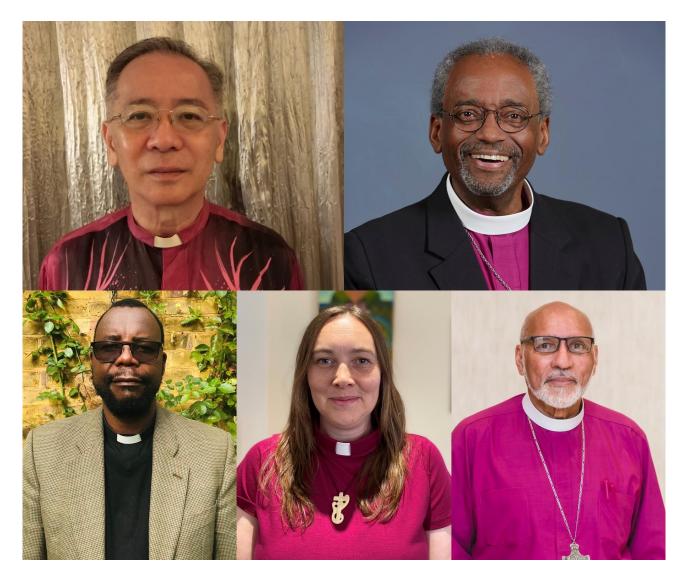
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**Image of the day - Looking forward to Lambeth** 

### **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

### 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





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.

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 in now available featuring:





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 Visitator 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:

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-thegood-news-july-2022/]







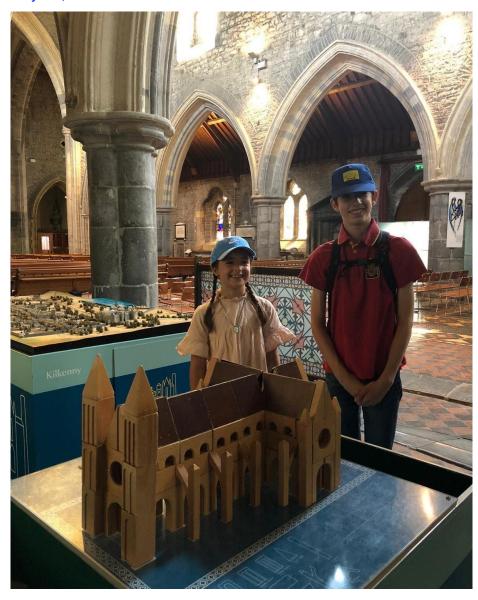
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### Build your own Cathedral in Kilkenny

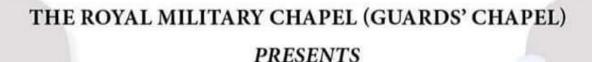
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chance to build your own Cathedral even better...

"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 HARP & CROWN

by the Band of the Irish Guards Director of Music: Captain Peter Brydon

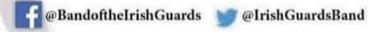
A CONCERT TO COMMEMORATE THE DISBANDED IRISH REGIMENTS OF THE BRITISH ARMY



### Friday 23rd September 2022 at 7pm

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

FREE ADMISSION







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: <a href="http://rbai.org.uk/page/Recruitment/4923/">http://rbai.org.uk/page/Recruitment/4923/</a> Index.html

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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)

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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.

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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