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DIARY MAY 2017

Just Living in a Post-truth Society

Just Living in a Post-truth Society is Contemporary Christianity's theme for 2017. On **Tuesday 2 May, 7:30pm** Contemporary Christianity will host an informal evening with Derek Poole and Diane Holt. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion.

The post-truth society is frequently mentioned in the media. Derek and Diane will help us begin to explore:

- what it means to live in a post-truth society
- what scripture has to say about the concept
- how people of faith can respond appropriately

Derek Poole used to work for ECONI and the Centre for Contemporary Christianity
Diane Holt used to work for Tear Fund and now works for Thrive Ireland

Venue: Contemporary Christianity, 3rd Floor, 21 Ormeau Avenue, BT2 8HD

‘Grow and bear fruit’ theme for Presbyterian Women’s Annual Meeting

Nicola Clark the Youth Worker in Orangefield Presbyterian Church is the guest speaker at this year’s annual meeting which will be held on **Thursday, 4th May** at Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

The PW theme for 2017 and the focus of this year's Annual Meeting is....*bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God* (Colossians 1:10). **Annual Meeting begins at 2pm and the Evening Celebration at 7.30pm.** During the afternoon meeting Nicola will give her first talk on the theme *Grow and bear fruit*. The evening meeting will take the form of a celebration as Nicola gives her second talk and unpacks further God's Word and what it means to *Grow and bear fruit* for His Kingdom.

Nicola Clark is the Youth Worker in Orangefield Presbyterian Church. She sits on the Board of

The Big House and is a Professional Practice Tutor for students studying Youth & Community Work at the Centre for Youth Ministry Ireland.

<http://www.presbyterianireland.org/Events/Grow-and-bear-fruit-%E2%80%93-PW-Annual-Meeting.aspx>

Fields of Life East Africa benefit concert, Comber

Thurs 4th May at 7.30pm in Granshaw Presbyterian Church, Comber, for an evening with [Nathan Jess Music](#) and band, to raise funds to provide safe, clean drinking water for refugees in Uganda who have been forced to flee their homes in search of safety. Tickets cost £5 per adult and £3 for children under 16 (under 5's free). Purchase online now or pay at the door... <http://fieldsoflife.org/news/east-africa-benefit-concert-nathan-jess/?locale=233>

Church of Ireland General Synod, Limerick

This year's General Synod will take place in the South Court Hotel, Limerick, from **Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th May**. The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, introduces the 2017 [Church of Ireland General Synod](#) #coigs

Video at-

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/7097/a-welcome-from-the-archbishop>

St. Martin's Church, Templemartin, Concert

May 5, at 8pm. French Horn & Harp featuring Stephen Nicholls, Brian Davis. Organ accompaniments & Introductions by Colin Nicholls.

Requiem for the Living, St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast

Cantemus & St Anne's Cathedral Choir. **May 5** @ 8:00 pm - 11. £10

<http://www.belfastcathedral.org/calendar/requiem-living-cantemus-st-annes-cathedral-choir/>

Girardian Theory Understood

At Corrymeela Ballycastle, **05 - 07 May**. Dr Duncan Morrow will be hosting a weekend of learning and conversation around how The Corrymeela Community has worked with and understand a Girardian framework and it's application to how we make attempts to live and

work well together./Join us for this weekend by completing the online booking form at

<http://www.corrymeela.org/events/115/girardian-theory-understood>

Training for children's & youth ministry leaders

Connor diocese - Building on the success of the Equipped training which has been provided by Ripple Children's Ministry Connor, the training is running again on **Saturday May 6** with the partnership of Engage Connor Youth.

The training morning will be a great opportunity for leaders to gain practical skills and new ideas to put into practice in their ministry.

A range of workshops will be on offer (see flyer below) with high quality facilitators and accompanying resources.

The cost is £10 per person which covers brunch, workshop resources and a book resource.

To book your place, please contact Connor Children's Project Development Officer Jill Hamilton at jill@connor.anglican.org or

Diocesan Youth Officer
Christina Baillie at christina@connor.anglican.org
with your name, parish and
workshop choices by April 28.

St. Mary & All Saints, Glanmire, Annual Fair

May 6, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Requiem for the Living, St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine

Cantemus & St Anne's Cathedral Choir. **May 6** @
8:00 pm - 11. £10

<http://www.belfastcathedral.org/calendar/requiem-living-cantemus-st-annes-cathedral-choir/>

North Belfast Prayer Walk

The next North Belfast Prayer Walk will take place on the **8th May** and will be meeting at Shankill Methodist Church on the corner of Shankill Road and Berlin Street at the usual time of 7:30pm.

Shankill Methodist was the site of the first Walk nearly two years ago so this is a great opportunity to return to the church and continue to pray and bless their work and the area.

The Priests in concert - 9 May, St John the Baptist Church, Dublin - for tickets pls call 01 288 2104 ! <https://t.co/Z4IMRxlxVL>

Seminar on equality law and Christian ethos

A seminar organised by Evangelical Alliance is being held on **Tuesday 9 May**, 7:30pm – 9:30pm in CFC, Belfast. Are you a church leader or charity trustee? Are you concerned about how equality law might impact your organisation? This free event is being run by employment lawyer Mark Mason and former barrister Peter Lynas. It is free to attend, but please sign up using the link above so we know how many people are coming.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Clergy Retreat, Corrymeela Ballycastle

Gentle retreats at the beautiful site of Corrymeela Ballycastle for clergy – to rest, reflect

on scripture and recharge. **10 - 11 May**
Corrymeela Ballycastle, 5 Drumaroan Rd,
Ballycastle BT54 6QU

These retreats are for clergy in ministry who wish to be among a group of other clergy to support each other in prayer, reflect on what brings life, engage with discussion in a beautiful calm setting and find refreshment. These retreats are hosted by members of the Corrymeela Community.

Beginning at 9am Wednesday to 2pm on Thursday, these retreats cost £72 (full board, single occupancy room), but for clergy based in Northern Ireland, NIAMH subsidise the cost which is £44. If you have any queries about this retreat, please call 028 9050 8080 or email belfast@corrymeela.org

<http://www.corrymeela.org/events/94/clergy-retreat-corrymeela-ballycastle>

Lindisfarne Celtic dimension at Clonmacnoise Summer School

Ray Simpson is Founding Guardian of the Community of Aidan and Hilda based in Lindisfarne , Northumberland. He is staying at at

An Cluain a cottage/ retreat / conference centre at Clonacnoise from the 9th to the 11th of May. Widely travelled as a coach and international lecturer on the Faith, he is spending a reflective period in Ireland.

At 2.00. pm on **Thursday the 11th.** there will be an open meeting with Ray for informal discussion at An Cluain.

Amongst his many books - details of which you will find on Publisher Kevin Mayhews site is- The Church of the Isles. An exploration of the Celtic dimension arising from the Belfast Agreement. Discussion will not be confined to this topic but it may be of particular interest in the Brexit discussions.

Ray has written extensively on the Celtic dimension exploring the common ground between the Celtic traditions in the British and Irish Isles. The Centre is at the rear of the main Clonmacnoise site - at the junction for the Nuns Church on the Cmac to Athlone Rd. There is no charge for the event.

Londonderry Festival of Flowers

May 12 @ 11:00 am - May 14 @ 6:00 pm in All Saints' Clooney, Clooney Terrace

Londonderry. A festival of flowers to celebrate the church's 150th anniversary. Details in the flyer below. Everyone welcome. Directions at - <http://connor.anglican.org/event/festival-flowers-saints-clooney-parish-church-londonderry/>

St. Edmund's Coolkelure. Concert

Friday 12th May, 8pm – Jim Schmid – Country Gospel Singer.

Betwixt and Between, Spiritual life...Corrymeela Ballycastle

12 - 14 May - Liminality is that state of confusing transition all people enter either by choice or crisis. This space between the spaces is full of danger and great transformational power. This retreat aims to help people understand the liminal passages and find hopeful ways to move our communities through critical thresholds to greater peace, wholeness and harmony.

For decades Corrymeela has posited that our work has been about healing divisions. What are the characteristics of such transformation? We're delighted to welcome author [Tim Carson](#) to Corrymeela Ballycastle in May to explore with

those in the room how a contemporary understanding of liminality might serve to shape our understanding of social transformation.

The retreat will gather on Friday Evening with the first session starting around 8pm. The retreat is open to people of all faiths and none. The retreat will reference the person of Jesus and sacred texts from the christian tradition. The retreat is not designed to be an engagement with the book, [Liminal Reality and Transformational Power](#), however having read the book in advance might help the process of building a shared understanding that enables us to journey further together over the weekend.

Read more about Tim's reflections in his [blog](#) or listen to a recent interview w/ Tim [here](#) (starts around 4:30).

<http://www.corrymeela.org/events/108/betwixt-and-between-spiritual-lifecorrymeela>

MU pilgrimages to mark 130th anniversary

13 May, - Connor Diocese MU Prayer walks in Coleraine and Ballycastle -This year marks the 130th Anniversary of Mothers' Union (MU) in Ireland and to mark the occasion, All Ireland

President Phyllis Grothier is making a pilgrimage round all 12 dioceses in Ireland. On 13 May, Phyllis will be joined by the MU Worldwide President Lynne Tembey as they travel from Derry & Raphoe Diocese to Connor Diocese.

Dawn Chorus Ecumenical event ~ Currabinny Woods.

May 14.

Wartburg Choir in Belfast Cathedral

The internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir performs sacred music from all historical periods and styles and often premieres new works of contemporary composers. Called a “mighty fortress of skill” by the Washington Post, the Wartburg Choir is one of three college musical ensembles that tour internationally on a triennial basis. Beyond tours, the choir receives invitations for special appearances in the United States and abroad, most recently to participate in the December 2011 White House Holiday Concert Series. As part of that trip to Washington, D.C., the choir also sang at the National Cathedral’s Bethlehem Prayer Service, which was simulcast worldwide. The Wartburg Choir comes to Belfast

Cathedral for their first performance in the city -
May 15th. 1.00 - 2.00 pm. Entry is free.

Quakers Dublin Monthly Meeting

May 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Quaker House, Stocking Lane. Dublin Monthly Meeting. Tea at 6.30pm in Bloomfield. Meeting starts at 7.30pm sharp.

Connect: Training for Youth Workers

The next Connect event will take place on Thursday, **18th May**, between 9.30am and 1.30pm in Knock Methodist Centre, Belfast. Patrick Regan and Naomi Allen (XLP Ministries) speaking on 'dying to belong' and 'soul keeping'. This is a training day for Methodist and Church of Ireland youth workers, and lunch is included. Please register online or contact the Church of Ireland Youth Department office on 028 9082 8890 or by email at admin@ciyd.org

Brian Kennedy & The Pro Bono Choir in concert for Homeless

On **May 18** The Pro Bono Choir present "A Place Called Home"— a concert in support of homeless people both here and abroad. The main proceeds from this event in Belfast Cathedral will be going to the The Welcome Organisation, Belfast. Performances will include Brian Kennedy, The Abaana New Life Choir, Liam Lawton Music and Karl McGuckin.. May 18 @ 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Hail Gladdening Light - Cappella Caeciliana concert in Belfast

Cappella Caeciliana presents a concert to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road, Belfast on **May 19** at 7.30 pm.

The concert includes inauguration of the rebuilt and extended organ, with guest organist Stephen Hamill.

The concert will also feature a special appearance by tenor Fr. Eugene O'Hagan, founder member of Cappella and member of The Priests, who will perform solo works and also sing jointly with the choir in some items.

The programme include Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and Widor's *Toccata*.

Proceeds are in aid of the organ fund and Cappella's 2018 CD recording.

Tickets cost £15 are now available online [here](#). Students and under 25s will be admitted free of charge, and no ticket is required.

St Bernadette's Church, Rosetta Road, Belfast BT6 0LL [[map](#)]. Price: £15 (students and under 25s admitted free of charge)

<http://www.caeciliana.org/>

get tickets st. bernadettes concert on 19th may/

Tobermore Flower Festival

19 May 2017 11:00 – 21:00 in [Kilcronaghan Parish Church, Tobermore](#), Wood Road 1, Magherafelt

Religion, Reform, Identity: Ireland and the Age of Reformations

A day of lectures marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation will take place on

20th May 2017 at Christ Church Cathedral,
Waterford.

Speakers will include Professor Tadhg O hAnnrachain (UCD), Dr Aine Hensey (Irish Association of Professional Historians), Professor John McCafferty, Professor Marc Caball and Dr Ivar McGrath (UCD), as well as Professor Salvador Ryan (Maynooth) and Professor Alan Ford (University of Nottingham).

This conference is curated by Dr Jeffrey Cox (UCD) and funded by The Priorities Fund of the Church of Ireland. Conference fee: €50.
Concessions: €30

Christ Church, Rushbrooke. Annual Cake & Plant Sale

May 20. 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Audrey Assad live in concert

Audrey Assad, the daughter of a Syrian refugee, an author, speaker, producer, and critically lauded songwriter and musician, will be playing at Ballyholme Parish Church on Saturday **20th May**.

Her first solo album was awarded the iTunes Christian Breakthrough Album of the Year in 2010 as she went on to be nominated for two Dove Awards. Audrey has recorded and performed alongside Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher.

Don't miss Audrey playing at the newly restored Ballyholme Parish Church on Saturday 20th May 2017.

Ticket are available at: <https://audreyassadatballyholme.eventbrite.com>

Corrymeela in the City, Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Belfast

Corrymeela will be delighted to welcome you to an evening of quiet prayer, reflection and gospel reading.

Beginning at 5.15pm in Fitzroy Church, University Street, Belfast (please enter through the side door towards the café area).

On the following dates:

21st May

18th June

24th September

22nd October
26th November
10th December

Corrymeela in the City will be followed by a cup of tea and a chat for any who wish to join us. No booking required – all are welcome <http://www.corrymeela.org/events/84/corrymeela-in-the-city-fitzroy>

Leaders focus on Faith in our families

On Thursday **25 May** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, at Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Care for the Family is hosting an event for leaders.

It is estimated that just 50% of children with Christian parents will have a personal faith of their own as adults. A number of national agencies including Care for the Family, Bible Reading Fellowship and New Wine are working to help support and equip parents and churches with the prayer that many more children ‘keep the faith’.

This event will provide plenty of opportunities for discussion and your thoughts and ideas. We

will be joined by Andy Frost, Director of Share Jesus International who will help us look at why this matters and what we can do to work together. Peter Lynas, Director of Evangelical Alliance – Northern Ireland will also present his thoughts on why this conversation is so important. A light working lunch will be provided.

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