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Hand-woven from willow by the gardeners of Trinity College, Cambridge, this Wild Crown celebrates the Coronation of Trinity alumnus HM King Charles III and the College's establishment of a new King Charles III professorship at the University of Cambridge.

The Wild Crown is wildlife-friendly, sustainable and recyclable.

It is woven from several types of willow, sustainably harvested, including from Trinity's gardens.

After the Coronation it will be recycled into plant supports and included in a 'dead hedge' (a natural barrier made of pruned branches and old foliage) at Trinity.

The elements of the Wild Crown are:

'Jewels': These succulents - Aeonium 'Velour' – will callous over, making them ideal for propagation after the Crown is dismantled.

'Ball finials': Woven from willow, like the crown, by hand.

Wool 'ermine': From Bluefaced Leicester sheep. You will see birds taking this wool to make nests. Any remaining

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wool will be stuffed into the ball finials and hung from trees in Trinity's gardens.

People and places



King and Queen share heartfelt thanks

As the Coronation weekend draws to a close, my wife and I just wanted to share our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those who have helped to make this such a special occasion.

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We pay particular tribute to the countless people who have given their time and dedication to ensuring that the celebrations in London, Windsor and further afield were as happy, safe and enjoyable as possible.

To those who joined in the celebrations - whether at home, at street parties and lunches, or by volunteering in communities - we thank you, each and every one.

To know that we have your support and encouragement, and to witness your kindness expressed in so many different ways, has been the greatest possible Coronation gift, as we now rededicate our lives to serving the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and Commonwealth. **Charles R**



Clogher's Canon installed at St Patrick's Dublin

**The Reverend
Paul Thompson
was installed as
Prebendary of**

**Donaghmore in the Chapter of National and Collegiate
Church of St Patrick, Dublin, on Sunday past at
Evensong.**

Canon Thompson, rector of Castle Archdale was nominated by his Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis to be the representative canon for the Diocese of Clogher.



The Installation was conducted by the Dean, the Very Rev Dr William Morton (Right above). A great number of parishioners made the journey and on the return leg they stopped to share a meal to round off a long but enjoyable day.

And left - the Stall of the Prebend of Donaghmore



Canons installed in Limerick

The four Canons stand listening to the Mandates from Bishop Michael Burrows being read by the Diocesan Registrar Raylene Downes ahead of their Installation to the Joint Chapter of Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick and Saint Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe.

The Service took place in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick on Sunday 7th May, 2023.

The Very Rev Lynda Pellow was installed as Precentor. The Rev Canon Michael Cavanagh was installed as Chancellor.

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The Rev Canon Kevin O'Brien was installed as the
Prebendary of Inniscattery and,
The Venerable John Godfrey as Archdeacon of Killaloe.



Methodist Church in Ireland at Balmoral Show

MCI will be at the Balmoral Show this week, from today
Wednesday 10th - Saturday 13th May!

You will get a warm welcome at 158A in the Eikon Centre.

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50 Days of Prayer continues across the Methodist Connexion



The next Connexional Prayer Meeting of the Methodist Church in Ireland is on Monday 15th May at 8pm on Zoom.

Register now at: <http://bit.ly/441BaFp>

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Back to Bujumbura

Rev Dr Keith Scott has settled into a routine of teaching students Old Testament studies daily at Bujumbura Christian University.

Dr Scott has returned to Africa from Ireland

Language and communication have been a challenge with most people speaking Kirundi or French.

CMS Ireland seeks your help - Please pray lessons will not be lost in translation.

Cork rector appointed



The Reverend Adam Pullen has been appointed to the incumbency of Fanlobbus Union of parishes in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross. Fanlobbus Union of parishes is centred on the town of Dunmanway, County Cork and also includes churches in Drimoleague, Drinagh, Coolkelure and the surrounding areas.

The Reverend Adam Pullen is currently Incumbent of Stranorlar in the Diocese of Raphoe and has served there since 2013.

He is an experienced rector with more than 14 years of parish ministry in diverse contexts, from thriving suburban and deprived inner city settings, as well as rural framing communities. He describes himself as 'passionate about whole-life discipleship and faith formation in children, young

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people and adults leading to faith in action in the community.'

Originally from Dublin, Adam studied for a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Wales (Aberystwyth) in microbiology. He trained for ordination at St John's Theological College, Nottingham, did a post-graduate diploma in theology with the Open University, and then completed a Master of Arts in Mission and Ministry at the University of Nottingham.

He was ordained deacon in the Cathedral of Saint John, Brecon, in the Church in Wales in 2006 and, a year later in 2007, was ordained there to the priesthood. He served in parishes in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, and in what was the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry in the west of Ireland, before his move to Derry and Raphoe in 2013.

Rector instituted in south Donegal parish

The new Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Inver, Mountcharles, Killaghtee and Killybegs in south Donegal was instituted at a service in St John's Church, in Inver.

Rev Susan Elliott, who was born in Durban in South Africa, was instituted by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster.

The Bishop welcomed the new incumbent and her husband Don to the service, along with clergy from other



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Bishop Andrew extended a particular welcome to local parishioner Willie Mackey, whose wife, Jennifer had passed away just over a week earlier. “Jennifer would have been in the thick of all this,” the Bishop said. “Her loss is felt so much by her dear family and by all of us as the family of God in this diocese.”

Rev Elliott’s husband, Don, sat beside her during the early part of the service, and clergy and readers from throughout the Diocese of Raphoe travelled to Inver to take part in the Institution.



In his sermon, the Archdeacon of Raphoe, Ven. David Huss said it was an honour to preach the word of God on this great occasion, to welcome Susan and Don (Left) to “this wonderful part of the world”, and to introduce cleric to congregation and vice versa.

Rev Elliott who was ordained in 2018, had previously been serving in St David’s Church in Limpopo.

Annual Church of Ireland Synod to meet in Wexford for the first time

For the first time in its history the Church of Ireland’s General Synod (annual conference) will take place in Co Wexford as it comes to Clayton Whites Hotel from Friday, May 12 to Saturday, May 13.

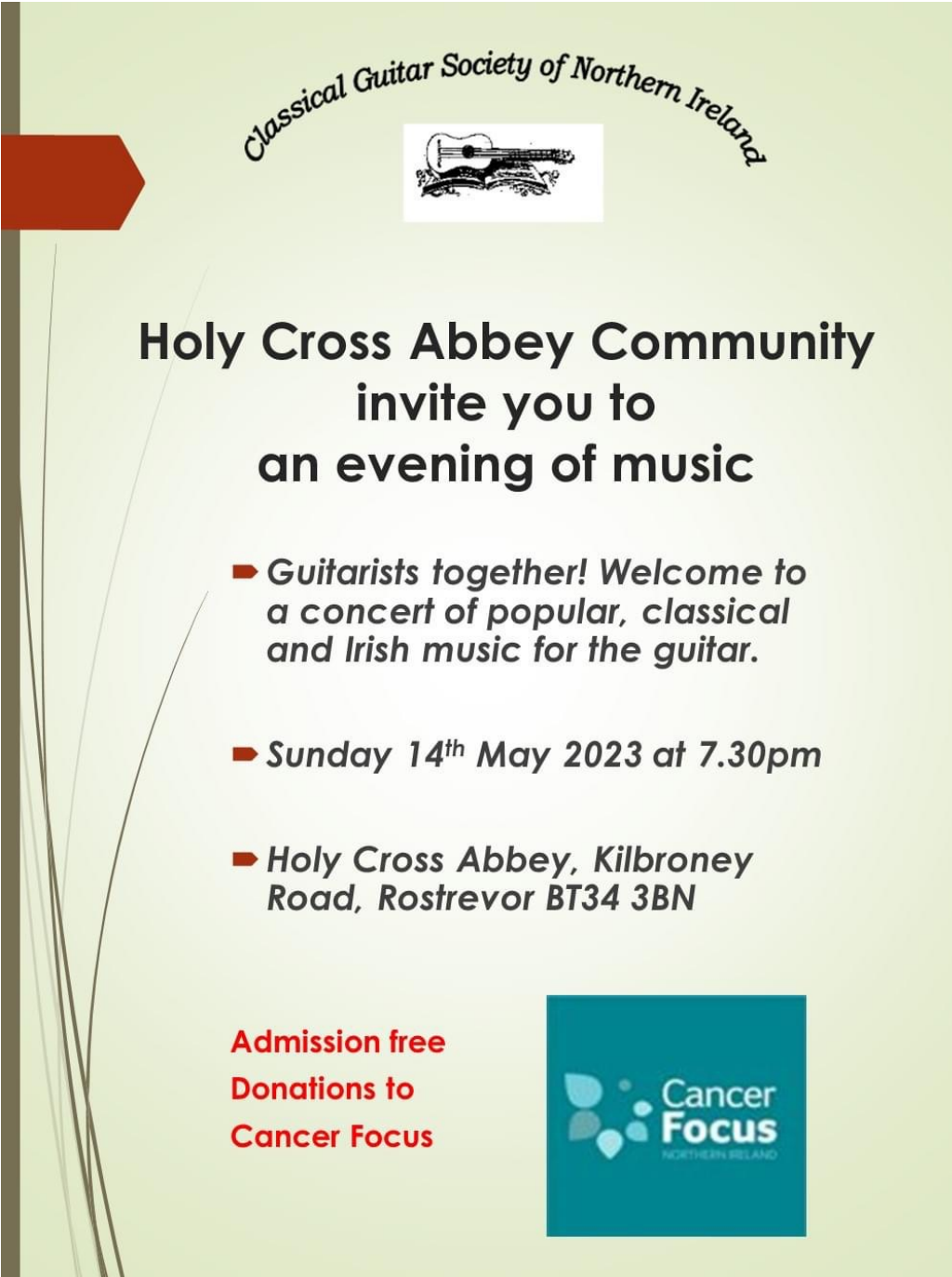
The General Synod first met in 1871 in Dublin following the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland, and in recent years General Synod has met in several different towns and cities around the island of Ireland.

The primary purpose of the Synod is to enact legislation for the whole of the C of I. Bills, which are proposals for

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legislation, are considered and become Acts or Statutes if approved. Less formal proposals are submitted as motions which, if approved, become resolutions. The Synod also receives reports from various committees and boards, which are debated by the members.

The event will begin on the Friday at 11 a.m. with a speech by Archbishop John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.



The poster features a light green background with a vertical brown bar on the left side containing a red arrow pointing right and some thin, dark lines. At the top, the text 'Classical Guitar Society of Northern Ireland' is written in a curved font above a small illustration of a guitar. The main text is centered and reads: 'Holy Cross Abbey Community invite you to an evening of music'. Below this, three bullet points provide details: 'Guitarists together! Welcome to a concert of popular, classical and Irish music for the guitar.', 'Sunday 14th May 2023 at 7.30pm', and 'Holy Cross Abbey, Kilbroney Road, Rostrevor BT34 3BN'. At the bottom left, it says 'Admission free Donations to Cancer Focus' in red. At the bottom right is the 'Cancer Focus NORTHERN IRELAND' logo.


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Thereafter, from 1-2 p.m., the Mothers' Union will host Changing the Story, an event which will focus on changing the story of gender-based violence and domestic abuse and working towards its ending. June Butler (All Ireland President) and Jacqui Armstrong (Mothers' Union Advocate on Gender-Based Violence) will be joined by Bishop Andrew Forster and Lydia Monds (from the Church's Ministry of Healing). Admission is free and all donations will go towards lunch expenses and the work of Mothers' Union in highlighting domestic abuse and gender-based violence. If you wish to attend, please email muchangingthestory@gmail.com

At 3 p.m. the Board of Education report will be discussed with a particular focus on the significant financial difficulties facing schools, and the new legislation regarding special education needs and inclusion, and marks the 50th anniversary of comprehensive schools.

On the Saturday morning at 11 a.m. a motion on the impact of the Troubles will be put forward. It reads: "The General Synod of the Church of Ireland requests the Church and Society Commission to explore, and if necessary recommend and/or draft resources which will enable Parishes to engage pastorally with, and care for, individuals and communities that are still deeply affected by trauma from 'the Troubles' and report back to General Synod their findings no later than General Synod 2024."

At 12.15 p.m. young people from the Lighten Our Darkness group, from Mullingar Union of Parishes, will make a special dramatic presentation to encourage greater care for creation. The presentation will be introduced by Bishop Pat

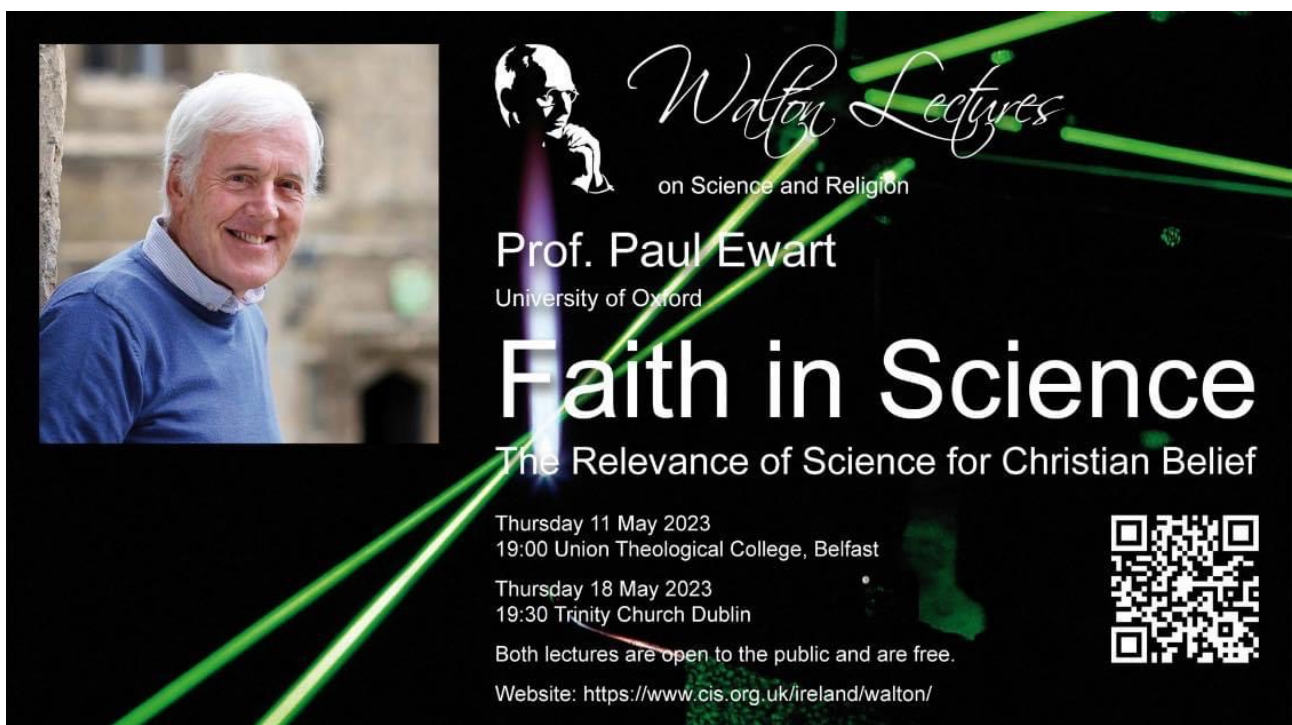
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Storey. The last event will see a motion on racism brought to the Synod at 4 p.m. meeting in the hotel's main hall.

“That the General Synod acknowledges the impact of anti-refugee and migrant hatred in our communities and requests the Honorary Secretaries to write to Diocesan Councils on behalf of the Primate's Ethnic Diversity, Inclusion and Racial Justice Reference Group seeking suggestions regarding ways in which the Church can counter the language of anti-refugee and migrant hatred at the local level and communicate a strong message of Christian welcome to all.”

For further information on the General Synod visit <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/synod/2023/welcome>

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



The poster features a portrait of Prof. Paul Ewart on the left. The background is black with green laser-like lines. The text is white and includes the following information:

Walton Lectures
on Science and Religion

Prof. Paul Ewart
University of Oxford


Faith in Science
The Relevance of Science for Christian Belief

Thursday 11 May 2023
19:00 Union Theological College, Belfast

Thursday 18 May 2023
19:30 Trinity Church Dublin

Both lectures are open to the public and are free.

Website: <https://www.cis.org.uk/ireland/walton/>





Mothers' Union Summer of Hope 2023 is landing soon...

You can find more information here:

<https://www.mothersunion.org/summer-hope-2023>

Church Army Faith Pictures

Faith Pictures is a free resource from Church Army to help Christians of all traditions talk about their own story of faith with confidence.

Here you will find all you need to begin the conversation and run Faith Pictures for your group.

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Church Army is celebrating these brand new videos for Faith
Download Faith Pictures for free

➔ <http://churcharmy.org/faithpictures>

Pastoral Care for Ministers and their Families

An event is being held on Wednesday 24 May, led by the Presbyterian Church's Pastoral Care for Ministers and their Families Panel.

The Moderator is the keynote speaker. The aim is to support presbyteries in their work of caring for ministers and their families.


Autism in the air

Autism in the air

- Thinking of heading off on your holidays soon?
- Do you have concerns for your autistic child/children using the airport and flying?
- We are hosting a free evening at George Best Belfast City Airport where you can experience the sights and sounds of airport life.
- Try before you fly!


• When: Saturday May 20th 2023
• Time: 1830
• Where: George Best Belfast City Airport

• Places are limited and allocated on a first come basis.
• For further info or to reserve a place, contact Dr Nichola Booth: n.booth@qub.ac.uk




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Poem for today

Bluebells for Love by Patrick Kavanagh

There will be bluebells growing under the big trees
And you will be there and I will be there in May;
For some other reason we both will have to delay
The evening in Dunshaughlin - to please
Some imagined relation,
So both of us came to walk through that plantation.
We will be interested in the grass,
In an old bucket-hoop, in the ivy that weaves
Green incongruity among the dead leaves,
We will put on surprise at carts that pass -
Only sometimes looking sideways at the bluebells in the
Plantation,
And never frighten them with too wild an exclamation.
We will be wise, we will not let them guess
That we are watching them or they will pose
A mere facade like boys
Caught out in virtue's naturalness.
We will not impose on the bluebells in that plantation
Too much of our desire's adulation.
We will have other loves – or so they'll think;
The primroses or the ferns or the briars,
Or even the rusty paling wires,
Or the violets on the sunless sorrel bank.
Only as an aside the bluebells in the plantation
Will mean a thing to our dark contemplation.

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We'll know love little by little, glance by glance.
Ah, the clay under these roots is so brown!
We'll steal from Heaven while God is in the town –
I caught an angel smiling in a chance
Look through the tree-trunks of the plantation
As you and I walked slowly to the station.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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