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Front page photo - Group from Cork which visited Lichfield last year. See report below on this year's visit.

News reports

Cork visit to Lichfield 2022



As part of the ongoing link between the Diocese of Lichfield, UK and the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, a group of people from the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, travelled to Lichfield this week, to attend two services at Lichfield Cathedral at the invitation of the Right Rev. Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield, and the Dean and

Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint Mary and Saint Chad, Lichfield.

On Monday afternoon, there was a Solemn Eucharist with the Consecration of an Shrine Altar for the Shrine of Saint Chad, Patron Saint of Lichfield Cathedral, and on Tuesday there was Ecumenical Vespers at which a relic of Saint Chad was translated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham into the new Shrine.

Representing Cork, Cloyne and Ross were the Rev. John Ardis, the Ven. Andrew Orr, the Rev. Canon Paul Willoughby, the Rev. Canon Elaine Murray and Diocesan Youth Officer Hilda Connolly. The intent was to further build on the link between the two dioceses.

FORGE Ministry Apprentices are commissioned in Down & Dromore

Bishop David McClay has commissioned the first cohort of FORGE Ministry Apprentices for a year of learning and service in the diocese.

Family, friends and supporters joined Oliver Newton and Grayce Turton at the T3 Conference Centre on Tuesday evening 8 November for a reception and a short informal service.

Ollie and Grayce have already begun their FORGE journey and are settling into their host churches – Moneyreagh Community Church for Ollie and Shankill Parish Lurgan for

Grayce. Staff and parishioners from both came along to cheer them on.



After worship led by Stephen Moore from Moneyreagh, Millie Bellew gave the address. Millie is the Children's Development Officer for Down and Dromore and has experienced volunteering for a year in one of the churches in the diocese.

Looking at the life of Daniel she pointed out that before he ever arrived in the lions' den, Daniel had prepared himself by always doing the right thing, by consistently choosing to honour God and shun earthly reward.

"Grayce and Ollie, this year is your chance to say 'it's not about me it's all about God'. It's a time of training and preparation for the task God has for you," she said.

She encouraged them to make sure their foundations and faith were firm and to 'find their flock' in Christian community.

Bishop David then commissioned Ollie and Grayce, anointing them with oil, sharing some encouragements and challenges from the Book of Acts and praying with the laying on of hands.

Meet Ministry Apprentice – Ollie

Hi I'm Oliver (Ollie) Newton and I come from Reading in England. I'm 21 and wanted to become a FORGE Ministry Apprentice to help me grow in my skills as a kids and youth worker as well as grow personally and spiritually. I also want to push myself outside of my comfort zone and I knew that this apprenticeship would help me do that.

I am working with Moneyreagh Community Church and helping out in their kids/youth work. I will also be taking on new experiences such as going to other churches, helping out with youth camps over holidays and taking part in training such as the OCN Youth Work course.

My hopes for the year are that I learn from my experiences and make more friends in other churches!

Meet Ministry Apprentice – Grayce

Hello, it's Grayce and I'm one of the FORGE Ministry Apprentices with the Down and Dromore Diocese. I live in Markethill, I'm nineteen years old and I'm placed with Shankill Parish Lurgan. FORGE really appealed to me because I wanted to serve God; the God whose goodness and faithfulness has always followed me through every season.

I want to acknowledge and develop the gifts God has given to me to help expand His Kingdom, so this year I will be learning and working a lot in Children and Youth Ministries. A verse I am greatly encouraged by is Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Through FORGE I ultimately want to deepen my relationship with Christ, grow in faith and inspire those around me to always believe and trust that God IS good all the time, and that all the time, God is good!

The FORGE programme

The FORGE programme is a new scheme to enable young Christians (18–25) to develop a strong and enduring faith and to explore Christian ministry. The scheme has been made possible by a very generous grant from Benefact Trust.

In the year ahead our Apprentices will have the opportunity to discover their gifts, learn new skills, and serve Jesus. Support from the diocese will include monthly training days, insight visits to Christian ministries, support to undertake accredited training in children’s or youth ministry and an end of year celebration event.

As well as being fully involved in the life and witness of their host church, they will also contribute to diocese-wide ministry programmes with children and youth. It is our hope

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and prayer that FORGE will raise up a new generation of ministry leaders.

Thinking about applying for 2023–24? Get a flavour for the scheme by downloading the FORGE brochure [HERE](#).

Benefact Trust

Benefact Trust exists to make a positive difference to people's lives by funding, guiding and celebrating the work of churches and Christian charities; empowering the most vulnerable and giving people, communities and places a renewed opportunity to flourish. (benefacttrust.co.uk)



St Matthew's Shankill and St John's on the Falls on a trip to Dublin part of the Decade of Centenaries programme. An amazing day in Grangegorman and Glasnevin Cemeteries, Dublin. Definite sense of the complexity of Irish history

The running rector



The Revd Rebecca Guilda on one of her runs from Belleek Primary School.

Running rector already exceeds fundraising target for new prayer garden

A Church of Ireland rector has decided to take to road running to obtain sponsorship for a new learning resource at her local primary school.

The Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of the parishes of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher in Clogher Diocese, is running a four-mile distance, the same as the distance between her rectory and Belleek Primary School, 40 times over the three months from September to December.

The individual runs are being sponsored by parishioners. With a target to raise £500, she has already exceeded that amount already – almost doubling it to £950.

Rebecca's aim is that her churches will contribute to the cost of establishing a prayer garden at the school. A rundown activity area at the school will be transformed into an outdoor learning space and prayer garden where children can grow their own vegetables and flowers and also have reflective space.

Rebecca explained that the Church of Ireland Board of Education (Northern Ireland) has earmarked £1,000 for the project with the remaining £1,000 required to be raised locally.

As Rebecca sets out on several of her four-mile runs several times each week, she reflects on making the connection between church and school stronger.

“My real wish is how our church can be a blessing in our community and how to make useful connections within it,” she said.

Rebecca and her husband Brendan have three children, Noah, Isaac and Moses with Noah already attending Belleek School.



Coffee, chat and a warm welcome at Strand Presbyterian Church

Robin Newton tells CNI that “Strand Presbyterian church, right in the heart of Sydenham, is open for tea /coffee and chat three mornings a week. Given the COVID situation and now the cost of living concerns I’m certain this initiative by will be welcomed by Sydenham folk. Well done Rev. Danny Rankin and his team.”

Connor Clergy Conference 2022

Connor Clergy Conference 2022 is taking place in the Slieve Russell Hotel in Co Cavan.

More than 70 clergy and those involved in ministry in the diocese are attending the three-day conference, which runs from Tuesday November 8 until Thursday November 10.

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The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev George Davison, is leading a number of sessions, and Rev Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, is leading Bible Studies.



Dominican formation

Sixteen men in formation in the Irish Dominican Province, pictured here recently in Cork with Fr John Harris OP (Irish Provincial) and other members of the Dominican order in Ireland.

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Prayer app for young people

The Exalt prayer app was launched at the Summer Madness youth festival in June, and has seen over 250 young people downloading the app.

Exalt is designed to help 11-18 year olds, their peers and their youth group leaders to explore a weekly devotion together; this is

designed to help young people seeking a faith in Jesus as well as those who have an active rhythm of faith.

The aim of the app is to make a creative and interactive way to help young people to pray as they explore six rotating themes over a year. During the year, young people will listen to reflections on Freedom, Justice, Forgiveness, Giving, Rejoicing and Mission. The hope is that as a generation listens to people reflect on Scripture and hear honest and



open testimony, we will see this generation growing in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

One of the new features allows users to share their experience of the Bible verse into their digital spaces, strengthening the young person's confidence in sharing the Christian faith and Scripture amongst their digital platforms. Exalt is available from either the Apple Store or Google Play and to find out more, readers are welcome to check out its promotional video at <https://vimeo.com/726774098>

Feel free to give it a download!

Advent & Christmas Children and Families Ministry newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Board for Ministry with Children and Families, with a special focus on Advent and Christmas, is now available at - <https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Advent-newsletter-22-2.pdf>

Check out the new Children and Families Ministry website at <https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org>

This website is a hub for resources, ideas, connection, training and support. A place where you can find game ideas, all age services, book a training session for your church or watch training online, see job opportunities and much more.



Matt Moran visited the Fr Patrick Peyton Memorial Centre at Attymass, near Ballina in Co. Mayo to discuss his recently launched book - The Theology of Integral Human Development - with Fr Steve Gibson CSC, Spiritual Director, at the Centre at the foot of the Ox Mountains overlooking the River Moy and North Mayo.

The book is on sale in the Centre and online at www.buythebook.ie

Grants Young Musicians Platform

The Arts Council Northern Ireland are offering up to £5,000 plus two professional engagements arranged by BBC Northern Ireland.

The funding is available to young solo musicians / singers / singer-songwriters in Classical, Jazz, Contemporary and Traditional Music who are ready to enter the professional world as artists.

Applications close Tuesday 15th November at 12pm.

More info on eligibility and how to apply ↓

<http://artscouncil-ni.org/funding/scheme/young-musicians-platform>

Poem for today

The Song of Wandering Aengus by William Butler Yeats

I went out to the hazel wood,
Because a fire was in my head,
And cut and peeled a hazel wand,
And hooked a berry to a thread;
And when white moths were on the wing,
And moth-like stars were flickering out,
I dropped the berry in a stream

And caught a little silver trout.

When I had laid it on the floor
I went to blow the fire a-flame,
But something rustled on the floor,
And someone called me by my name:
It had become a glimmering girl
With apple blossom in her hair
Who called me by my name and ran
And faded through the brightening air.

Though I am old with wandering
Through hollow lands and hilly lands,
I will find out where she has gone,
And kiss her lips and take her hands;
And walk among long dappled grass,
And pluck till time and times are done,
The silver apples of the moon,
The golden apples of the sun.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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