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Archbishops and leading theologian call for Yes vote

Two retired [Church of Ireland](#) archbishops of Dublin and a leading Catholic theologian have called for a Yes vote in the same-sex marriage referendum next week.

Patsy McGarry in Irish Times - Archbishop [John Neill](#), the archbishop of Dublin from 2002 to 2011, told *The Irish Times* he was calling for a Yes vote as “we now recognise that there are many different types of unions and I don’t see why they cannot have the protection and status of marriage”. He was also “quite happy this [referendum] wouldn’t affect the status of children.”

He said “the understanding of marriage in the church has evolved, putting partnership first before procreation”, in which context “there is less of a problem about same-sex marriage”. A Yes result would not affect the church’s teaching on marriage and it could continue “to order [its] own affairs,” he said. But he hoped church thinking would evolve “to take account of this distinction.”

[Walton Empey](#), archbishop of Dublin from 1996 to 2002, said: “I certainly have no hesitation in calling for a Yes vote.”

Speaking to *The Irish Times*, he said: “I think people are trying to confuse the issue. Quite

clearly the State has every right to legislate for its own citizens. I don't see how it interferes with church teaching or understanding."

He said he knew "too many really wonderful gay people, many of whom I admire and, forgive the phrase, some of whom are my best friends. I will have absolutely no hesitation in voting Yes."

Augustinian theologian Fr [Gabriel Daly](#) has said he too would be voting Yes and believed Catholics could do so "with good conscience in any referendum on the subject".

Fr Daly, a retired lecturer in theology at the Milltown Institute in Dublin, the Irish School of Ecumenics and Trinity [College Dublin](#), said it was "an issue for the State, not for the church. Marriage as a sacrament is the proper concern of the church. If the Yes vote succeeds in [Ireland](#), it will be for the church to decide whether to co-operate or not."

Writing in the current issue of the Dominicans' *Doctrine and Life* magazine, he said he was "unimpressed by the claim that allowing gay men and lesbian women to marry members of their own sex necessarily has an effect on the Christian idea of marriage".

He added: “Christians are perfectly free to carry on without any threat to their customary understanding of marriage.”

Fr Daly also said “that questions to do with the adoption of children are distinct from those of gay marriage”.

He said he respected but did not share “the view of those who argue that marriage cannot be adequately discussed without considering the rights of children”.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/archbishops-and-leading-theologian-call-for-yes-vote-1.2210129>

LA Galaxy's Robbie Keane writes letter supporting marriage equality ahead of vote in his native Ireland

<http://www.mlssoccer.com/news/article/2015/05/11/la-galaxys-robbie-keane-writes-letter-supporting-marriage-equality-ahead-vot>

Catholic marriage service Accord to lose funding – but not because it's against same-sex marriage

Catholic marriage counselling organisation Accord is to lose some of its state funding – but Tusla claims it has nothing to do with the upcoming marriage referendum.

Journal.ie - The organisation, which received €1.9 million from Tusla last year, is to lose €378,000 of that this year.

Speaking to the Irish Catholic, Bishop of Elphin Dr Kevin Doran questioned whether the move is “part of a wider policy of the Government” to withdraw funding from Catholic agencies, something Tusla denies strongly.

The Irish Catholic linked the withdrawal of funding with the upcoming referendum on marriage, claiming that the move “gives weight to fears” that agencies which do not support the “government agenda on the redefinition of marriage will be starved of funding”.

‘Speaking on Newstalk Breakfast, Accord President Denis Nulty said he thought the timing of the cuts is “curious”.

He said he received a letter about the funding cuts on 7 May.

Nulty said last year the service gave 45,00 hours of counselling to more than 15,000 couples,

adding that the cuts would be “a huge blow” to the service it offers.

He called for the cuts to be reversed.

More at -

http://www.thejournal.ie/accord-2099185-May2015/?utm_source=twitter_self

Statement by Bishop Nulty on the decision by Tusla to withdraw funding for Accord's marriage preparation courses

<http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2015/05/12/statement-by-bishop-nulty-on-the-decision-by-tusla-to-withdraw-funding-for-accords-marriage-preparation-courses/>

Shankill remembers Protestant and Catholic victims of Famine

A special ceremony was held on the loyalist Shankill Road in Belfast on Monday to mark how Protestants as well as Catholics suffered and died in the Famine.

Irish Times - More than 30 people gathered at Shankill Graveyard where it is estimated between 400-1,000 victims of the Famine are buried.

The event was driven by the [Shankill Area Social History](#) Group (Sash) in conjunction with the Building Communities charity. It is linked to the Sharing the Past project supported by lottery funding which, according to Dr [Francis Costello](#), is “designed to spur a greater awareness of the impact the Great Famine had on all the people of Belfast and Ulster”.

Shankill man Jim McAuley, vice chairman of Sash, said there was a sense that Protestants who suffered during the Famine had been forgotten by history.

“I always thought the Famine was down in the south of [Ireland](#) but here it was sort of airbrushed over. We never realised that it was throughout Ireland as a whole,” he said after the noon ceremony.

“We were never taught about it, we never heard about it in any history in school. I think occasions like this help to reconcile people; to realise that we all suffered,” said Mr McAuley.

Kilted piper Gary McDonald played a lament at noon as people gathered at the cemetery site, which is now a park, to remember those who died in the Famine. Prayers were said by local Presbyterian minister, the Rev [Jack Lamb](#), who recalled how his predecessor Rev William

Johnston – minister of Townsend Street Presbyterian Church – suffered during the Famine while caring for his flock.

“He contracted typhus but, thanks be to God, he recovered,” said Mr Lamb. “It is very poignant to be here to mark the fact that between 400 and 1,000 Famine victims are buried here.”

“I think that the Protestant community has been slow in recognising and publicising the fact that the Famine did not just affect the Catholic community, that it also affected the Protestant community to a very large extent through illness, death and emigration,” he said.

“I think this is a landmark commemoration. Hopefully it will be a turning point and there will be a growing realisation that the Famine was no respecter of creed or status. I am all for encouraging history as something that can heal rather than something that causes harm,” said Mr Lamb.

[More at -](#)

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/shankill-remembers-protestant-and-catholic-victims-of-famine-1.2208427?mode=sample&auth-failed=1&pw-origin=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.irishtimes.com%2Fnews%2Fireland%2Firish-news%2Fshankill-remembers-protestant-and-catholic-victims-of->

famine-1.2208427%3Futm_source%3Ddlvr.it%26utm_medium%3Dtwitter

Clogher dioceses Pentecost ecumenical service

The annual ecumenical service on the Day of Pentecost, will take place on Sunday 24 May 2015 at 3.30pm. It will be held at the Round Tower, Clones.

Clones was the site of a monastic settlement founded by St Tigernach in the 6th century, and the round tower, at which the gathering will take place, is dated from the 9th century.

The Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, and the Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid, Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, will lead the service, together with local clergy.

During the service two young people will give their reflections on Pentecost, and the singing will be led by musicians from the local area. As this year marks the 1400th anniversary of St Columbanus, the Revd William Swan CC, will give an address about St Columbanus immediately after the service.

A warm invitation is extended to all to join in this occasion, and refreshments will be made available afterwards in the Cassandra Hand Centre

Moderator praises work of the probation service

Presbyterian Moderator, Dr. Michael Barry, has praised the work of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) and condemned the recent bomb attack on its offices in Londonderry at a special breakfast in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, for the probation service.

Speaking at the breakfast Dr. Barry said, "The attack just beggars belief, especially on an organisation that works so hard to keep the community safe. Much of your work goes unnoticed and I daresay un-thanked, so I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the work that you do.

"As a Church we have a long association with the probation service, working closely with you in a number of different areas. I understand that it is a demanding role and recognise the stresses



David Farrow, Director, Thompson House, (Acting) Director of PBNI Cheryl Lamont, Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Barry, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Dr. Trevor McCormick, Convener Council for Social Witness, Vilma Patterson – Chairman of PBNI and Linda Wray, Church's Residential and Support Manager.

and strains as you work with people who have fallen foul of the law.

“But the work that you do is important and as a Church and a people called to be one of service and outreach, working in partnership with you for the benefit of others in places like Thompson

House, we find that it is an invaluable partnership.”

Speaking to Probation Board officials and members of the Church’s Council for Social Witness, Dr. Barry also talked about the Council’s Strategic Objective to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence.

Thanking the Moderator for hosting the breakfast, Cheryl Lamont, Acting Director of the Probation Board, said that it had been an excellent opportunity to engage and share information about the work carried out in probation and within the Church.

[More at -](http://www.pbni.org.uk/moderator-praises-work-of-the-probation-service/)

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US Choir concert for Christian Aid Ireland

A free concert by the award-winning North West University Concert Choir from Washington State, USA, will be given in Agape Centre, 238 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GF. All donations go to **Christian Aid.**

The concert is on Friday, 15 May, 2015, at 7:30 pm

Website with Further Details:

<http://www.agapecentrebelfast.org/north-west-university-concert-choir-friday-15t..>

Elegant Fund-raiser for Macosquin Church



The next stage in the drive to replace the roof of St Mary's parish church in Macosquin takes place at the end of this month, when parishioners and friends hold a fund-raiser in the elegant surroundings of Walworth House in Ballykelly.

Parishioners have been busy since the start of the year devising creative ways to raise the finance needed for this ambitious project. They have already collected around £20,000 through a 'sell as slate' project and other initiatives. Their next major event will see the beautiful walled gardens in Walworth House being opened to the public on Sunday 31st May. Afternoon teas will be served from 2.00-5.00 pm, and there will be other attractions including vintage cars, a variety of stalls and activities for all ages.

St Mary's is one of the oldest Plantation churches in Northern Ireland. Built in 1620 on the site of a twelfth-century Cistercian monastery, it has played a prominent role at the heart of Macosquin village and community life for almost 400 years.

The Select Vestry are extremely grateful to Mrs Noreen Brown of Walworth House for opening her garden to support the parish. They hope the event will attract garden lovers and other visitors from all parts of the Province who may be willing to help their efforts to preserve the church building for future generations.

Exhibition Marking 150th Anniversary Of Restoration Of St Patrick's Cathedral Opens

A new exhibition marking the 150th anniversary of the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, by Benjamin Lee Guinness, opened Tuesday evening in the Irish Architectural Archive. The exhibition, which documents some of the cathedral's architectural history, was officially opened by the Hon Rory Guinness, the great great great grandson of Benjamin Lee Guinness.

Launching the exhibition Rory Guinness expressed some trepidation at being surrounded by architects given that his great great great grandfather had refused to have any architects involved in his restoration project. He also highlighted the special connection that exists between the Guinness family and St Patrick's Cathedral.

He added that Benjamin Lee Guinness was an extraordinary man who was a politician, a brewer and a philanthropist. He recalled what his own father had said to him quoting Arthur Guinness: "A porter brewer buys none but the best as none else will answer". Mr Guinness suggested that this was also the case in Benjamin Lee Guinness's restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral as his work had lasted 150 years.

“Heaven knows what he would have thought of tonight,” Mr Guinness said. “I think he thought it [the restoration] was a labour of love in gratitude to God and out of a feeling of honour to his native city.”

Dr Michael Webb, chairman of the Irish Architectural Archive and St Patrick’s Cathedral board member, outlined the huge collection of drawings and photographs held by the archive. He thanked the Guinness family, the board of the Cathedral and Ecclesiastical Insurance who all provided funds for the exhibition. A service of thanksgiving to mark the 150th anniversary of the restoration will take place in the cathedral on 7 June.

St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin, is the larger of Dublin’s two Church of Ireland cathedrals. With origins as far back as the ninth century and building elements dating from the thirteenth century onwards, it has a complex history, not the least part of which is the evolution of its architectural form.

This exhibition documents some of that story. Drawing on the collections of the Cathedral itself, of St Patrick’s Deanery, the Representative Church Body Library and the Irish Architectural Archive, the exhibition looks in particular at the

major efforts to restore the Cathedral in the nineteenth century.

In 1820 a guide book to Dublin described St Patrick's as 'an interesting pile' but complained that its site was 'particularly injudicious'. It was surrounded by 'disgusting huts' and was on the point of 'tottering into irretrievable ruin' (Thomas Cromwell, *Excursions Through Ireland*, London, 1820). And indeed, the fabric of the Cathedral was, by the first decades of the nineteenth century, in very poor shape. The north transept was in ruins, walled off from the nave and exposed to the elements. The walls of the nave itself were bulging and inclined while the roof had to be propped with timbers.

Only the tower, with its steeple of 1749, seemed 'likely to remain entire for any long period to come'. Little wonder that there were serious proposals to demolish the whole lot and start again.

Restoration rather than demolition won out. Some structural works in the 1820s stabilised the building and two decades later the architect Richard Cromwell Carpenter made designs for an extensive restoration of the Cathedral. First displayed at the Royal Hibernian Academy in 1846, these drawings are included in the current

exhibition. Although some work was carried out during the next few years, Carpenter died before Benjamin Lee Guinness's gift of £20,000 to the Dean and Chapter in 1860 made possible a new and lavish phase of restoration.

Effectively abandoning Carpenter's designs, Guinness insisted that his own views should be paramount and that no architect or church expert should be involved. He ensured that Timothy Murphy & Son, builders, were contracted to carry out the work and the restoration was supervised by Patrick J. Murphy, the builder's son. This and the sheer scale of the interventions resulted in much contemporary criticism but the Cathedral as it stands today, internally and externally, is substantially as Guinness and Murphy left it.

The Architecture Gallery is open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesdays to Fridays.

A series of lectures will accompany the exhibition. Details can be found on www.iarc.ie

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Archbishop of Canterbury receives 'poison pen letters' - calls on Christian groups to be more tolerant

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called on Christian groups to be more tolerant towards each other and other faiths after revealing the worst “poison pen letters” he receives are from his co-religionists.

Independent - The leader of the Anglican church made the criticism in a broad-ranging speech in which he called on religious leaders to confront the “profound differences” between their faiths or risk allowing extremism to flourish.

The Most Reverend Justin Welby said there was a mismatch between Britain’s view of itself as an “inclusive” society in which the presence of others is passively accepted and the need for “secure tolerance” in which religions – and communities – were actively engaged with one another.

In a little-noticed address to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the archbishop singled out his own faith for criticism, saying: “The worst

poison pen letters I get are from other Christian groups on the whole.

“The reality is that we do not as faith groups in our society always exhibit that secure tolerance to each other that enables us to speak powerfully of secure tolerance to the world around us. Christians are as bad as anyone at this – in fact, if I dare to be competitive, I think we’re worse.”

The head of the Church of the England used to his speech to the annual dinner of the main representative body for British Jews to apologise for anti-Semitic comments from within his own church.

Kirk in crisis — Church of Scotland losing 300 members a week

Shocking figures which show the Church of Scotland is losing 300 members a week have prompted claims that the Kirk faces a bleak future of “spiritual malaise”.

The Courier - “The Church of Scotland is literally dying,” said the Rev David Robertson, who takes

up the role of moderator of the Free Church next month.

Divisions over issues like same-sex marriage and assisted suicide meant new people were not willing to join the church as congregations died off, he said.

Mr Robertson also claimed the Kirk's demise would continue if it does not return to "more fundamental" values.

Figures contained in a 2015 General Assembly report show membership fell by more than 155,000 between 2004 and 2014.

Meanwhile, the number of baptisms fell by almost 2,600 and the number of elders dropped by just under 9,000.

"The present situation in the kirk deeply saddens me," said Mr Robertson. "But I also believe that the Church of Scotland is declining numerically because it is in a theological and moral decline."

Mr Robertson made his comments as the Church of Scotland's General Assembly reports revealed the depth of the problem — membership declined by a further 16,000 last year and it has lost 130 parish ministers through either retirement or resignation since 2009.

In tandem with the Church's membership decline in the last 10 years it has seen a reduction in the number of congregations which has fallen over that period from 1,546 to 1,379.

Not one presbytery saw growth last year — a picture that is mirrored across Courier Country where every presbytery recorded a fall in congregation numbers.

More at -

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/kirk-in-crisis-church-of-scotland-losing-300-members-a-week-1.867017>

Ecumenism between Catholic and Anglican Churches may be ending

Questions are being raised about whether the ecumenism between the Catholic and Anglican churches is coming to an end. [According to Crux](#), many ask is there any point in the ecumenism as female bishops and gay bishops are present in Anglican churches, and they are now well-along the path toward same-sex marriage.



World Religion News - Last week, the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) held the fifth meeting of its current third phase at Villa Palazzola in Rome.

[Pope Francis](#) recognized the “grave obstacles to unity” Anglicans have created in his opening remarks, but told the commission members not to give up hope by saying: *“The cause of unity is not an optional undertaking and the differences which divide us must not be seen as inevitable... Despite difficulties, we must not lose heart, but we must trust even more in the power of the Holy Spirit, who can heal and reconcile us, and*

accomplish what humanly does not seem possible.”

The situation is getting more complex because of widening rifts within the Anglican church.

Earlier this month, the leaders of Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) had a meeting in London. Founded by African Anglican bishops and now including representatives from North America, Australia and South America, GAFCON was formed to counter the liberal drift within established Anglicanism. The GAFCON bishops say that they “remain the authentic and emerging voice of Anglicanism,” and provide an alternative to the global Anglican Communion.

All of this contributes to the fact that any real ecumenical hopes are increasingly on hold. Former pope Benedict XVI did not improve matters by erecting the Anglican Ordinariate, which is a structure within the Catholic church that provides disenchanted Anglicans a semi-detached home within Catholicism.

<http://www.worldreligionnews.com/issues/ecumenism-between-catholic-and-anglican-churches-may-be-ending#.VVJ5lv7I> 18.twitter

Champion of liberation theology gets rehabilitation treatment

History of a particular kind was made this week in the Holy See, where Peruvian theologian Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez, one of the founding fathers of “liberation theology”, was unofficially “rehabilitated”.

Irish Times - Fr Gutiérrez (86), a Dominican, was on the panel at a [Vatican](#) press conference held to announce details of the current general assembly of the worldwide Catholic charity [Caritas](#).

Liberation theology was essentially a Latin American movement that began in the 1960s as a moral reaction by some Catholic thinkers to the obvious social injustice and inequality in the region.

The term is credited to Fr Gutiérrez in his 1971 book *A Theology of Liberation*, in which he argued that Christians had a moral obligation to oppose unjust social and political structures.

For much of the past 30 years, traditionalist and conservative Catholic theologians opposed the movement, banning some of its proponents,



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including Fr Gutiérrez, and accusing it of being influenced by Marxism.

Fr Gutiérrez was asked whether his presence at the press conference marked a “rehabilitation” by [Pope Francis](#).

“Liberation theology cannot be rehabilitated since it was never ‘disabilitated’,” he said. “The core notion of liberation theology was the preferential option for the poor. This is 90 per cent of it.

“I think that at this moment the ‘climate’ around liberation theology has changed,” he said. “But I understand the question. What is important, however, is the rehabilitation of the Christian message, the need for theology to understand what it can do. And in that context talking about the poor, talking about the periphery [as Pope Francis does], well, you can call that a rehabilitation if you like.”

More at -

ews/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/champion-of-liberation-theology-gets-rehabilitation-treatment-1.2209919?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Why Pope Francis is welcoming a maverick Marxist theologian

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/why.pope.francis.is.welcoming.a.maverick.marxist.theologian/53805.htm>

Media digest

Gerard 'Jock' Davison: GAA and church step back from 'tribute' to murdered ex-IRA leader

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/gerard-jock-davison-gaa-and-church-step-back-from-tribute-to-murdered-exira-leader-31217631.html>

Times

Article on the Archbishop of Canterbury's daughter, Katharine Welby-Roberts writing about her struggle with depression and anxiety. It says she described her experience in a blog to mark Mental Health Awareness Week, when campaign groups and charities unite to highlight the issue and reduce the stigma attached to such illnesses. It states that campaigners are waiting to hear what the new government's stance will be on mental health.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/health/mental-health/article4438437.ece>

Mirror/Sun/BBC/Ind/Guard/Huff Post

Reports on newly appointed Conservative Minister for Equalities, Caroline Dinenage, who it says voted against [gay marriage](#). The *Mirror* says her appointment was criticized on Twitter and a letter from her mentioning the Church of England and Canon Law, is quoted. In a statement she said, she was "fully committed to advancing the cause of LGB&T equality and support the law on same sex marriage."

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/new-equality-minister-caroline-dinenage-5685012>

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Tel

Article on how BHP Billiton, one of the world's largest producers of fossil fuels, will be able to maintain its dividend to shareholders regardless of measures nations may introduce to limit climate change because of its ability to change focus to copper and uranium mining, according to the company's chief executive. It notes that the Church of England decided to move its investments out of fossil fuel producing assets involved in tar sands and thermal coal amid a growing activist campaign to encourage institutions to divest from the sector.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/industry/mining/11600189/BHP-Billiton-chief-says-global-warming-wont-hit-dividend.html>

FT

The FT reports the University of Edinburgh has angered fossil fuel divestment campaigners by ruling out a wholesale sell-off of its oil, gas and coal company investments, according to a report. It mentions the Church of England's announcing plans to sell or cut their holdings in coal companies, and in some cases tar sands groups as well.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/60f15aa4-f8a7-11e4-be00-00144feab7de.html?siteedition=intl#axzz3ZzeNj7zF>

BBC/Express

A teacher who told pupils that "Muslims worship the devil" has been banned from the profession indefinitely, by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL), following a panel hearing, reports state. The Revd Robert West made the comments during history lessons at a girls' school in Grantham. They state the teacher has no connection to the Church of England. The panel found him guilty of unacceptable professional conduct.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-32702593>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/576805/Teacher-Muslims-devil-worship-banned-life-Robert-West>

Mirror

Further report about how an open letter by the Rev Mike Walsh, from a United Reformed Church, in Manchester, to the Prime Minister, calling him to experience the "human cost" of his party's looming welfare cuts, went viral on social media after it was made public.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/church-ministers-emotional-plea-david-5688354>

BBC

Report that a rare 400-year-old Bible worth about £50,000 has been discovered in St Mary's Parish Church in Gisburn, Lancashire. Printed in 1611 and known as the "Great She Bible", it is one of the earliest known copies of the King James Version (KJV) of the Christian holy book, called a "She Bible" because Chapter 3, Verse 15 of the Book of Ruth mistakenly reads: "She went into the city". The book, which will be displayed on Saturday, was found by the Reverend Anderson Jeremiah and the Reverend Alexander Baker, last August.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lancashire-32705720>

BBC

Report that the "mystery" remains of a Saxon child have been found buried on land next to

Hereford Cathedral. The child, who is believed to have been aged between 10 and 12, was found buried in Hereford Cathedral Close, at the site of a possible Saxon Palace. The discovery was made during an archaeological dig as part of a £5.4m Heritage Lottery-funded project to restore and landscape the close.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-32702798>

BBC

Report that 92 human skeletons have been found on the site of a medieval church in Oxford. It states the bodies will eventually be reburied on consecrated ground. Littlemore Priory was closed by Cardinal Wolsey in 1525 and turned into a farmhouse.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-32706059>

Mail

Article on the memorial service at the Guards Chapel Birdcage Walk in Westminster for the eighth Duke of Wellington, whose ancestor won the Battle of Waterloo, attended by various guests including The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duchess of Cornwall and singer, James Blunt.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3078334/The-Queen-adds-splash-colour-churchnewsireland@gmail.com>

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