

## **‘If Stones Could Speak’ at Derry Cathedral**



**BBC broadcaster Helen Mark with the Dean of Derry, Very Rev'd Raymond Stewart.**

St Columb's Cathedral's impressive photographic exhibition, 'If Stones Could Speak', was formally opened by [churchnewsireland@gmail.org](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.org)

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the renowned BBC broadcaster, Helen Mark, at a ceremony in the Cathedral on Friday evening led by the Dean of Derry, Very Rev'd Raymond Stewart.

Dean Stewart said the name given to the exhibition, 'If Stones Could Speak', had a special significance for St Columb's Cathedral, reminding us of a story of people spanning almost 400 years.

One real life story had a new final chapter written on Friday evening when Antrim woman Liz McCord was reunited with a bible previously owned by her great-aunt. It had been discovered by Cathedral parishioner Pauline Doherty who had been searching for photographs and

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memorabilia for the exhibition, and Liz was tracked down through social media.

The 'If Stones Could Speak' exhibition, which will run until Saturday 6th July, is believed to be one of the largest photographic exhibitions held in the North West for some time. It will be open to the public from 9.30 am – 4.30 pm (Monday - Saturday only).

The exhibition is free but donations to the Fabric Fund will be gratefully received.



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## **Commissioning of Connor Streetreach 2019 team**

The Connor Streetreach 2019 team will be commissioned at a special service in The Church of the Holy Spirit, Mossley, on Sunday June 16.

The service begins at 6pm and the young people will be



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## Terry Waite

### Solitude

**Terry Waite** was kept hostage in Beirut for a total of 1,763 days: four years in almost total solitude. In this fascinating book, Terry travels the world to explore what solitude means to a variety of people: from those in the intelligence services, to a man who chose to live in the Australian outback, from Stalin's daughter to convicted murderers. Come and listen to Terry as he explores his own solitude amidst the solitude of others and in doing so will make the case for how solitude can be a rich and important experience in today's frantic world.

7.30pm

**£10 | £8**

The Crescent



**Terry Waite at the Book Festival will be interviewed by Alex Kane - details at [BelfastBookFestival.com](http://BelfastBookFestival.com) or at 02890242338**

commissioned by Archdeacon George Davison.

Streetreach is a local, missional, residential experience for young people run by Connor Diocese. It offers young people the opportunity to experience a mission within a safe context and with other young people.

Streetreach provides teaching, training and support to all participants as well as structured opportunities for mission in the context of a parish within Connor Diocese. In 2019 and 2020 Streetreach will be partnering with Mossley Parish in Newtownabbey.

A day trip option involves young people who have finished Year 8 and older. The residential option involves young people who have completed Year 11. Anyone aged 18 or over can participate in Streetreach as a team leader.

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The established partnership with Christ In Youth continues in 2019, with a team of young Americans joining the Connor team for Streetreach.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to attend this service.

## **Bangor curate admitted to Society of Ordained Scientists**

Revd Mark Gallagher, Curate in Bangor Abbey, who has just been admitted as a full member of The Society of Ordained Scientists.

Mark, who was ordained in 2015, is a trained research and development chemist with academic and industrial experience. He is passionate about both faith and science so when he found out about the Society he was more than a little intrigued.

The Society of Ordained Scientists (<https://ordsci.org/>) was founded in 1986 by Revd Dr Arthur Peacocke, a British Anglican theologian and biochemist. Through community, daily prayer and regular retreats, the Society “works to strengthen and enrich the ministry and faith of those who work in both (science and faith).”

Earlier this year Mark met with the Warden, Revd Stig Graham, in Coventry Cathedral and was granted associate



**Belfast City Mission celebrated Volunteer Week by arranging a guided tour of Belfast Cathedral for their volunteers. This was followed by a lunch with the senior team as recognition of the volunteers contribution throughout the year.**

status. Last week he attended the annual gathering in Hinsley Hall, Leeds, and was admitted as a full member of the Society by Rt Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester.

Mark says: "In a world that can seem isolating for someone who straddles both science and faith, it has been such a pleasure to meet and spend time with others who are

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as passionate about Christian ministry and scientific research as I am.

“During my time studying for ordination I read and quoted Arthur Peacocke in various essays, as well as those who are current members and associates of the Society. I count it a huge privilege and honour to now be admitted as a full member.”

## **‘Developing Ministry’ focus of new issue of C of I journal**

The summer issue of the Church of Ireland journal, SEARCH, edited by Canon Ginnie Kennerley, is largely devoted to the proceedings of last March’s ‘Developing Ministry’ colloquium hosted by SEARCH. ‘What is the Spirit saying to the Church?’ The question was constantly repeated at the colloquium but less heard were the questions: ‘And are we listening? And if so, what are we doing about it?’

Facing up to facts is not yet spiritual discernment, but it’s a helpful staging post on the way. Among the challenging facts of today: church-going is seriously in decline; unbelief is rising; there is too much clergy breakdown and too few new vocations; rural parishes are inadequately serviced; and for all our talk about collaborative, lay-inclusive, ministry, our inherited structures inhibit it and clergy tend to resist it, to resist even sharing with each other.



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Ministry, for  
instance, would not get the Church out of trouble if regarded  
it simply as a parochial gap-filler. Unless rooted in a new,  
more inclusive understanding of the Church's ministry, it  
would fail in Ireland just as it largely had in England.

Bishop Michael Burrows, who chaired the colloquium,  
gave voice to his hope that out of the rich pooling of ideas

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The poster features a background of white cosmos flowers against a blue sky. The text is arranged in a structured layout with horizontal color bands. At the top left is the logo 'dbs' (The Dublin Bach Singers). The title 'Summer Concert' is written in a large, green, cursive font. Below the title, the program is listed in white text on green and orange bands. The performers and repertoire are listed in white text on green bands. The organist and orchestra are listed in white text on a green band. The venue, date, and time are listed in white text on an orange band. The ticket price and website are listed in white text on a green band at the bottom.

**THE DUBLIN BACH SINGERS**

*Summer Concert*

The Dublin Bach Singers –  
Bernstein: Chichester Psalms  
Randall Thompson: Alleluia

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir –  
10th Anniversary Commissioned Works

The Palestrina Choir –  
Allegri: Miserere Mei

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir &  
The Palestrina Choir – Vivaldi: Gloria

All choirs –  
Handel: Hallelujah Chorus

Organist: David Leigh  
The Marlborough Baroque Orchestra  
Conducted by Blánaid Murphy

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, June 27th 7.30pm

Tickets €20 [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)



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and experience that day there would emerge “two or three hatchable eggs” to enrich and even transform the life of the Church. But he also took to heart David Hewlett’s warning that a certain death had to precede any sort of resurrection, and that the Spirit might be telling us to let go old ways that now obstructed the future of the Church.

The areas of vocational discernment, selection for ordination, appropriate ministerial training, and post-ordination deployment and spiritual support were all covered in the sessions following the keynote address. All are crucial to the Church’s future, and all require us to listen to the leading of the Spirit.

Subscription details for SEARCH can be found at [www.searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org)

## **New Moderator reflects on a week of ‘optimism & hope’**

Following the close of the 2019 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on 7 June, which has been meeting in Belfast, Presbyterian Moderator, Right Reverend Dr William Henry, one of the youngest ministers in living memory to be elected to the office, said that his abiding memory of this year’s Assembly will be the optimism and hope.

He was speaking after chairing 3 days of debate and discussion that saw around 100 resolutions passed, that will

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set the direction for the life and ministry of the Church over the coming year and beyond.

The Moderator, who is the minister of Maze Presbyterian Church in County Antrim said, “I have been asked many times why I chose *Enjoying God* as my theme for my year in office. The reason is simply that I believe the encounter with God, and that relationship which Jesus desires with us, is the most fundamental need for everyone. And I do mean everyone!

“I missed the reaction to last year’s General Assembly because at that time I was enjoying serving God in Kenya. When I arrived home, I was immediately engaged pastorally with my own church members thinking through the issues. One important consideration for me then, as now, has always been the tone of what we say and how we need to communicate the love of Jesus in a gracious and compassionate way to everyone – especially when people disagree, even within a family. If we can’t do that, then the words get in the way of the message!”

Dr Henry said that his core conviction is that the Gospel is good news and will result in good deeds. “I have been impressed by the reports before us and the speakers at this year’s General Assembly, especially those who were younger than me! People, from across our denomination, who have graciously reminded us of the good deeds done in the name of the Church locally and across Ireland.

“I was struck by the powerful testimony of the Dealing with the Past Task Group, which has sought to reflect on how we as Presbyterians responded to The Troubles. It has listened

## CLONARD SOLEMN NOVENA

TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Solemn Novena is a wonderful festival of faith for all. It is a time to celebrate and renew our faith as a community. We pray with Mary and give thanks for God's outpouring of abundant graces and crazy love. Come and join us. **All are welcome.**

### **CALLED TO BE SAINTS** LIVING THE BEATITUDES

This year's novena is about our call to holiness. Using Gaudete et Exsultate as our guide, we will examine the beatitudes as St Matthew lists them in the Sermon on the Mount. We are not asked or expected suddenly to go around calling each other saints. But we are called to be saints. Living according to the beatitudes is how we do it.

### **NOVENA PREACHERS**



#### **Fr. Gerry Maloney C.Ss.R.**

Fr. Gerard Moloney is a native of Doon, Co Limerick. He was ordained in 1988 and spent more than 20 years as editor of Reality magazine and director of Redemptorist Communications. He is now based in Mt St Alphonsus, Limerick. He is a very well known preacher, writer and blogger as well as being a Liverpool fan and general sports enthusiast.



#### **Fr. Brendan Keane C.Ss.R.**

Fr. Brendan Keane is a native of Galway City, and has spent many years in Belfast. His ministry has included parish missions, retreats and ministry to prisoners and people in recovery from addictions. He has always had an interest in marriage preparation and development and has ministered extensively to those bereaved through separation or divorce. Hurling is one of his great passions.



#### **Fr. Kieran Brady C.Ss.R.**

Fr. Kieran Brady is co-ordinator of parish missions in the UK, he leads missions and retreats across these Islands. He is based in the Redemptorist Parish of Erdington Abbey in Birmingham, West Midlands. There is still a strong Irish community there as well as multi-cultural influences from around the globe. He hails from Glasgow in Scotland, but with Irish background, which makes it difficult when Ireland are playing Scotland in any sport.



#### **Fr. Denis Luddy**

Fr. Denis Luddy was first introduced to the Redemptorists through an article in Reality Magazine as a young man in the 1970s and was attracted to their informality, warmth and availability to anyone who was suffering or in trouble. This inspiration has influenced Fr. Denis's ministry as a renowned preacher and parish missionary. A Cork native and keen follower of GAA, he is currently based in Esker, Co. Galway, from where he continues to preach missions and novenas.



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to members of our Church who have been deeply scarred,  
acknowledging what was good, but also reflecting upon the  
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times when Presbyterians failed to be faithful peacemakers, seeing how we can learn from a project that has so much to give.

“I have been encouraged by being reminded of the generosity of our church to worldwide disasters and the willingness of our ordinary people to be involved in mission locally and overseas. We are a Church which is committed to the enjoyment of life for all. Thursday’s presentation *Life Always Matters*, on human dignity, was for me personally very powerful, as it demonstrated our concerns as a denomination around those struggling with adolescent mental health, dementia care and end of life care. These are good things done in Christ’s name.

“My abiding memory of this year’s Assembly, however, will be the optimism and hope that springs from a belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was impressed by the tone of many of the discussions relating to last year’s decisions - the recognition that tone is important and that words in a report can be painful. So an understanding, particularly in light of the report on credible profession of faith, of the need to have more holistic reports that bear pastoral considerations was important.

“I was glad to hear that the task groups dealing with these complex and sensitive issues are optimistic about their future work. We need to genuinely listen, and welcome people with sincerity, into our churches, demonstrating in grace filled communities what life in Jesus Christ can be like.

Referring to disagreements and differences of opinion, Dr Henry said that all families have them, making the point that

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“the strength of our church is our democracy and we are not afraid to have open discussion, and that was evident in the short debate that related to the Church of Scotland. While the matter was unchanged, I was pleased with the way in which the debate took place.

“While there was an appreciation of the differences of outlook between our churches that many believe require the recalibration of the old relationship – there is a willingness to engage on practical matters. In maintaining an ongoing and mutually beneficial working relationship, I anticipate being a part of that.

“Even in regard to the future of Union College, and knowing that the relationship with Queen’s has ended, I was struck by the optimism expressed for a new future and new teaching opportunities, including the announcement this week of the 10 new online and campus courses. The large intake of new ministry students entering the College this year is part of that future too.

Looking to the year ahead, when he will represent the Church, speak in congregations the length and breadth of Ireland and undertake four week-long regional presbytery tours to encourage local churches and hear what they are doing on the ground, Dr Henry will be bringing his theme *Enjoying God* to both those inside and outside the Church.

“I want us to have confidence in him, even when life and our context seems to be changing. I listened to Glen Scrivener at our worship sessions and was thankful for this reminder, when he quoted the French mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal. Glen reminded us that our core task is to

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point the world to Jesus and to show that faith is credible, that it is good for everyone to enjoy God and how we should go about that. Quoting Blaise, he said, 'We have to begin by showing that religion is not contrary to reason. That it is worthy of veneration and should be given respect. Next it should be made lovable. We should make the good wish it were true. Then show that it is.'

"I hope that during the next 12 month, I might be able to just do that."

Much of today's business concerned the administration and governance of various aspects of the Church. One of the last items of business was the Memorial of Third Portglenone Presbyterian Church, asking that its name be changed to Townhill Presbyterian Church. The General Assembly agreed.

Dr Henry then formally declared the General Assembly to be dissolved, to be convened again on 1 June 2020. He then pronounced the benediction, following the singing of the hymn *In Christ Alone*.

## June 10 & 9 - Today in Christian history

**June 10, 1692:** Bridget Bishop becomes the first of 19 suspected witches hanged during the "Salem Witch Trials".

**June 10, 1854:** James Augustine Healy is ordained the first African-American priest in Paris's Notre Dame Cathedral. In 1875 he became the first African-American bishop in the Roman Catholic Church.



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**June 9, 68:** Nero Claudius Caesar, the ruler to whom the Apostle Paul appealed for justice (Acts 25:10) and who ordered the first imperial persecution of Christians, commits suicide.

**June 9, 597:** Columba, Irish missionary to Scotland and founder of a monastery on the island of Iona, dies at age 76. Though more monk than missionary, he established churches that went on, in time, to evangelize the Picts and the English.

**June 9, 1549:** England's Act of Uniformity, passed by Parliament in January, takes effect. The act ordered that religious services be consistent throughout the country, using Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer.

**June 9, 1784:** Pope Pius VI names John Carroll, the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States, as superior of the American mission.

**June 9, 1834:** William Carey, often called "the father of modern Protestant missions" dies, having spent 41 years in India without a furlough. His mission could count only about 700 converts, but he had laid a foundation of Bible translations, education, and social reform. He also inspired the missionary movement of the nineteenth century, especially with his cry, "Expect great things; attempt great things" .

## **June 10 - News briefs**

**+++ SING Belfast almost sold out** - Keith and Kristyn and their girls are home on the North Coast and the band arrives this weekend to prepare for SING! Belfast on 14 and 15

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June 2019. The choir of 1000 had another rehearsal last week in Glenmachan and the voices are rising! [Click here](#) to view and share a video of the choir rehearsing "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" on Facebook. Both the conference and concert are very close to being sold out - so if you haven't reserved your seats yet, we'd encourage you to do that this weekend before it's too late at [www.singbelfast.com](http://www.singbelfast.com) Over 8,600 people have made reservations so far which is hugely encouraging. Use code LASTCHANCE for £5 discount on last remaining seats.



**+++Methodist Church global and local mission meeting in Cork** - Join in Mission Night on Friday 14 June, 7:30pm in Cork Methodist Church to hear stories of global and local mission. Everyone welcome!

**+++ Scholarships for Corrymeela Summer School in Public Theology** - Corrymeela is running its second Summer School in Public Theology. All are welcome but if you are between 18 and 30 years old Corrymeela have a limited number of scholarships available. Please contact [churchnewsireland@gmail.org](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.org)

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Corrymeela for more information. The School runs from Thursday 4th July (12:30pm) to Sunday 7th July (2pm). This year's School will examine the theology of inclusion, particularly as it relates to human sexuality and will build on the Blessed are the Brave work of Corrymeela over several years.

There will be five streams for the Summer School:

1. Conflict dynamics in dialogue
2. Reading the Bible
3. Story–telling (a film–making project offering opportunities for telling your story)
4. Advocacy for Inclusion
5. Supportive space for LGBTI people

The programme will enable participants to engage with theologians and activists as well as the classic literature of religious history and provide space to explore faith and vocation through theological thinking, study and action.

The Summer school in Public Theology will take place at Corrymeela's Ballycastle centre and will be residential to facilitate a trusting and inclusive learning community which can listen well to one another and with those from whom we are learning.

The full cost of this residential is £225.00 (for those aged over 30), but if you are between 18–30 years old we are delighted to be able to offer scholarships to enable you to attend.

Contact [glennjordan@corrymeela.org](mailto:glennjordan@corrymeela.org) for more information. Organised with financial support from the Anchor Foundation.

If you would like some additional information about your stay, have a look at the [WELCOME BROCHURE](#).



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**+++Congratulations -** to Fr Brian Darcy on being awarded an OBE for services to cross community relations.

**+++ An Evening with Senator David Norris** - on Mon evening 24th June in the Music Room of Christ

Church Cathedral Dublin at 6:30pm for a reception followed by An Evening with Senator David Norris who will regale us with memories, musings and a myriad of mellifluous meanderings on his life and times as one of Ireland's most renowned and pioneering personalities. David will talk to us about his work as an activist for LGBT+ rights and how this influenced and touched upon his work as a lecturer, Senator and his faith as a Christian. Tickets for sale on Eventbrite and a limited number will be available on the door.

## June 10 News Links

### [Vast sums at stake as Catholic Church responds to rising property market](#)

Irish Times

Sr Liz Murphy, secretary general of the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and **Religious of Ireland** (Amri), said the factors driving the sales ...

### [Leaders call on Karen Bradley to raise abuse victims' compensation](#)

Belfast Telegraph

Northern Ireland's political leaders have drafted their responses to the ... Catholic Church, the **Church of Ireland** and the children's charity Barnardo's.

### [Catholic teaching qualification offered by Stranmillis](#)

BBC News

By Robbie Meredith BBC **News** NI Education Correspondent ... St Mary's University College to deliver the Certificate in **Religious** Education (RE). ... statistics there are 363 Catholic maintained primary schools in Northern **Ireland**.

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[Thirteenth Century wine jug found on High Hill archaeological dig](#)

New Ross Standard

... the space between the paths and negotiate the topography, footpaths and pathways connecting the River Barrow to St Mary's **Church of Ireland**.

[Young people at the heart of new international Finland-Wales ecumenical partnership](#)

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It is linked to the **Church** in Wales by the Porvoo Common Statement which establishes full communion between **the British Anglican Churches** and the ...

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