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Christian care for families

Annual Gathering 2022

Image of the day – major MU meeting in Belfast

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<https://www.mothersunion.org/annual-gathering-2022>

Yes - you heard it right! Mothers' Union is organising its annual gathering in person after meeting online for two years! You absolutely do not want to miss this opportunity to meet other members and enjoy two days in the amazing city of Belfast.

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P.S - It includes an amazing concert by The Clare Chorale!

To buy your tickets, head over to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/308551815787>

People and places



Knock Parish dedicates new roof

Lord Eames was the special guest at St Columba's, Knock, on Sunday 12 June as the parish dedicated a new church roof.

The Rector, Canon John Auchmuty said:

“It was a great joy to welcome many parishioners and friends from the community to St. Columba's for our Patronal Festival Eucharist on Sunday when Lord Eames dedicated the new church roof to the glory of God.

“It was a most uplifting service of thankfulness and encouragement with inspirational music. Following the

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service Lady Eames and Caroline Auchmuty cut the beautiful cake to mark the significant occasion which we all enjoyed with coffee both at the West End of the church and also outside on the new lawn.

“I thank all those parishioners both past and present, members of the community and the National Churches Trust for their generous financial support enabling us to successfully replace the entire roof which was all completed in our 125th anniversary year”.

Falklands War 40 remembered in Limerick



The Limerick Branch of the RBLI gathered friends to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the Falklands War.

Chairman (and former Para) Sqn Ldr Kevin Milligan informs: "Limerick Branch RBL held a service at Limerick War Memorial on Sunday 12th June to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War.

"Wreaths and Poppy Crosses were laid and one of our members led us in prayer.

"We were honoured to have the presence of a Falklands veteran who had served with SBS during the conflict and a



 **Day of Prayer**
10am - 2pm
Saturday 9th July

St. Patrick's Church of Ireland
Ballymacarrett
220 Newtownards Road
Belfast, BT4 1GZ

Prayer, Worship, Reflections,
Silent waiting in the Presence the Lord
Join us anytime between 10am - 2pm

*"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

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Legion member whose late father Jack Killeen was a Falklands veteran in the Mercantile Marine”



Free community Fun Day this Saturday

If you live in the Magheralin/Lurgan area pop along to the **FREE Community Fun Day** this Saturday 18 June in Planters Park, Dromore Road, Lurgan.

It'll be a great family afternoon of music, bouncy castles, face painting, games, football, ice cream, bbq, afternoon tea and much more. Free fun for all the family!

The event starts at 2.00pm and runs until 5.00pm and is organised by Magheralin Parish Caring Association

Seagoe Parish Platinum

Seagoe Parish, Portadown celebrated the Platinum Jubilee in style. Church service and picnic extraordinaire.

Photos below -





The Hub has a ball

After two years of covid restrictions the Hub Chaplaincy at Queen's University which is provided by the C of I and the Methodist Church, held its Summer Ball at a Belfast



Bishop of Connor's 30th anniversary

Congratulations to the Bishop of Connor on the 30th anniversary of his ordination. Connor staff enjoyed a celebratory afternoon tea courtesy of the Bishop's wife, Nadine.

News reports



Former child refugee named as next Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

A South Sudanese bishop who was forced with his family into exile before he was one year old, the Right Revd Anthony Poggo, has been named as the next Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

Bishop Anthony Poggo, the former Bishop of Kajo-Keji in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, is currently the Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs.

Bishop Anthony was selected for his new role by a sub-committee of the Anglican Communion's Standing

Committee following a competitive recruitment process led by external consultants.

He will take up his new role in September, succeeding the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, who steps down after next month's Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops, which is being held in Canterbury, Kent, from 26 July to 8 August.

The Anglican Communion is the world's third largest Christian denomination. It comprises 42 independent-yet-interdependent autonomous regional, national and pan-national Churches (provinces), active in more than 165 countries.

The Churches of the Anglican Communion are in communion (or relationship) with the Archbishop of Canterbury. They are structurally independent and there is no "head office".

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion leads the staff team at the Anglican Communion Office, the international secretariat serving the four "Instruments of Communion" – sometimes called the "Instruments of Unity". These are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates' Meeting, the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Lambeth Conference.

Born in 1964, in what is now South Sudan, Bishop Anthony and his siblings were taken by his father – an Anglican priest – and his mother into Uganda to flee the first Sudanese Civil War. In 1973, at the age of nine, he returned with his family to South Sudan.

Bishop Anthony said that when he was about 12, somebody shared with him the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, he said. “I then took the step of accepting Christ and following him.

“At the time, I thought ‘my father is a priest. Why am I being asked to take this step’. But then I realised that your relationship with Christ is a personal relationship. You have to take the step of faith on your own accord rather than through your parents. Later in life I learned that God only has children; he doesn’t have grandchildren – which means that you become a child of God on your own accord, not through your father and not through your mother.

“I have found it very important to spend time reading the Word of God, especially with my Scripture Union background, because the Word of God is an important aspect of our lives for our spiritual growth.”

After graduating from Juba University with a degree in Management and Public Administration, he joined the ecumenical mission agency Scripture Union. While there he felt a need for theological training and gained an MA in Biblical Studies from the Nairobi International School of Theology in Kenya.

He then returned to Uganda to minister to Sudanese refugees with Scripture Union, the Bishop of Kajo-Keji then, the Right Rev Manasseh Binyi Dawidi, who himself was serving the Sudanese refugees in exile in Uganda asked him to consider ordination. “I said ‘Yes, I would’, because I was already training clergy and he felt that it would be

important for me to be ordained clergy in order to train clergy.”

He was ordained a Deacon in 1995 and a Priest in 1996 and continued working for Scripture Union before joining Across, a Christian mission agency working in Sudan from Nairobi, leading the charity’s publishing arm. While there he studied for an MBA in publishing at Oxford Brookes University in England. He rose through the ranks at Across, eventually becoming the Executive Director of the organisation.

In 2007 he was elected Bishop of Kajo-Keji, a position he held until 2016 when he moved to Lambeth Palace to support the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, as his Adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs.

“It is a huge privilege to be appointed as the next Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, taking over from the Most Reverend Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon. His are big shoes to fill”, Bishop Anthony said.

“I would like to thank the Anglican Communion’s Standing Committee for the trust and confidence in appointing me to lead the staff team at the Anglican Communion Office as it undertakes its role in supporting the Instruments of Communion.

“I look forward to taking on my role at the beginning of September and work alongside the team at the ACO in preparing for ACC-18.”

ACC-18 is the 18th plenary meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, and will take place in Accra, Ghana, in February 2023.

“One of the things that we will be focusing on from September is to support the instruments of the Anglican Communion as they implement the outcomes of the 2022 Lambeth Conference”, Bishop Anthony said. “Please pray for me as I take on this role in leading the ACO team so that the Anglican Communion family will continue in its role of being ‘God’s Church for God’s world’ in such a time as this.”

Scrap 'immoral' Rwanda plan, say Church of England leaders

Leaders in the Church of England have called on the government to axe its policy of sending failed asylum seekers to Rwanda.

In a strongly worded letter published in The Times, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, alongside over 20 bishops, denounced the policy as "immoral" and said that it brings "shame" on Britain.

The government claims the policy is necessary to clamp down on the people smugglers profiting from transporting people across the English Channel in small boats.

"Whether or not the first deportation flight leaves Britain today for Rwanda, this policy should shame us as a nation," the Church leaders write.



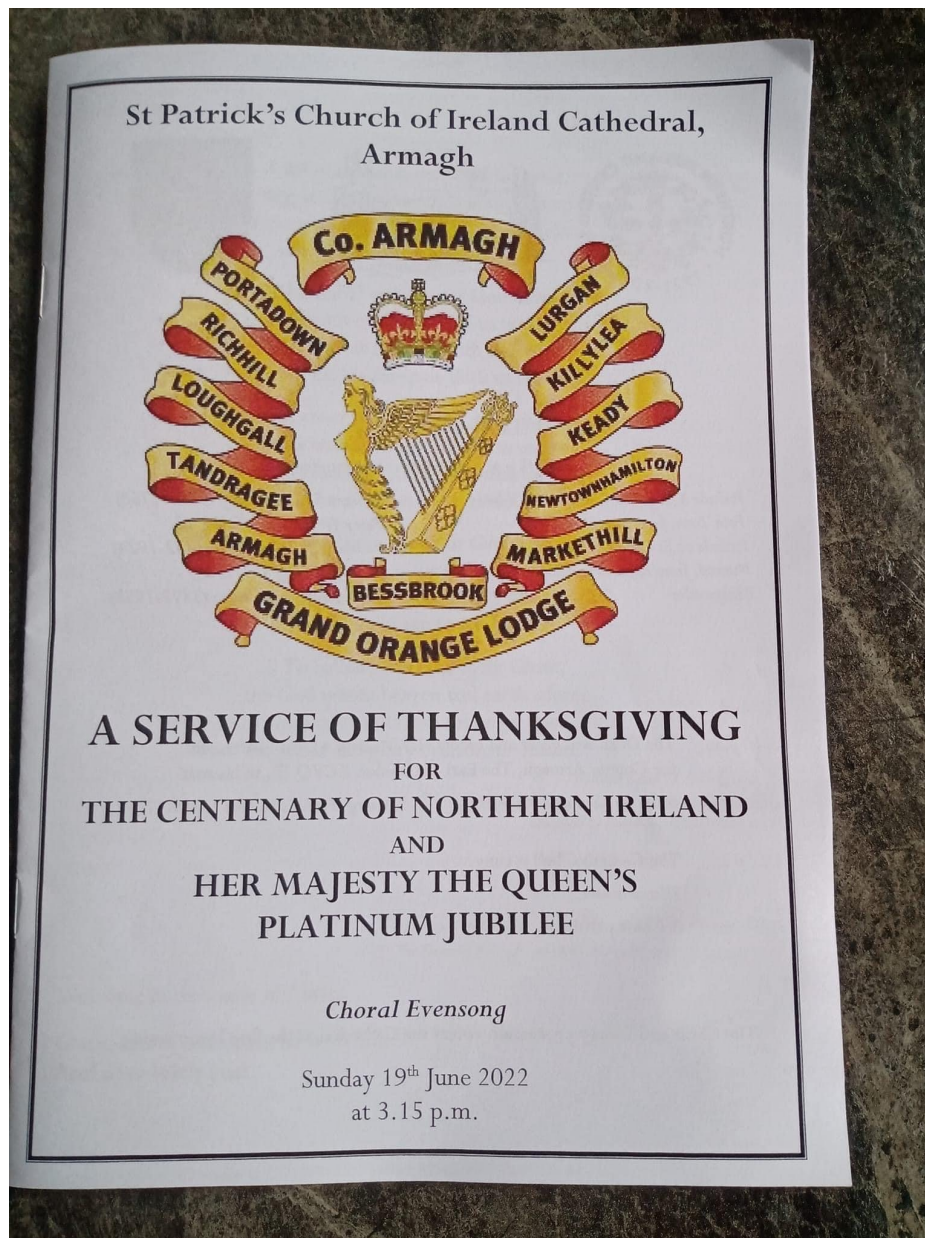
"The shame is our own, because our Christian heritage should inspire us to treat asylum seekers with compassion, fairness and justice, as we have for centuries."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, spoke publicly against the Rwanda plan in his Easter Sunday sermon when he said it raises "serious ethical questions" and was "the

opposite of the nature of God".

He was strongly criticised by the government for his comments and critics suggested he should stay out of politics but he later defended speaking out on the matter, saying that it would have been "cowardly" not to do so.

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**In the
media**

**GB News
will
broadcast
live from
Northern
Ireland's
annual
Twelfth of
July
parades**

GB News presenter Dame Arlene Foster will lead live commentary of the event

GB News - Tuesday 14 June 2022 - 15:47

GB News will broadcast live from Northern Ireland's annual Twelfth of July parades this year following the BBC's controversial last-minute decision to drop their live coverage.

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More than 500,000 people across 18 districts are expected to turn out for the historic parades, a huge celebration of unionist pride. July 12 is a public holiday in Northern Ireland.

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, which runs the events, told the Belfast Telegraph that the BBC's announcement on Friday was a "snub to our communities" that had caused "immense disappointment and frustration."

GB News presenter and former First Minister of Northern Ireland, Dame Arlene Foster, who will lead commentary of the event, said she was "incredibly proud of GB News for stepping up to fill a void left by the national broadcaster."

She added: "One of the reasons I joined GB News was to bring a better understanding of Northern Ireland life and culture to a wider UK audience. GB News stands for inclusion, of all regional voices, and the Orange Parades are core to our voice in Northern Ireland."

GB News will focus on the largest of the Orange Parades, in Armagh, with Northern Ireland correspondent Douglas Beattie on the ground to explain the patriotism, pageantry and colour of the processions.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Come and Sing with Bob Chilcott — Charles Wood Festival of Music & Summer School



The poster features a teal and green geometric background with musical notes. At the top center is the Charles Wood Festival & Summer School logo, which includes a stylized arch and three faces. Below the logo, the text 'Charles Wood FESTIVAL & SUMMER SCHOOL' is written. The main title 'PRESENTS A COME AND SING WITH BOB CHILCOTT' is centered in a white box with a green border. Below the title is a circular portrait of Bob Chilcott. The text 'Join the legendary choral conductor and composer as he introduces some of his best-loved pieces and other classics. Music will be provided and advance booking is essential for this extra-special event.' is written below the portrait. At the bottom, the date 'WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST', venue 'St. Mark's Parish Church, Armagh', and time 'Time: 20.00 - 21.30 Price: £10' are listed. The bottom of the poster includes the booking website 'www.charleswoodsummerschool.org' and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

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The launch of another great event at this year's Charles Wood Festival

On Wednesday 24 August 2022 the Charles Wood Festival will be hosting a Come and Sing event led by Bob Chilcott.

Bob is widely regarded as one of the finest composers of choral music working today. He is also a renowned choral conductor, having conducted choirs in more than 30 countries and having worked with thousands of amateur singers across the UK. We are really looking forward to welcoming him as he makes his first visit to the Festival.

This event is open to singers of all ages and abilities, and Bob will be leading us in a selection of his own works, as well as other popular classics. All music will be provided.

The event costs £10. Advance booking is essential, so register now

Book your tickets now -

<https://www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/latest-news/2022/6/9/come-and-sing-with-bob-chilcott>

Cappella Caeciliana - Carlisle Memorial concert on 19 June

As well as a feast of great choral music, our concert on Sun 19th in Carlisle Memorial Church includes Tristan Russcher playing Brahms' famous Rhapsody No. 2

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He will perform on a Steinway grand piano, kindly loaned by the Arts Council NI.

Get your tickets now -

<https://caeciliana.org/get-tickets-carlisle-memorial-concert-on-19-june>

Poem for today

Blow Bugle Blow by Alfred Lord Tennyson

The splendour falls on castle walls
And snowy summits old in story:
The long light shakes across the lakes,
And the wild cataract leaps in glory.
Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O hark, O hear! how thin and clear,
And thinner, clearer, farther going!
O sweet and far from cliff and scar
The horns of Elfland faintly blowing!
Blow, let us hear the purple glens replying:
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

O love, they die in yon rich sky,
They faint on hill or field or river:
Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow for ever and for ever.

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And answer, echoes, answer, dying, dying, dying.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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