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### Leaving Dublin for Lambeth

Archbishop Jackson is commissioned by members of Holy Trinity Rathmines ahead of Lambeth 2022. See page 18

## People and places

### Derry songsters in National Youth Choir of NI

**Elliot and Clark McClintock from St Columb's School of Music completed a very successful week with the National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland - Junior Choir.**

The week involved quite an extensive

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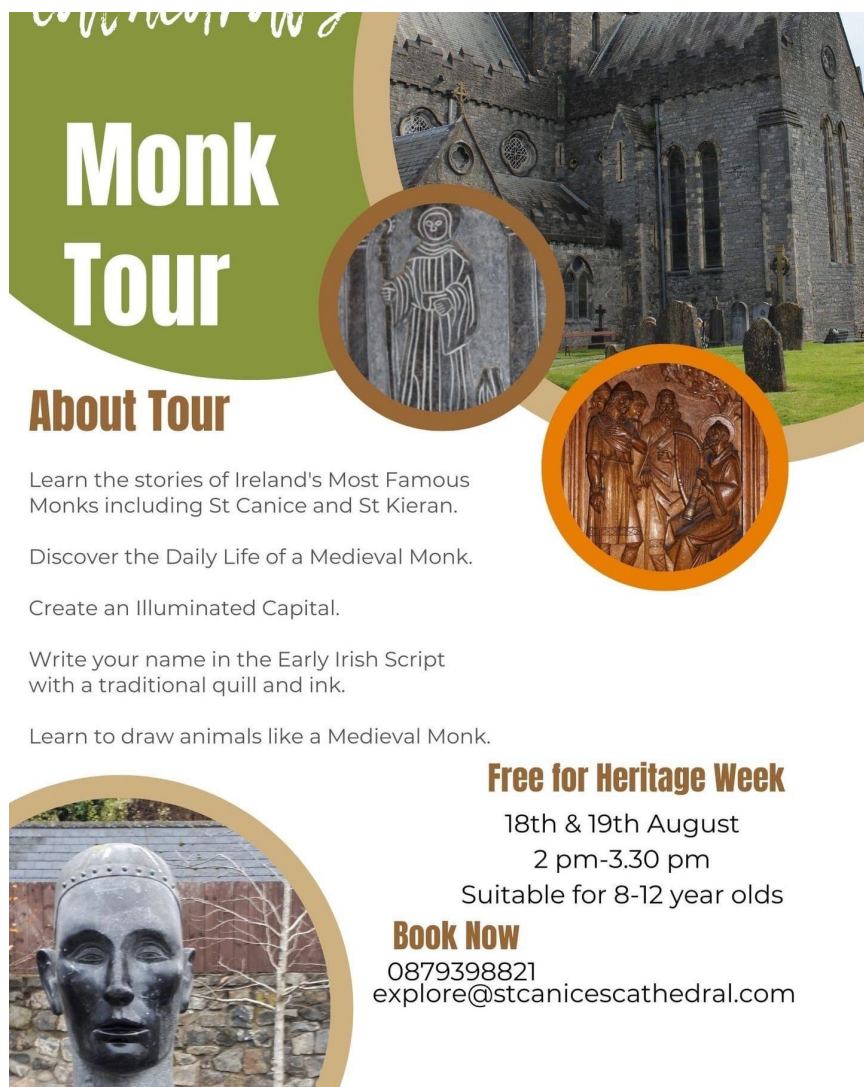


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choral schedule at Campbell College, Belfast, concluding with a concert this evening.

It illustrates not only Elliot and Clark's talent in music but also their attitude and commitment towards it. Well done, boys for representing the School of Music.

## St Canice's Monk Tour feature of Heritage Week

The graphic features a green banner with the text 'Monk Tour' in white. Below it, a list of activities is provided. To the right, there are three circular images: a stone relief of a monk, a wooden relief of monks, and a stone bust of a monk. The background of the graphic shows the exterior of St. Canice's Cathedral.

**Monk Tour**

**About Tour**

- Learn the stories of Ireland's Most Famous Monks including St Canice and St Kieran.
- Discover the Daily Life of a Medieval Monk.
- Create an Illuminated Capital.
- Write your name in the Early Irish Script with a traditional quill and ink.
- Learn to draw animals like a Medieval Monk.

**Free for Heritage Week**

18th & 19th August  
2 pm-3.30 pm  
Suitable for 8-12 year olds

**Book Now**  
0879398821  
[explore@stcanicescathedral.com](mailto:explore@stcanicescathedral.com)

**For Heritage Week this year St Canice's are running some great tours. On the 18th & 19th August at 2pm it is their Monk Tour.**

Participants can learn the stories of Ireland's most famous Monks, including St Canice and St Kieran. These will be interactive tours with lots to

see and do. This FREE Tours is suitable for 8-12 year old. To find out more and book your place call 087 9398821 or [explore@stcanicescathedral.com](mailto:explore@stcanicescathedral.com)

## **Restructuring of Belfast Cathedral Music Department**

**The following statement was issued by the Dean and the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Belfast Cathedral:**

It is with considerable regret that, owing to the difficult financial circumstances in which Belfast Cathedral continues to find itself, the Dean and Board will now commence a restructuring of the Music Department at Belfast Cathedral.

This will include a move away from a paid, professional adult choir to a voluntary adult choir. In addition, the full-time role of Director of Music will be made redundant and will be replaced by a part-time Cathedral Choir Director. These changes will come into effect from 01 September, 2022.

The Dean and Board of Belfast Cathedral wish to record their sincere gratitude and thanks to Matthew Owens, who has been Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral since September 2019. Alongside founding and developing Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir, Matthew's leadership and vision have seen Belfast Cathedral Choir attain new levels of excellence in supporting the worshipping life of this place, and enjoy considerable international repute through its Resonus Classics recordings.

Matthew will be greatly missed, and we wish him and his family every continued success.



## **Aspiring young leaders in Connor encouraged to sign up for SERVE**

**Connor Diocese is running the SERVE programme for young people (age 15-19) again in 2022.**

The course prepares young people who are exploring leadership in their local parish context, and is a great opportunity to meet new people and develop character traits which are invaluable in leadership. SERVE will include eight sessions and a Graduation event. It will begin on Thursday September 29. Each session will run from 6pm-9pm in The Hub Chaplaincy, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast on the following dates September 29, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, and November 10, 17 and 24. Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions and there is some preparatory work for each session.

SERVE fees are £50 per participant to cover dinner each week, handbook, and sweatshirt as well as the graduation ceremony and certificate. Participants can apply to the CIYD Young Leaders Fund for support with the cost. The SERVE Graduation will take place on Thursday December 1 from 7.30pm for participants to attend with friends, family, leaders and clergy.





## The Novena at Knock Shrine is back

**From 14 - 22 August  
9 Days of Prayer  
Ceremonies at 3pm  
& 8pm**

Daily Guest Speakers  
Synod Tent where you  
can 'Have Your Say'  
Day of Prayer for  
Peace in Ukraine  
Family Day 21 Aug



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YOUTH CUE PRESENTS

# THE CUE CHORAL AMBASSADORS IN CONCERT

WITH THE PINK LADIES CHOIR

SUNDAY 31 JULY | 2 PM  
ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

The CUE Choral Ambassadors is a chamber choir (16 singers) comprised of university music majors from across the USA, touring Ireland this summer and visiting Christ Church (Dublin), St. Columb's Cathedral (Derry), St. Mary's Cathedral (Limerick), Belfast Castle, the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (Athlone) and St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin).

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**Pink Ladies**  
Cancer Charity

 **ST. COLUMB'S**  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC



**Looking forward to hearing The Cue Choral Ambassadors from the USA along with the local Pink Ladies Choir next Sunday at 2pm. All welcome.**





## David Trimble had ‘profound belief in inherent decency of Ulster life’, says Lord Eames

**David Trimble had a “profound belief in the inherent decency of Ulster life”, the Anglican bishop and life peer Lord Eames has said.**

The former primate of All Ireland and archbishop of Armagh, who like the late Lord Trimble was closely involved in the Drumcree controversy in the 1990s and debated often with the former UUP leader in the House of Lords, was amongst several prominent clerics to offer words of tribute following Lord Trimble’s death.

In a statement to the News Letter, Lord Eames said: “Beyond the ups and downs of political life David had a profound belief in the inherent decency of Ulster life.

“His courage when the opportunity to build peace presented itself will long be remembered.”



He continued: “In all his endeavours the support of his wife Daphne was immense. In the past few years as a member of the House of Lords David was a fearless advocate for Northern Ireland’s place in the United Kingdom.”

**The Rev Dr David Clements**, convenor of the Methodist Church in Ireland’s Council on Social Responsibility, said: “His contribution to political life, both locally and internationally, was considerable and his status as a significant political thinker will, I believe, be upheld by history.”

## **Tribute: Martin Howe - creator of the RSCM’s Chorister Training Scheme**

**It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Martin How, long-time RSCM staff member and supporter.**

Often referred to as the best Cathedral Organist Great Britain never had, Martin was the son of the ex–Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, he was educated at Repton School and Clare College, Cambridge, where he was organ scholar.

Martin then spent one term as a student at RSCM St Nicolas College in Canterbury before starting his National Service. Martin recalls that he was away at Sedgefield with the army when he was able to get special permission in the summer of 1954 to visit Addington Palace with a view to restarting his studies on completion of National Service. He arrived at Addington in January 1955, and clearly



remembers the warm welcome he received, especially from Peter White. By September of the same year, he was invited to become a member of staff, taking over from Hubert Crook as Headquarters' Choirmaster. He was also organist of St John's, Selsdon, appointed in January 1958 (with the vicar acting as choirmaster) and then of St Mildred's in Addiscombe.

Amongst many other initiatives, Martin started the Chorister Training Scheme, launched in December 1965 during the St Nicolastide celebrations. The CTS scheme obviously fulfilled a need, for, within a year, 2000 enquiries were received. The scheme has had a significant impact on musical development of countless young singers; its successor, the Voice for Life scheme, continues to the present day.



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Following a period as Organist and Choirmaster at Grimsby Parish Church from the summer of 1961, Martin returned in August 1964 to Addington Palace having been offered the post of Headquarters Commissioner, and then in January 1968, as Headquarters Choirmaster — once again. In September 1970 he was able to resume his duties as Headquarters Commissioner when Colin Yorke was appointed Resident Choirmaster. In 1971 Martin was appointed Commissioner for the South and he retired from this role at the end of August 1992, though continued in the part-time (3 days a week) role as Special Advisor. He had previously moved out of Addington Palace in 1989 into his own flat. His final 'retirement' was in April 1994, but he still lived in his South Croydon flat and maintained strong links with Croydon Parish Church.



## **EDUCATION ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND: COMPARING SYSTEMS AND OUTCOMES**

09 August 2022

11.00am-12.30pm

St Mary's University College, Belfast

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### **CHAired BY:**

Kathleen O'Hare, IEF Director

### **Register now:**



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Following his retirement in 1992, Her Majesty the Queen Mother wrote to congratulate and thank Martin How for his work, and he was made MBE in the 1993 New Year Honours List for his 'Services to Church Music'.

Martin How, MBE, MA, ARCM, LRAM, FRCO(CHM), LTCL, FGCM, FRSCM: b. 1931, Liverpool. d. 2022, Croydon.

## Lambeth Focus

### Bishops from around world gather for 15th Lambeth Conference: climate change, war and poverty on agenda

**From across the 165 countries of the Anglican Communion, bishops are gathering in Canterbury today to pray, study scripture, discuss global challenges and seek God's direction for the decade ahead.**

The Lambeth Conference 2022, which runs until August 7, is only the 15th such global gathering of Anglican bishops in 155 years.

The event was postponed from 2020 because of the Covid 19 pandemic and takes place against a backdrop of global uncertainty – including the climate emergency, war and poverty.

Taking as their theme "God's Church for God's World", the bishops will spend time praying and studying the Bible together (focussing on the book of 1 Peter) as well as discussing major challenges faced by their global





## Bishops arriving at Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference

communities – ranging from climate change and scientific progress to Christian Unity and inter-faith relations.

## Letter to delegates from the Archbishop of Canterbury

In a letter to delegates the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, described the conference as a “historic occasion” and spoke of Jesus’ call for his followers to be united.

He wrote: “Two years ago, we could hardly have believed the course of world events that was about to unfold with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This, along with the ongoing challenges like the climate emergency, war and conflict in many countries and the huge inequalities of our world, continue to have a deep: impact on us all.

“As we gather for the 15th Lambeth Conference, the privilege and responsibility of meeting feels even more significant.

“The business of this conference is to discern the Holy Spirit’s directing in what it means to be ‘God’s Church for God’s World’, as we seek to ‘walk, listen and witness together.’

“We are living at a time where there is much to fragment and divide the world – but Christ calls his Church to be one in witness and in worship so that Jesus is presented to the world.”

He went on to describe how 1 Peter sets out how the early Christian Church faced “suffering, despair, joy, exile and alienation” adding: “As we embark upon our journey together in 2022, we pray for God’s Holy Spirit to guide us, as we seek God’s will for the global witness of the Anglican Communion in the decade ahead.”

In his foreword to the Conference guide, Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, wrote: “The drumbeat to our conference is ‘walking, listening and witnessing together’.





The Mothers' Union will be meeting bishops at their stall in the main conference hall

“These words reflect perhaps Christ’s greatest challenge to the Church: To be one. To live as a united body, in service to Christ and to one another.

“As we gather in 2022, may we commit ourselves to this significant moment as an opportunity to listen to one another, learn from the diversity of our communities and church experiences and seek to serve one another.”

The postponement in 2020 enabled the Conference plans to be redesigned as a three-phase process, designed to create lasting outcomes, both for the churches of the Communion and for the communities they serve.

The period since 2020 has been a time of “walking together” when bishops have been meeting together for online conversations about themes relevant to the Conference.

The phase of “listening together” is the full event in Canterbury beginning this week beginning this week. For the first time there will also be a further phase of “witnessing together” – when outcomes from the bishop’s conversations are shared, and further action taken around the Anglican Communion.

## Report from Lambeth Day 1

**Arrivals of bishops continued well into the night, as is only to be expected with such an international conference.**

After an opportunity for us all to acclimatize and get to know the lay out and the grounds of the university campus in Canterbury, we gathered to be welcomed formally by Archbishop Justin Welby and Mrs Welby. This they did very generously and graciously.

Archdeacon Will Adam, formerly Assistant Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, gave a very positive and succinct overview of the Lambeth Conference.

He spoke of its early history, its role in pioneering ecumenical relations and in the creation of new Provinces. He underlined the understanding that in the Anglican





Communion there is Provincial authority with a strong degree of autonomy.

He reminded bishops gathered at the conference that we are one of the instruments of communion and concluded by saying that each conference develops something new in the life of the Communion. The Lambeth Calls are a new expression of the Anglican method in the conference of 2022.

Archbishop Welby referred to the fact that 165 countries were represented as were thousands of different cultures in this gathering.

After lunch, bishops met in the groups in which they had met on-line ahead of the conference, renewed friendships, shared perspectives on their dioceses and prayed together.

## **Archbishop of Dublin blessed by parishioners before going to Lambeth**

**Archbishop Michael Jackson is attending and he spoke about the Lambeth Conference at the end of the Cathedral Eucharist in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on Sunday morning.**

He also celebrated Holy Communion for St James's Day in Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday evening where he was blessed and commissioned by members of the parish ahead of Lambeth 2022.

Speaking in Christ Church Cathedral, the Archbishop said that the first Lambeth Conference took place in 1869 when 76 bishops attended. At that point, as now, the conference had two key foci.

Firstly, the conference is an opportunity for the coming together of Anglican bishops from across the world to pray and study together. This recognises the challenges of being a bishop which is a very solitary role with very limited support.

Secondly, the conference provides an opportunity to grapple collectively with difficult pastoral and theological issues. On this occasion that shared grappling and support will be focused on the study of 1 Peter. The Archbishop has invited the people of Dublin & Glendalough to read 1 Peter and journey with him throughout the time of Lambeth. (You can explore the Lambeth resources on 1 Peter [here](#).)



## Archbishop Jackson in Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday evening

Archbishop Jackson pointed out the connection of 1 Peter to Christ Church Cathedral, through the labyrinth. He said that at the heart of the labyrinth is an undressed stone pointing to a picture in 1 Peter. “The chief cornerstone is Jesus,” he said. “That cornerstone is rejected. The key to Christ Jesus is that there is no Emmaus Road without Calvary. The link to suffering is key to our understanding of who we are.”

The Archbishop explained the Lambeth Calls noting that a lot of our understanding of Anglicanism is both the use and abuse of parliamentary democracy. He hoped that the bishops at Lambeth would avoid arguing down various issues for its own sake.

The Lambeth Calls are: Mission and Evangelism, Safe Church and Safeguarding, Anglican Identity, Environment,



Sustainable Development, Christian Unity, Interfaith Dialogue, Discipleship, and Science and Faith.

The Archbishop talked about the central role of Christ Church Cathedral in his life and of how the Dean, in particular, had enabled him to sustain curiosity and presence throughout lockdown. The ongoing participation in shared Eucharist and prayer was crucial in his sustaining ministry throughout this challenging time, he said.

He pledged to pray for the people of the dioceses throughout the fortnight of the Lambeth Conference and asked for prayers for him in return. He concluded with a verse from Acts in which Peter declared all foods clean and said that in a quiet corner of the Empire in the house of a centurion, a rip in the fabric of space and time had occurred. He said we are all asked to enter that rip and emerge refreshed.

During the service of Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday evening, the Archbishop was blessed and commissioned by members of the parish.

In his sermon he suggested that the lesson from the Old Testament Reading from Jeremiah was that there is to be no expectation of any protection of status for one who holds the sort of high profile job that Baruch, the secretary to Jeramiah, held. Rather, he said, retaining one's own life was in itself a prize of war, in the idiom of those times.

Moving to the Gospel from St Matthew, where James and John pledge their willingness to drink the cup that Jesus Christ drinks, the Archbishop suggested that the voice of

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Holy Scripture came through clearly in the definition of all discipleship as entering as deeply as possible into the mind of Christ in terms of service.

## Speaking to the soul

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