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It is that time of year. Magheragall Parish - near Lisburn and Moira - got the weather and the support of enthusiasts and participants on Saturday past.





Magheragall Church Fun Day

From young wannabe tractor drivers to vintage car owners and Royal British Legion bikers - there was something for every one to see and do.

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People and places

Flower extravaganza at Enniskillen Cathedral

A last chance today to see. “The Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel” have been interpreted through floral arrangements at the Flower Festival in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen



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this Bank Holiday weekend.

Twenty stunning arrangements by the Erne Flower Arrangement Society assisted by Alan Beatty and James Burnside, are displayed throughout the Cathedral.



The Festival opened on Friday and continues right through until this afternoon, Monday 29 May....and...those scones look great!

The Festival is part of the 400th anniversary celebrations.

New rector for St Paul's, Lisburn.

Bishop Darren McCartney, rector of Clonallon and Warrenpoint with Kilbroney, Diocese of Down and Dromore, has been appointed rector of St Paul's, Lisburn.

Darren spent his formative years in Dundrod, Co Antrim, growing up close to the Ulster Grand Prix motorbike circuit.

He attended Lisnagarvey High School and later spent eight years as a plant engineer before training for the ministry and taking up a post as deacon-in-charge and then priest-in-

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charge of St Luke's Anglican Church, Diocese of the Arctic, Canada, in the community of Pangnirtung, Nunavut.

Darren returned to Northern Ireland in 2006 and spent three years as a curate in St Nicholas', Carrickfergus, before becoming rector of St Matthias, Knocknamuckley.

In June 2012, during the Diocesan Arctic

Synod, he was elected and consecrated Suffragan Bishop of the Arctic and moved with his wife Karen to Iqaluit, Baffin Island, in January 2013.

Darren has been married to Karen 24 years and they have one son. The family returned to Northern Ireland in 2019 when Darren took up the post of rector of Clonallon and Warrenpoint with Kilbroney. He is also Area Dean for the Mourne, and Warden to the Pioneering Ministers in the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

Looking forward to his move to Lisburn, Darren said: "The journey that has brought us to this point makes me very interested to see what God has in front of us. I rest in the



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knowledge that there is a work waiting and place my confidence in Holy Scripture. Proverbs 16:9 tells us ‘The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.’ Please pray for my family and for our friends in the parishes we will be leaving and for the Parish of St Paul’s in Lisburn.”



Success at bell ringers All Ireland competition

Organist Jonathan Houston and the team of bell ringers from St Malachy's Hillsborough won the Murphy cup at the weekend in the all-Ireland competition which took place in St Canice's, Kilkenny.



Clogher team raft races for Lifeboats

Magheracross Parish, Clogher, took part in the annual raft race at Portrush on Saturday past which is a major fund raiser for the RNLB - lifeboats.

They didn't win but they finished. Well done, Simon, Matthew, Alan and Josh



174 Trust 40th Anniversary Year

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church joined the regular monthly Breakfast.



The event also launched the Trust's 40th Anniversary Year - a commendation of the Duncairn as - 'a place of HOPE, HEALING & HEALTH'

The 174 Trust is based in a former church.

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Carrigduff National School extension celebrated

Staff, pupils and supporters had the best of times celebrating the official opening and blessing of a school extension last week.



1st & 2nd class treated those present to a creative drama “A Recipe for a Good School”.

Bishop Adrian Wilkinson spoke to the children and reminded everyone that while the building is important it’s the children inside it who make the place wonderful.

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Ms Carolyn Good (Principal) and Mr Joe Deacon (Chairperson BoM) spoke and thanked the Architects at Conroy Architects in Wexford and builder Colm Byrne of Colm Byrne Civil and Building Contractors, along with the Board of Management, the PTA and the wider community.

After singing songs all moved to the front of the school where Bishop Wilkinson blessed the extension and cut the ribbon on the plaque marking the historic occasion. Then the party started!



Sincere thanks were expressed to all who attended including public representatives from Carlow and Wexford, past staff, lots of families and many from Bunclody Union of Parishes.

Carrigduff NS is a pretty great place filled with great people and surrounded with love.



Farewell to Methodist Global Mission Fellow in the North West Mission

The United Methodist Church has a Global Mission Fellows programme whereby young adults spend 18 months working in another country in a social ministry project.

Rodrigo from El Salvador is finishing his role in the North West Mission in Ireland and has been a great help and witness in the at times challenging work in which we are involved.

In the media

Millions flock to drama that shows 'humanity of Jesus'

Jonathan Roumie plays Jesus in 'The Chosen', which has drawn 520 million viewers, Dalya Alberge writes. In The Sunday Telegraph.

While so many modern television dramas are filled with foul language, explicit sex and drugs, viewers are turning in their millions to some of the oldest stories in history – those of the Bible.

If the Church is wondering where its flocks have gone, it may find that they are watching The Chosen, a drama about the life of Jesus, that has drawn 520 million viewers worldwide.

More than 110 million people in 175 countries have watched at least one episode. The Crown, Netflix's hit drama series about Queen Elizabeth II and events that shaped her reign, reached 73 million households globally over a similar period of its first three seasons. In the UK alone, since 2019, The Chosen has attracted 11 million show views on various platforms.

It has become an global phenomenon in which viewers have spread the word.

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Now there are plans to make it available in 600 languages, with major Hollywood player, Lionsgate, having acquired global distribution rights.

The show tells the story of Jesus's life and ministry, through the eyes of the people who knew him. Its creator is Dallas Jenkins, who directed and produced over a dozen feature and short films for Universal and Lionsgate, among others.

He said that the idea of tens of millions of people watching *The Chosen* is "so crazy that, if I actually try to think about why or how it happened, it would be too overwhelming".

Scholars from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish backgrounds vet every script, checking for biblical, historical and cultural accuracy, while allowing for artistic licence.

'It's a show that captures the birth of a religion, but it's also a drama that non-believers can appreciate'

Referring to *The Crown*, which imagines dialogue between members of the Royal family, Jenkins said that they strive to capture the authenticity of the time while also being creative. "This is a story that's not in the Bible. But we also know it's historically accurate... This is not a religious show. It's a show that happens to capture the birth of a religion, but it's also a historical drama that even non-believers... can appreciate."

He added: "Even a lot of shows that I love, like *Succession*, *Peaky Blinders* and *The Wire*... there's a lack of sentimentalism and optimism.

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“Those shows are typically from a more cynical world view... But I do think that most viewers want a mix... The Chosen is unafraid...to celebrate joy and love more than the opposite, more than cynicism, [portraying] a figure who lived a perfect life and who inspired billions with love.”

Jesus is played by Jonathan Roumie, who was even invited to speak with Pope Francis about his role. Jenkins said: “The Vatican invited us... Jonathan is a practising Catholic, I’m Protestant, an evangelical. He had an opportunity to discuss with the Pope and other religious leaders the responsibility that he has to accurately portray this figure, this man revered by so many. [The Pope] made a joke about Jonathan playing Jesus and asked if I was Judas... I think that shows his emotional intelligence and humour.”

The Chosen portrays Jesus as God and man. Jenkins said: “We do show him doing miracles, we do show him as the Son of God, but we also show his humanity, show him dancing with friends at a wedding and telling jokes, laughing... and being sad.

“These are all things that I think most people are responding to... but it’s rarely been portrayed.”

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



  **The Methodist Church**
In Ireland
NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT
DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT
THURSDAY 1ST JUNE 2023
7.30PM
REV FIONA MCCREA
IN PERSON AT
PRIMACY METHODIST CHURCH
Meeting ID: 827 9184 0316
Passcode: 454738
All Welcome
or via 

Cantemus for Choral Evensong

Sunday 4th June at 5pm is your chance to join Cantemus for Choral Evensong in St. Patrick's Church, Broughshane. Pop the date in your diary, plan to be there, they would love to see you.

Congregational hymn-singing treat

There's a treat in store for those who enjoy congregational hymn-singing, when Glendermott Presbyterian Church hosts Hymn Sing2 on Sunday 11th June. There'll be performances by both choirs and soloists. The event will begin at 6pm.

Hymn SING 2



JOIN US AS OUR LOCAL CHURCH CHOIRS GET TOGETHER
TO PROMOTE CONGREGATION HYMN SINGING

SOLOISTS

ALAN ROWAN
EMMA WALKER
TONI-MARGARET JONES
MOLLIE GUTHRIE-DRUMM

BY POPULAR DEMAND

ALL NEW FAMILY QUARTET

MUSIC LED BY

TERRY, MARK & STEWART SMITH

11 JUNE 2023 6 P.M.

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GOSPEL MUSIC CLUB
NORTHERN IRELAND

Friday 2nd June

Drumbo Presbyterian Church Hall
123 Drumbo Road, Lisburn, BT27 5TX
First Friday of Every Month
7:30 – 10:30 pm

Sharon Morrison



Nigel Davidson



Edna Deacon



Thomas Oliver



Vivien and Nell



Ivan McFerran



Also taking part : Glorybound and the Gospel Music Club Choir

Gospel Music, Southern/Country Gospel, Old Hymns, Choruses
Solo Artists, Instrumentals, Audience Singing, Refreshments



Gospel Music Club Northern Ireland

Choir Practice 6:30 – 7:15
(New members welcome)



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Lisburn Cathedral

YOUTH WORKER IN LISBURN CATHEDRAL

15 hours per week.

Contact:

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OVERVIEW

To inspire, develop and equip young people to follow Jesus and to obey his command to: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your strength and with all your mind"; and to, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

The youth worker will be a person with a clear vision for sharing the gospel with young people, teaching them to follow Jesus and engaging them in His mission.

MAIN TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- To raise up young people to take the message of Jesus to future generations.
- Create an environment where young people can thrive.
- Enable and equip young people for life and faith.
- Be dedicated to raising up young people to become leaders
- Recruit and train a team of volunteers in Youth Leadership.
- Encourage young people to be involved in the life of the wider church family.
- Build good working relationships with the diocesan youth team.
- Arrange and lead groups of young people attending residential youth events.

If you share our vision for youth work and would be interested in serving Christ through Lisburn Cathedral, please contact Dean Sam Wright for further information.

Tel: 02892090260. Email: sam.wright@lisburncathedral.org

Closing Date for applications: 9th June 2023

Applications are welcome from any mature Christian (genuine occupational requirement under Section 7 (3) of the Employment Equality [Religion and Belief] Regulations 2003).

Youth Interns, Hillsborough

As part of its ministry to young people, Hillsborough Parish Church wants to appoint 3 Youth Interns (serving 6 to 10 hours per week at £15 per hour).

For further details, please contact Julie Currie, the Young Families Pastor, at family@hillsboroughparish.org.uk

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 13 June at 12 noon.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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