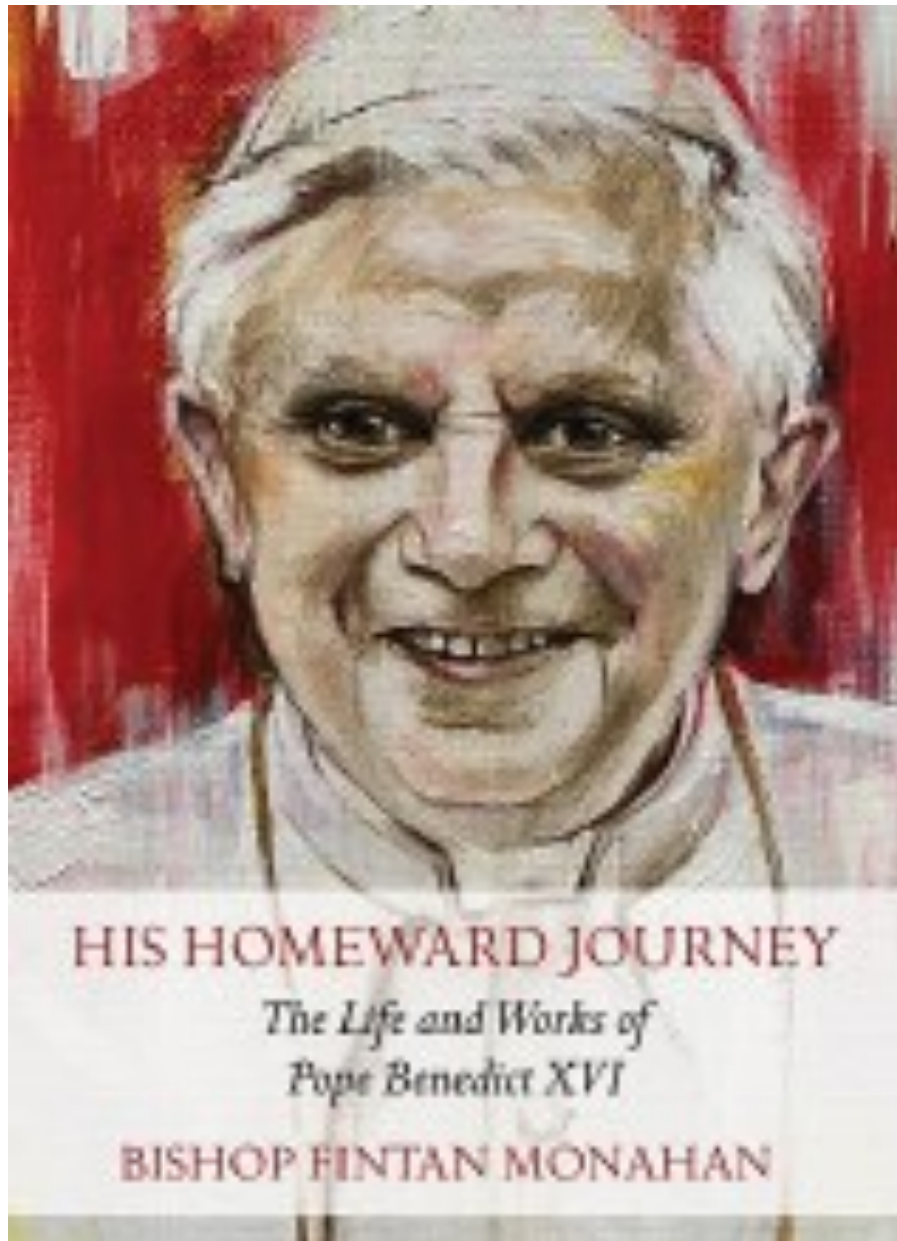
In May, archbishops admitted that they “got it wrong” by not prioritising rural parishes over city churches, as they announced new funding worth £3.6 billion, with a significant proportion to be channelled into the “revitalisation of parish and local ministry”.

However, STP campaigners described this as “a promise we don’t really believe”, adding: “Show us the money.”

See -

[\[https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/church-commissioners-publishes-full-report-historic-links-transatlantic\]](https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/church-commissioners-publishes-full-report-historic-links-transatlantic)

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



**Book - His Homeward Journey
The Life and Works of Pope Benedict XVI by Bishop
Fintan Monahan**

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In His Homeward Journey: The Life and Works of Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Fintan Monahan takes a fresh look at the life and impact of Pope Benedict XVI, from his early life through his career as a respected theologian, his papacy (2005–13) and time as pope emeritus. Written in an accessible style, this book provides an introduction to Pope Benedict's writings, highlighting the most important texts from his prolific career as a theologian, spiritual writer, teacher and man of God.

Bishop Monahan explores Pope Benedict's relationship with his family, friends and his former students to give a rare glimpse into the private side of this scholar-pope. Pope Benedict was sometimes regarded as a divisive figure, and his career and papacy were not without controversy, but he contributed greatly to the Catholic Church and, above all, he was deeply committed to the Church and its founder, Jesus Christ.

Fintan Monahan is bishop of Killaloe, based in Ennis, Co. Clare. His previous books include: *A Perfect Peace: Newman, Saint for Our Time* (2019), *Peace Smiles: Rediscovering Thomas Merton* (2020) and *Peace Apart: Lasting Impressions of C.S. Lewis* (2022).

Publisher: Veritas Publications. Delivery: Mid January
€9.99

Introduction to Prayer Ministry training

The Methodist Church invites - Explore what it means to pray with others, to intercede on someone's behalf, and to help those who want to respond and spend time in God's



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to receive
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peace,
comfort
and
healing.

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'Introduction to Prayer Ministry' training is open to all who desire to learn more about this ministry, for refresher training, and will equip participants to provide prayer ministry in a church, event or community setting.

Register and find out more at: bit.ly/3SziD04

Saturday 4th February, 2023 – Darling Street Methodist Church

Saturday 6th May, 2023 – Dundrum Methodist Church

C of I Young Leaders in Ministry Fund

CIYD's Young Leaders in Ministry Fund is once again open for applications with the next closing date coming up on Friday, 27th January.



The fund is open to young people aged between 15 and 25 years who can demonstrate a current involvement in the Church of Ireland. It seeks to support training and development courses, mission teams, leadership opportunities and placements.

An application form (in PDF format) can be downloaded here:

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/news/Press/2023/Young-Leaders-Application-Form2023.pdf>

Please send all completed applications by post to: Young Leaders in Ministry Fund, CIYD, Church of Ireland House, 61–67 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2QH, or by email to admin@ciyd.org

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For any further information or questions, please email
Simon Henry at simon@ciyd.org

Poem for today



Winter Song by Wilfred Owen

The browns, the olives, and the yellows died,
And were swept up to heaven; where they glowed
Each dawn and set of sun till Christmastide,
And when the land lay pale for them, pale-snowed,
Fell back, and down the snow-drifts flamed and flowed.

From off your face, into the winds of winter,
The sun-brown and the summer-gold are blowing;
But they shall gleam with spiritual glinter,
When paler beauty on your brows falls snowing,
And through those snows my looks shall be soft-going.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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