

Christian Aid Week focus on Sierra Leone



Nurse Judith Lassie in Sawula village. Christian Aid Week will aim to fund a bigger and better health centre in the village.

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Christian Aid Week this year (May 12-18) will focus on the charity's work in Sierra Leone – the most dangerous country in the world to give birth.

Sierra Leone is a country about the size of Ireland, and lies on the coast of West Africa. Scarred by a long and bloody civil war (1991-2002), and the worst Ebola outbreak in history (2014-2016), Sierra Leoneans are now battling to rebuild healthcare.

But for mothers, babies, and young children, the risks are huge.

- * Ten women die EVERY DAY giving birth
- * One in nine children don't reach their 5th birthday
- * 10% of healthcare workers died during the Ebola crisis

There are a number of reasons why giving birth is so dangerous in Sierra Leone:-

- * Distance to the health centre – If there's no health clinic in their village, women in labour have to wait up to eight hours before the ambulance arrives. Some women travel to hospital on the back of a motorbike. The poorest women have no choice but to walk for hours on foot.

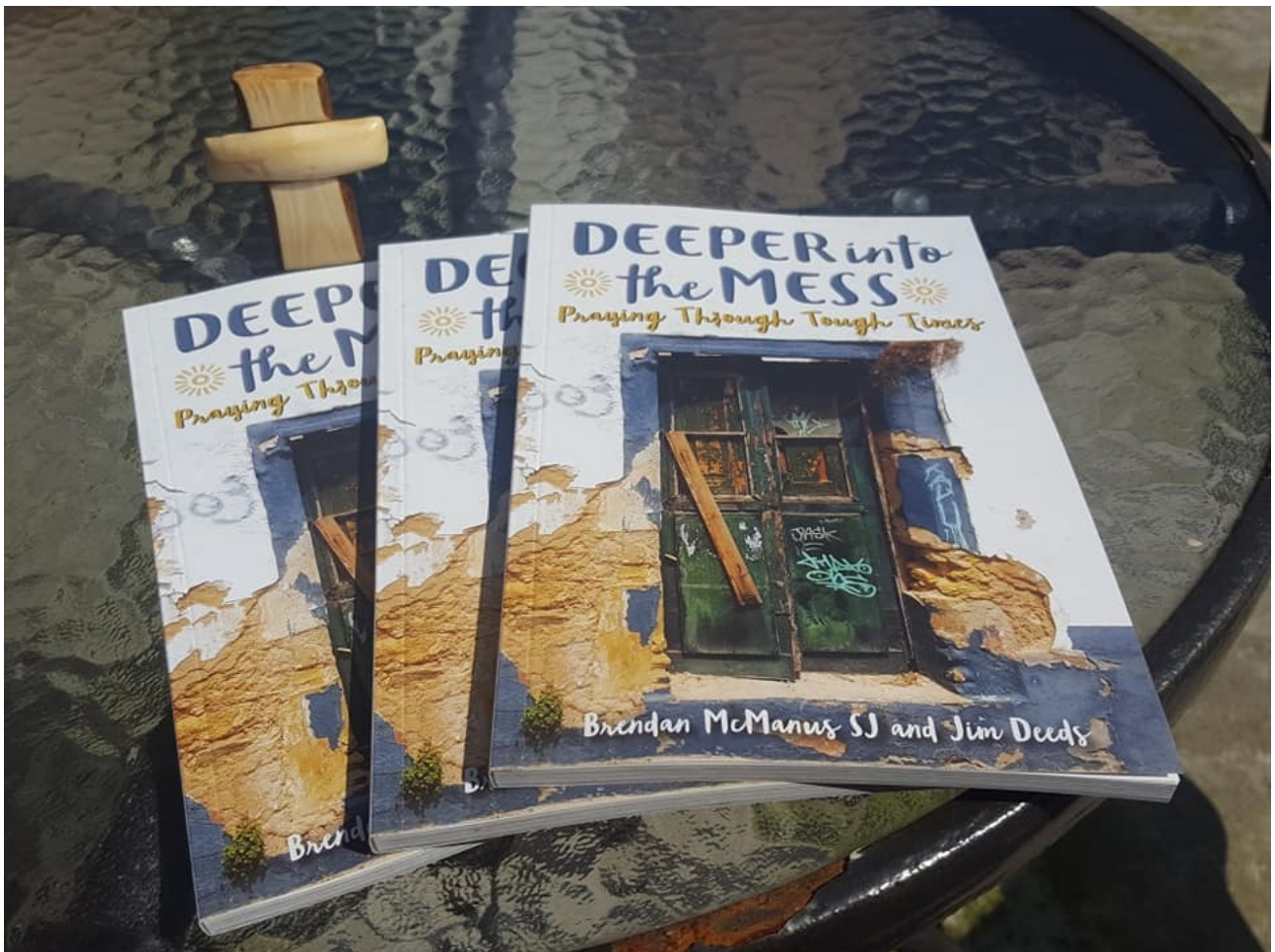
- * A lack of trained healthcare workers means that many women are left to give birth with traditional birth attendants who have very little medical training and are not equipped to deal with serious emergencies.

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* Inadequate health centres – even if a woman has a health centre in her village, but it is likely it will be poorly equipped, with not enough drugs available, not enough delivery beds, and no light for the nurse to deliver the baby at night.

* Hunger – from May to December, it's hungry season. There isn't enough food, and most families eat just one meal a day. This means many pregnant women often don't have the strength to give birth.

Launch of Deeper Into The Mess



The authors have received their copies of “Deeper Into The Mess” (their follow up to Finding God in the Mess). This

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means that the book will be available in a few days time from www.messenger.ie and from all good bookstores.

They say, "Like we did last time, we'd love you to send us pictures of you with your copy or your copy where you'll keep it at home or at work. We'll post all pictures sent to us."

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**Methodist
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Rev Billiy Davison

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commented, “Delighted last Sunday morning to be with our congregation in Newtownabbey Methodist Mission (Rathcoole) to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his victory over sin and death. We focused on the awesomeness of the risen Lord who not only disarmed the powers and authorities but made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the Cross. Let’s continue to live with confidence in him, as nothing can ever separate us from his love and care.”

C of Cleric on attacks in her homeland Sri Lanka

Revd Maithrie White-Dundas (Ballyholme) was interviewed on Good Morning Ulster speaking about the appalling terror attacks in her homeland. Use the link here and begin to listen at 1:07

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0004nhs>

New canons in Clogher

The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell, has announced a number of appointments within the Diocese including some changes to the Cathedral Chapter.

Revd Canon Ian Berry, Rector of Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore, is to be Chancellor within the Cathedral Chapter. Canon Berry is heavily involved in Diocesan life and carries additional responsibilities (both formal and informal) in the field of education in County Monaghan. From ancient times the Chancellor of a cathedral had a particular involvement with education.



The Revd Canon Kyle Hanlon, (Left) Rector of Fivemiletown and Kiltermon, is to be Precentor within the Cathedral Chapter.

Making the announcements, Bishop McDowell said: “Canons Ian Berry and Kyle

Hanlon are amongst the longest serving clergy in the Diocese who each in their own spheres and distinctive styles contribute to the wider life of the Diocese and it gives me great pleasure to appoint them to these senior positions within the chapter.”

Bishop McDowell has also appointed two new Canons. The Revd Ngozi Njoku, Rector of the Garrison Group is to be Prebendary of Kilskeery. Bishop McDowell said: “I know that the appointment of the Revd Ngozi Njoku will bring a very different perspective to its deliberations.”

Revd Ngozi described her five years in ministry in Clogher Diocese as a “humbling and exciting challenge” and it was an honour to be asked to take up a new position within the Cathedral Chapter as Prebendary of Kilskeery.

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The Revd Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale is to be Prebendary of Donacavey with the additional roles as Warden of Readers and Co-ordinator of Lay Ministry.

The Revd Canon Mark Watson, Rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk is to be Rural Dean of Enniskillen and The Revd John Woods, Rec-tor of Donacavey and Barr is to be Rural Dean of Kilskeery. The Installations and Welcome will take place at a service in Enniskillen Cathedral on Sunday 16 June at 7.00pm. The preacher will be the Rt. Revd Patrick Rooke, Bishop of Tuam.



Heritage - St Enoch's, Belfast

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St Enoch's was the largest Presbyterian church in Ulster and stood on Carlisle Circus from 1870. It had an amazing period theatre-like interior with two tiers of galleries around three sides, and four rooflights above. Its minister was Rev Hugh "Roaring" Hanna, whose statue can be seen in the centre of the 'circus'. Tragically St Enoch's was destroyed in a malicious fire in 1985, after having been vacated by the church. Here it is photographed on Carlisle Circus in 1931. Today the site is occupied by the Hopelink Centre.

Food for thought - homecoming

Good to have you home, son. Sorry you were in so much pain.'

Today in Christian history

April 23, 1073: Hildebrand is elected pope, taking the name Gregory VII. The first pope to excommunicate a ruler (Henry IV), Gregory was driven out of Rome in 1084. "I have loved righteousness and hated iniquity," were his last words, "therefore I died in exile.

April 23, 1538: John Calvin and William Farel (whom Calvin was assisting) are banished from Geneva. The day before, Easter Sunday, both had refused to administer communion, saying the city was too full of vice to partake. Three years later, Calvin returned to the city he would forever be associated with .

April 23, 1968: The Evangelical United Brethren Church joins with the much larger Methodist Church, forming the United Methodist Church, the largest Methodist group in

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the world and America's second-largest Protestant denomination.

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The **Church of Ireland** Archbishop of Dublin has said the blasts remind us "starkly and tragically" of the persecution of Christian minorities.

[World leaders condemn 'appalling' Sri Lanka attacks](#)

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"I learnt with sadness and pain of the **news** of the grave attacks, that ... Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, the **Church of Ireland** Archbishop of Dublin, said ...

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[Britain must do more to protect Christians, says Bishop of Truro](#)

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The **Church of England** and Catholic church issued a rare joint call last ... tweeted: "Easter joy tempered this morning by awful **news** from Sri Lanka.

[Crackdown on Christian persecution: Theresa May's vow to stand up for religious groups](#)

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The words of the Prime Minister, the daughter of a **Church of England** vicar, come as millions of Christians are facing persecution abroad. In Syria and ...

[New stained glass offers a window to the past in Clonakilty church](#)

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The windows also commemorate the construction of the **Church** of the ... the London Illustrated **News** of a Clonakilty woman holding her dead baby, ...

[Funeral at St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast](#)

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The service in the **Church of Ireland** cathedral will begin at 1pm. ... Dean of St Anne's Stephen Forde and Fr Martin Magill of St John's parish in Belfast.

[Martin Dillon: We need a Lyra McKee Law to penalise those who demonstrate or advocate for any ...](#)

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... that she planned to buy a copy of Political Murder In Northern Ireland. ... who had to watch his sisters being abused in a **Church of Ireland** institution.

['Agony of the Cross': Church leaders condemn 'cruel and pointless' killing of journalist](#) [Independent.ie](#)

Church leaders across **Ireland** prayed for slain journalist Lyra McKee in their Easter liturgies, describing her killing as a "terrifying expression of hatred ...

[Hate crime' paint attack on Ballyclare church](#)

BBC News

"Any right minded person can see the pain and anguish that this would cause," said the Police Service of Northern **Ireland** in a Facebook post.

[Man arrested for attack on Co Antrim Catholic church](#)

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A 26-year-old man was arrested on Monday morning in connection with an attack on a Catholic **church** in Ballyclare.

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