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**Image of the day – Looking forward to Lambeth**

# Looking forward to Lambeth



## Discipleship is one of the main themes of the Lambeth Conference

**How do we call and equip the whole people of God to live lives shaped by Jesus?**

Discipleship will be one of the main themes explored at the Lambeth Conference and this plenary session will help

bishops understand what aspects of discipleship look like in the Anglican Communion today.

We look forward to hearing from our contributors; The Revd Canon John Kafwanka, Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church, England, The Rt Revd Ng Moon Hing, Co-Chair of the Anglican Communion Commission on Evangelism and Discipleship, The Most Revd Michael Curry, Primate of TEC, The Most Revd Dr Howard Gregory, Primate of West Indies and The Rt Revd Dr Eleanor Sanderson, Wellington.

For more information, download the Lambeth Conference delegate guide: [ <https://bit.ly/3bRqTEU> ]

## Lambeth growth

**Did you know that just 76 bishops accepted the primate's invitation to the first every Lambeth Conference in 1867?**

This year, over 650 bishops will travel to the conference and will represent dioceses and Christian communities from around 165 countries of the Anglican Communion.

## Lambeth Calls: A message to bishops attending the Lambeth Conference from Archbishop of Canterbury

**Ahead of the Lambeth Conference which begins in Canterbury next week, Archbishop Justin Welby has written this message to bishops as they read and pray**



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**about the Lambeth Calls that will be discussed during the conference.**

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am greatly looking forward to being with you in Canterbury next week. As you set out on your journeys from around the

**SUNDAY 24 JULY**

**BBC4** 9  
24 in Scotland

**BBC Proms**  
8.00pm Barry Wordsworth conducts pieces old and new for royal occasions



**7.00pm Lucy Worsley: Elizabeth I's Battle for God's Music**  
Lucy Worsley explains how, 500 years ago, the Reformation led to the birth of choral evensong. When Henry VIII split from the Catholic Church, the forces he unleashed put the religious music he loved under threat. But when Elizabeth took the throne, she resolved to restore the music she and her father adored.  
Director/Producer Chloe Penman

**Regional variations**

**BBC1 WALES**  
12 noon Wedding Day Curves: Our Lives: following the customers and owners of a Belfast bridal shop catering exclusively for plus-size brides  
12.30–1.00pm Kiri's TV Flashback: Kiri Pritchard-McLean reveals Wales's pet hates and irritations

**LONDON LIVE**  
F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin 159  
6.00am London's Weekend  
7.00 Coastal Railways with Julie Walters (R)  
8.00 Inside Tatler (R)  
9.00 My Greek Odyssey (R)  
10.00 David Attenborough's Life on Earth (R)  
11.00 FILM: Avala



world, I thank God for this opportunity to be together in prayer, study and conversation.

This year's Lambeth Conference will be focussed on the major global crises of our time, their impact on the most vulnerable, and our Gospel imperative to serve a world in need. This is a historic opportunity to hear from each other about the opportunities and challenges we face in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in our diverse contexts around the world – and to pray for and affirm each other in those ministries.

I know that many of you are reading and praying about the draft Lambeth Calls that have been published this week – and they are naturally the subject of debate ahead of the conference. Indeed, these Calls have grown out of a



process of discussion and encounter with one another. They are informed by the insights and themes of the online video conversations between bishops across the world over the past year. They have been drafted by a diverse group of Anglicans – male and female, lay and ordained, from different generations and from every part of the Communion. They are one part of a process that began before this part of the Conference, and will continue long after it formally finishes, as every Province discerns its own response to the Calls in their own contexts.

As you prepare your hearts and minds for this gathering, I pray that we all reflect on the draft Call on Anglican Identity, which states that Anglicans “belong to a tradition that seeks faithfulness to God in richly diverse cultures, distinct human experiences, and deep disagreements.” That call also states: “The Anglican Communion is a gift from God. Governed by Scripture, affirming the ancient creeds, sacramentally centered, and episcopally led – Anglicans seek to be faithful to God in their agreement and in their disagreements.”

Without ignoring those things on which we deeply disagree, I pray that we will approach this gathering with an even deeper sense of what unites us: the love of Jesus Christ and his calling to serve God’s world.

Be assured of my continuing prayers for you all – now and in the weeks to come.

Yours as ever in the peace of Christ,

++Justin

## **Comment on Lambeth Bait-and-switch Lambeth Conference**

**by John Harvey Taylor of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles**

**You think it's hot in London this week? Wait until next week in Canterbury.**

Beginning Wednesday and continuing through Aug. 7, bishops from around the Anglican Communion are gathering for the Lambeth conference — and it's evidently not going to be quite the opportunity for fellowship, listening, learning, and healing planners have led us to expect.

Usually held every ten years, Lambeth skipped 2018, because the communion had a fever over LGBTQ+ issues, and then 2020, because the whole world got sick from COVID. In the year-long run-up to this summer's gathering, planners have been cooing in our ears about fellowship and diligent study of 1 Peter, which Archbishop of Canterbury Justin selected as our text. It would be, we were told, a time of gracious reconciliation and relationship-building.

Only this week does word come that we'll be issued electronic voting devices and asked, among other things, to vote on (they call it "affirm," so I guess they're electronic affirmation devices) Lambeth's notorious, communion-rivening statement in 1998, known as Lambeth I.10, that biblical marriage can only be between a man and a woman. If we don't vote yes, we can vote that a question needs

more discernment. As of now, we won't be able to stand up decisively for people's God-given human rights and vote no.

My colleague and friend Bishop Susan Brown Snook of The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego was among the first, if not the first, to spot it. The word is spreading quickly that the Kumbaya Lambeth is actually a bait-and-switch Lambeth, with moderate and progressive Anglicans and Episcopalians about to arrive in Canterbury as credulous props for what is likely to be a majority vote against marriage equity. The news is buried in a 58-page document, "Lambeth Calls," written by male bishops and emailed this week, just in time to be printed and tucked into our luggage, if not actually read. Some bishops have already set off. I fly Monday afternoon.

Lambeth doesn't legislate or set policy. But that won't matter to a global audience that is likely to read that a majority of Anglican bishops refused to affirm the dignity of every human being. It's exactly the wrong message to a world in agony. It's the opposite of the Christian values of healing and reconciliation. It divides, hurts, scapegoats, and denies. It tempts younger people to flee faith and serves no one but the gods of secularization, who are lying in wait for the whole world.

In the wake of the news, should it come, The Episcopal Church will again have to work hard to remind people that we don't read the Bible literally, divorced from its historic rootedness — that slowly but surely, across generations, we have moved away from arguing that the word of God countenances slavery, misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia. Slowly but surely, we've by and large adopted



the view that our God in Christ loves, affirms, and elects all those whom God has made, across all expressions of orientation and identification.

I also feel bad for more conservative Episcopal bishops who, at our General Convention in 2018, embraced an historic compromise on marriage equity, in which our own the Rev. Canon Susan Russell in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles played a decisive role. Without denying their belief in traditional marriage, these bishops generously acknowledged a pastoral responsibility to make sure that all people in their dioceses, irrespective of orientation, had access to the marriage rite in the parishes they love. As a result, we have achieved considerable unity in spite of substantial diversity of opinion. Now these bishops are being dragged back into the same old wearying binary argument.

It was bad enough that spouses of gay bishops weren't invited to Lambeth. Our Anglican Communion office hosts intimated that this was their grudging accommodation to conservative bishops around the world. It's harder to believe that proposition now that "Lambeth Calls" is out of the closet.

No matter how much we debate during the conference, we won't change one another's minds on this question. In such situations, the holy and logical move is to common ground. It's what we all prayed for in anticipation of this conference. Instead, someone decided that it will be good for the body of Christ to have us turn away from communion-building conversations about poverty, global warming, war, and peace and argue like it's 1998. From - The Bishop's Blog.

## People and places

### Coleraine MU member celebrates her 100th birthday

**The Rector of Killowen has been to visit one of his parishioners who was celebrating a special occasion - her 100th birthday.**



Mrs Jean Jackson - a loving mother, grandmother and four-times great grandmother - was born at Muckamore in County Antrim on 22nd July 1922. She has been a lifelong member of Mothers' Union in both Muckamore and Killeen parishes. Jean is a gifted knitter and avid reader, and has very clear views on the royals, current affairs, church life and gardening.

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Rev Donard Collins brought Mrs Jackson birthday greetings from her fellow parishioners . Jean showed Rev Collins her 100th birthday message from Her Majesty The Queen and told him that she had begun again to read her bible from cover to cover. Despite her great age, she had been able walk into Killowen Parish Church unaided, last Sunday.

Jean is celebrating her centenary at home today with her son Terry and his wife Edna, along with many of her extended family and generations. Terry is a former Senior League cricketer at the Muckamore club.

Jean's late husband served as an RAF ground crew technician during and after the Battle of Britain.

## Holiday bible club at Carrickfergus







**Holy Trinity Woodburn organised a holiday bible club this week.**

The Diocesan Children's Ministry officer commented "What a fantastic bunch of children and inspiring leaders! Don't think we have ever seen leaders getting quite so into the action songs and we absolutely loved it".

## **Sharing the Good News, July 2022**

**The July 2022 issue of Sharing the Good News, the Catholic bishops newsletter for parishes and dioceses is now available featuring:**

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## Sharing the Good News

NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

### National Novena at Knock Shrine to host a 'Synod Tent'

The Church's Synodal Pathway, which continues its work of renewal in Ireland, and throughout the world, will feature at this year's National Novena at Knock Shrine with the introduction of a 'Synod Tent', where members of the public will be invited to learn more about the Synod.

This year's Novena will take place from Sunday 14 - Monday 22 August, offering pilgrims nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with their faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'.

Commenting about the Novena, Fr Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector at the Shrine said, "The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. So many of the people who joined us online over the course of the pandemic are now coming back to visit the Shrine which is great to see. The Novena is always a very special highlight of the year, and we are delighted to be able to proceed with it this year. We look to the future with the hope of renewal, for God's guidance and pray that this Novena will offer pilgrims the chance for thought-provoking reflection and discussion." For more on this year's Novena see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### Photos from National Pre-Synodal Assembly

The official photos from the National Pre-Synodal Assembly which took place in Athlone and Clonmacnoise on Saturday 18 June are available to view now on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

You can see a selection from the event on page 5.

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National Novena at Knock Shrine to host a 'Synod Tent';  
Photos from the National Pre-Synodal Assembly;  
Families take centre stage at the World Meeting of Families in Rome;  
Archbishop Dermot Farrell welcomes Apostolic Visitor for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic faithful in Ireland;  
We will continue to advocate that both lives matter – Archbishop Martin at Rally for Life 2022;  
Season of Creation Resources now available;  
Reek Sunday Pilgrimage to go ahead in traditional format this year ;  
Grandparents and the elderly need to know they are valued and cherished – Bishop Nulty;  
News in pictures:

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National Pre-Synodal Assembly in Athlone and Clonmacnoise.

Click here for link to download the July issue:

[\[https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/07/21/sharing-the-good-news-july-2022/\]](https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/07/21/sharing-the-good-news-july-2022/)

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## Build your own Cathedral in Kilkenny

### Comment from St Canice's -

“Our visitors young and old, near and far always love when they be apart of our story in St Canice's Cathedral, and when you get a

chance to build your own Cathedral even better...

“This week we saw Erik and Ingrid M Dirksen from Denmark/Spain smile with joy after they build a Cathedral for the first time”.

## Harp and Crown-Remember Irish service

If you are in London on the 23rd of September there is a concert to commemorate the disbandment of the 5 Southern Irish Infantry Regiment's and the South Irish Horse.

THE ROYAL MILITARY CHAPEL (GUARDS' CHAPEL)

PRESENTS

# THE HARP & CROWN

*by the Band of the Irish Guards*

*Director of Music: Captain Peter Brydon*

A CONCERT TO COMMEMORATE THE  
DISBANDED IRISH REGIMENTS  
OF THE BRITISH ARMY



**Friday 23rd September 2022 at 7pm**

**at The Royal Military Chapel (Guards' Chapel)**  
*Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, SW1E 6HQ*

**FREE ADMISSION**



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@IrishGuardsBand



**The Band of the Irish Guards are holding this event at the Guards Chapel Wellington Barracks London. It is free entrance to the concert and it will start at 19:00hrs.**

# Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

**APPLY BEFORE 31 JULY**

to ensure all is in place for the start of the new school year.



## Education allowances reminder for parents in Northern Ireland

Eligible parents should apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance before the end of July to ensure all is in place for the start of the new school year.

## Vacancies

**RBAI are recruiting for a range of support roles in Comms/Marketing, Science & Technology and Teaching Assistants**





All details: <http://rbai.org.uk/page/Recruitment/4923/Index.html>

Employee Benefits at RBAI:

Generous paid annual leave in excess of statutory leave –  
for FTE: 14 Customary holidays and 23 annual leave days

Free parking on site

Access to generous pension (NILGOSC pension employer  
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Pension Paid to you in retirement, including on redundancy  
and ill-health.

Lump Sum Payable to your beneficiary if you die.

Survivors' Pensions Payable to your civil partner, spouse or  
eligible cohabiting partner and eligible children.

Occupational sick scheme in excess of statutory  
requirements

Up to 50% discount on fees at RBAI and Inchmarlo

Free access to Gym (times to be confirmed)

Free access to Swimming pool (times to be confirmed)

Family leave (includes maternity, paternity, adoption and surrogacy) in excess of statutory requirements

Access to Employers to Childcare Scheme

Staff development days annually

Contribution towards cost of external training

Access to Inspire Workplace (delivering mental health wellbeing and support in the workplace)

Access to portable ICT equipment

## Poem for today

### Father and Son

by Frederick Robert Higgins

Only last week, walking the hushed fields  
Of our most lovely Meath, now thinned by November,  
I came to where the road from Laracor leads  
To the Boyne river-that seems more lake than river,  
Stretched in uneasy light and stript of reeds.

And walking longside an old weir  
Of my people's, where nothing stirs-only the shadowed  
Leaden flight of a heron up the lean air-  
I went unmanly with grief, knowing how my father,  
Happy though captive in years, walked last with me there.

Yes, happy in Meath with me for a day  
He walked, taking stock of herds hid in their own breathing;  
And naming colts, gusty as wind, once steered by his hand,  
Lightnings winked in the eyes that were half shy in greeting  
Old friends-the wild blades, when he gallivanted the land.

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For that proud, wayward man now my heart breaks-  
Breaks for that man whose mind was a secret eyrie,  
Whose kind hand was sole signet of his race,  
Who curbed me, scorned my green ways, yet increasingly  
loved me  
Till Death drew its grey blind down his face.

And yet I am pleased that even my reckless ways  
Are living shades of his rich calms and passions-  
Witnesses for him and for those faint namesakes  
With whom now he is one, under yew branches,  
Yes, one in a graven silence no bird breaks.

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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