



1690 Communion silver is highlight of new community exhibition for Boyne commemoration



The communion silver presented by officers of a detachment of the Duke of Schomberg's army to the church in Glenavy in consideration of the kindness shown to them when quartered in the village

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An engraved communion chalice gifted to the church in Glenavy by the Duke of Schomberg's army in 1690 will be the star attraction in a exhibition set up to celebrate the return of the Twelfth to the village.

Glenavy last hosted the South Antrim Twelfth demonstration 14 years ago and this weekend's exhibition is intended to mark the run up to the Orange celebration as well as offer members of the community a chance to look at a culture which may be alien to them.

District Master of Glenavy LOL No 4 Ken Harbinson said the communion silver would take "pride of place" in the exhibition in Glenavy Protestant Hall.

He said: "It's kept in storage all year round and only comes out once a year for the Sunday before the Twelfth. It's too valuable to have out all year round.

"It was given to the church as a thank you for letting a detachment of the Duke of Schomberg's army camp here on their way to the Battle of the Boyne.

"Obviously there wasn't a village or anything at that stage. They would have camped around about the grounds of the church. We're not sure how long they were here for, it may have been just overnight or maybe two days at the most."

Details exist of a church at Glenavy dating back to the time of St Patrick. The current church building dates back to 1815, though it was largely destroyed by an accidental fire on Christmas Eve 1938.

District Secretary Roy Farrell, who is also a member of Glenavy Church of Ireland (St Aidan's), commented: "The

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communion silver belongs to the church though it's something that is very much part of our history as well.

“The chalice and paten (plate) would have been used for communion, although I've never seen it used for that purpose in the church.

“It comes out for our Twelfth Sunday service when the district joins with parishioners for worship.”

The silver chalice bears the inscription: “This plate was given to ye Church of Glenavy by the officers of ye Queen's Regmt of Horse, commanded by ye Honble, Major General Sir John Lanier, in the year 1690. In honorem Ecclesiae Anglicanae.”

He added: “It's amazing the work that has gone into it, you can see some of the hammer marks on it

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Pray for Edwin and Anne Kibathi, PCI global mission workers to the East African community in the UK. Pray for various community events planned for July, including a youth mentoring programme and ‘Kenyans in the Park’ event.

“They would have had to engrave it while they were here. They could well have used it for communion while they were here as well.

“Some of William’s men would have come this way and on through Moira, others would have come through Lisburn and Hillsborough.

“The regiment who passed through Glenavy fought at the Boyne in 1690 and Aughrim in 1691.”

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Congratulations to the 25 candidates from Ballybeen (host), Holywood, Ballyhalbert, Ballywalter and Dundonald who were confirmed on Sunday night.

During the 1700s the church at Glenavy would have been situated in a dense wooded area.

Mr Farrell said: "There would have been a lot of woodland around here. It's probably why they camped here.

"At the time King James was going around burning churches, that's probably why this church was saved, because it was surrounded by trees.

"The church in Crumlin, the next village over, got burned by King James' army."

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7th June

Padráig O'Rourke (Baritone)
and Michael Grant (Piano)

14th June

Fiachra de hOra (Viola)
and Frasier Hickland (Piano)

21st June

Kevin Ayles (Piano)

28th June

David O'Shea (Organ)

JULY

5th July

Marion Creely (Soprano), Shane Kenrick
(Clarinet), and Hanneville String Quartet

12th July

Patrice Keegan and
Carole O'Connor (Organ Duet)

19th July

Gerard Boyle and Luke Tobin
(Guitar Duet)

26th July

Roy Holmes (Piano)

AUGUST

2nd August

Sonia Stronach (Soprano)

9th August

David Grealy (Organ)

16th August

Katy Kelly (Soprano)

23rd August

Andreea Banciu (Viola),
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30th August

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Summer Music in Sandford features lunchtime performances on each Friday in June, July and August. Concerts begin at 1.10pm and admission is free with donations welcome.

The communion silver forms part of an exhibition on Friday from 5pm to 9pm and Saturday from 11am to 4pm with refreshments available for visitors.

The exhibition takes place in Glenavy Protestant Hall which celebrates its 150th anniversary next year.

Other artefacts in the display include banners, photos, band uniforms, instruments, and Lambeg drums. There is also a mystery teapot.

Mr Harbinson said: "The King William teapot has been passed down from one district to the next, nobody knows where it came from.

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“Some of the stuff we’ll have on display is kept in lodge rooms, other bits and pieces belong to individuals.

“One of the district banners is dedicated to Dr Arthur Mussen. His lodge is known locally at the Doctor’s lodge. He was a JP, GP, everybody went to him, he was the coroner as well, and a member of LOL No 227. A book has been written about him by ‘The Digger’.”

Funders for the exhibition include Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and Peace IV.

During the two-day exhibition the Glenavy District LOL No 4 will be collecting for NI Hospice, its designated charity for the year.

Seven districts from South Antrim will be represented at the Twelfth in Glenavy.

Approximately 69 lodges and 23 bands from the greater Lisburn area are expected to attend in what organisers say is a predominantly nationalist village where there is a good community relations.

Mr Harbinson said: “As the village has grown it has become more predominantly nationalist though there is a big Orange culture in Glenavy.

“We have good relations within Glenavy, we try to do a lot to be inclusive. This is one of the things we’re trying to do with the exhibition, we want people to call in and see what we’re about.

“We’ll also be dropping leaflets around the houses to let people know what’s happening ahead of the Twelfth.”

Report by Graeme Cousins, courtesy the News Letter

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Galway nun who helps Irish prisoners in UK wins award



Sr Moira Keane, who has been working with Irish prisoners as part of the Irish Chaplaincy, is the 2019 winner of Irish in Britain's Individual Volunteer award.

A nun from Co Galway has won an award for her work helping Irish prisoners in the UK.

Sr [Moira Keane](#), from the Sisters of Mercy who has been working with Irish prisoners in England and Wales as part of the Irish Chaplaincy for many years, is the 2019 winner of Irish in Britain's Individual Volunteer award.

Sr Keane volunteers here time with prison visits, advice, advocacy, suicide attempt prevention and giving support for distressed carers. The national charity, Irish in Britain, set up the awards to celebrate the role volunteers play in delivering services to the Irish community.

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A team of six women, all in their 80s, from the Lunch Club at the Southwark Irish Pensioners' Project won the award for outstanding group of volunteers this year.

The nomination from the project praised the group for their energy and ability to “lift the spirits” of Lunch Club members.

The final award winner was [Rose Morris](#), who is chair of the Irish Community Care Manchester (ICCM). Ms Morris won the Award for Trustee for her role in creating sound governance for the charity.

The ceremony recognising the volunteers will take place in the [Irish Cultural Centre](#) in Hammersmith on June 27th.

Irish in Britain was established in 1973 and was intended to create a single national body “to share expertise, to represent, to campaign for and support the growth and well-being” of the Irish in Britain.

[Brian Dalton](#), chief executive of the organisation, said the awards were created in 2018 to highlight the difference volunteers make in communities every day.

“We are proud to celebrate their contribution within diverse Irish organisations up and down Britain,” he said.

Kerygma Choir sing in the Houses of Parliament

The Kerygma Choir which was nurtured in Down & Dromore dioceses was part of a remarkable evening of reconciliation and hope at Westminster on Tuesday night.

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At the invitation of Lagan Valley MP, Sir Jeffery Donaldson, the choir sang in the stunning State Rooms in the Speaker's House at the Houses of Parliament.

The evening was jointly hosted by Sir Jeffrey and the Irish Ambassador to the UK, HE Adrian O'Neill. The Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow MP, is pictured above enjoying the music.

Connor to extend partnership with Yei Diocese, South Sudan

Connor Diocese is to extend its partnership with the Diocese of Yei, South Sudan, for a further two years.

The continuing partnership with Yei, which began in 2007, was proposed at Diocesan Synod in Ballymena on June 13

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The Rev Amanda Adams at work at the Peace and Reconciliation Conference in Arua, Uganda, last October.

by the Rev Amanda Adams, rector of Ballyrashane and Kildollagh.

Addressing Synod last week, Amanda outlined a number of projects supported by Connor Diocese in Yei. These include Mongo village school, the Yei Vocational Training College (VTC), Immanuel Primary School, Martha Clinic, youth projects and Mothers' Union initiatives.

But Amanda said that the most significant thing about the partnership was the building of relationships. "This is not about charity, it is about friendship in Christ," she said.

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Amanda and a team from Ballyrashane and Kildollagh attended a Peace and Reconciliation Conference held in Arua, Uganda, last October. This was attended by CMSI partner Bishops and representatives from South Sudan. It took place in Arua because of the ongoing insecurity in South Sudan.

“We learned first hand of the challenges facing South Sudan after years of civil war,” Amanda said. “The focus is not on rebuilding infrastructure, but on what the Church does best, rebuilding lives. Friends give the greatest gift they can – their undivided consideration, and in giving, they are receiving. That is partnership.”

Amanda said the Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, had sent funding from the Diocese of Connor with her to pass on to Bishop Hilary of Yei.

“That cheque will pay for the schooling of 40 orphaned children for three years,” Amanda said. “Bishop Hilary was overwhelmed, and said the children who benefit will now be known as the ‘Bishop’s Children’.

“He said these were tangible signs of one part of the body of Christ reaching out to another.”

Reflecting on her visit to Rhino Camp, the largest of the camps on the Ugandan border housing South Sudanese refugees, Amanda said it had been ‘deeply humbling’ to be with people who did not know what their future held, but were still able to worship with all their heart and sing ‘God is good’.

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Tom Tugendhat and Stephen Gethins from the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee visited Armagh recently

Congregation leaves Scottish Episcopal Church

A church in Glasgow has decided to leave the Scottish Episcopal Church following concerns that it has become too liberal.

Members of St Silas Church took a vote after a process of consultation and prayer.

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86 per cent were in favour of leaving the denomination.

The Scottish Episcopal Church recently changed the law to allow same sex marriages to take place in its buildings.

In a statement, St Silas said: "Recent decisions of the Scottish Episcopal Church have made clear to us that the denomination does not regard the Bible as the authoritative word of God.

"With deep sadness, we have therefore decided that for reasons of integrity we can no longer continue as part of the Scottish Episcopal Church."

In response The Most Rev Mark Strange, Interim Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway said: "Following meetings and conversations with the people of St Silas they have now decided to separate from the Scottish Episcopal Church to fulfil their mission as they understand it to be.

"Although there is always sadness when brothers and sisters walk separately, our brothers and sisters at St Silas continue on their journey of faith with my prayers and blessings; just as they would receive if they decide to return to the Scottish Episcopal Church."

St Silas is now seeking alternative oversight from the worldwide Anglican conservative group GAFCON.

June 20 - Today in Christian history

June 20, 1599: The Synod of Diamper, sponsored by the Roman Catholic church, seeks to correct the errors of Christians in India and bring them into conformity with the teachings of the church.

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June 20, 1885: A band of Moravian missionaries lands on the shores of Alaska and founds the Bethel Mission.

June 20 - News briefs



+++ Methodist President to visit Kilarney - Rev Sam McGuffin said, “I’m looking forward to visiting The Methodist Church in Kilarney this weekend - it truly is a church of many nations and will be 'a day to remember'!” Read the full news article on the website here: buff.ly/2IRprAr Above - the President last week with Lay Leader, Lynda Neilands at the MCI Conference in Cork

+++Sanctuary Sunday in Christ Church, Dublin - This Sunday, June 23, to mark the end of Refugee Week, Christ

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Church Cathedral, Dublin is taking part in Sanctuary Sunday and all are welcome to attend. The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE, founder of the City of Sanctuary movement, will be the guest preacher at the service of choral evensong at 3:30pm. With refreshments and time for fellowship afterwards.

+++Clogher clerical appointment - to Kilskeery and Trillick parishes. The Board of Nomination has appointed Revd Philip Bryson, as their Rector. Revd Bryson, who is married to Viola and has four children, is currently Curate of Magheraculmoney Parish, Ardess, also in Clogher Diocese. The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell, welcomed Revd Bryson's appointment, saying; "I am delighted that the Revd Philip Bryson will be continuing his ministry in the Diocese when he takes up the post of Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick. A first incumbency is a big step for any clergy person and my prayers and best wishes are with Philip, his wife Viola and family as they prepare for their move." The group of Kilskeery and Trillick has a combined total of approximately 386 parishioners and provides a firm foundation for an enthusiastic and developing ministry in a rural context.

+++More Belfast Jewish records online - A second series of Belfast Jewish Records have been digitised by Queens University Belfast special collections. A huge thank you to the library for this new resource. Another decade of the Belfast Jewish Record has been added to the digital platform. See all issues from 1954-1980 at the link <http://digital-library.qub.ac.uk/digital/collection/p15979coll24>

+++ US Episcopal generosity - The United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church awarded 33 grants for a total of

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\$1,507,640.55 for the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

+++ Music in Calary Church - On Friday 21 June, Musici Ireland with Lance Coburn (piano) Miriam Roycroft (cello) and Beth McNinch (viola) will perform Beethoven's Eyeglass Duo, Schumann's Marchenbilder, Da Falla's Suite Popular Española, Carl Vine's 5 Bagatelles and Brahms's Piano Trio in A minor Op. 114.

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On Tuesday 25 June, Ellen Jansson (piano) will perform Beethoven's Sonata in A-flat Op. 26, Debussy's Feux d'artifice, Alexina Louie's 'Warrior' from Scenes from a Jade Terrace, Bach's Chromatic Fantasie and Fugue and Liszt's Ballade No 2. Local artist Declan Cooke (piano) will perform Edvard Greig's 'Wedding Day at Troidhaugen'.

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On Thursday 27 June, The Janet Ashe Memorial Concert: Adam Heron (piano) will perform Bach's French Suite No. 3 in B-minor BWV 814, Schubert's Piano Sonata No. 16 in A-minor D. 845, Albéniz's Iberia, Cuaderno 1 and Beethoven's Sonata No. 14 in C-sharp minor Op. 27 No. 2 "Moonlight". Local artist Jack Lawlor (piano), will play Chopin's Nocturne in Eb major, Debussy's Clair de Lune and Debussy's La Fille Aux Cheveux de Lin.

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Information - Co. Wicklow (Eircode A98 H766). All concerts begin at 8pm and tickets, which are €18 and €15 for concessions, are available from John on (01) 281 8146 or by emailing derekneilson@eircom.net

+++ Choral scholarships available - at St Davids Cathedral for one Tenor and two Basses to begin in

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September 2019. £4000; A Travel Allowance; Accommodation provided; Singing Lessons paid for by the Dean & Chapter. The Choral Scholarships provide exceptional musical training, experience and opportunity, in a stunning setting, within a friendly and supportive cathedral community. For further details, visit www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk , email stdavidsmusic@gmail.com or ring 01437 720202

See also - St Davids Cathedral Festival

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0005gw7>

<https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/Tenor-and-Bass-Choral-Scholarships-2019-2020-in-Wales-jn7650>

+++Remembering George Herbert - George Herbert (born 1593) was an Anglican priest and poet who died on the 1st March 1633.

Herbert came from an aristocratic family, was destined for an academic career at the University of Cambridge, and political life, serving briefly as an MP, but turned his back on these to become a priest, living quietly as a parson in a country parish, Bemerton, next to the stately home of the Earls of Pembroke and near Salisbury Cathedral. He was diligent in his pastoral care, preaching and writing religious poems, many of which were published posthumously by his friend, Nicholas Ferrar, founder of the Little Gidding community.

Some of his most familiar hymns (for example “Teach me my God and King” and poems (eg. “Love bade me welcome”) are still popular and sung. They replect the

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themes explored by Herbert, of everyday life in the church and village and the seasons of the church year, reflecting on the human condition, of praise and prayer, of sin and salvation, of divine love and human response.

+++ Food for thought - 'Remember that everyone you meet today is struggling with burdens you don't know or understand. Try to lighten their load rather than increase it.' Great advice from my youth leader many years ago. Steve Chalke.

June 20 News Links

[Vatican may allow some married men to become priests](#)

Irish Times

In a potentially groundbreaking move, the Roman Catholic **Church** on Monday cracked open the door to ordaining married, elderly men to the ...

[Why Pope Francis may open the door to married priests](#)

The Economist

And since 1994, when the **Church of England** began ordaining women, almost 400 Anglican priests have been accepted into the Catholic church, ...

[Valerie French Kilroy's family 'heartbroken' at her death](#)

Irish Times

"As a family we have been in great shock since we received the **news** of our dear ... "Our family has been gathering from different parts of Ireland and from ... June 20th in St Fachtna's **Church of Ireland** Cathedral in Rosscarbery, Co ...

[Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross has spoken of his deep shock at the death of Valerie French ...](#) - Midwest Radio

['We are heartbroken and it is all too much to take in' - family of mother-of-three found dead in Mayo](#) - [Independent.ie](#)

[Relatives of Valerie French Kilroy in 'great shock' at news of her death](#) - Irish Mirror

[Gardaí investigating comments by **religious** brother during mass calling gay people 'zombies'](#)

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Gardaí are investigating alleged hate speech by a **religious** brother who ... "Gardaí are investigating the contents of remarks made during a **religious** ... Colm O Gorman, the executive director for Amnesty **Ireland**, condemned the ... visit to **Ireland** saw a spike in allegations of clerical abuse Irish **News**.

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1980s Ireland was no place for women

Irish Examiner

Survivors of the Bethany Home in Dublin, a residential institution for 'fallen women' run by the **Church of Ireland**, are still campaigning for the ...

Composer Kaija Saariaho in Ireland This Week

The Journal of Music

Composer Kaija Saariaho in Ireland This Week ... and at 5pm the Russian Patriarchate Choir will perform at St Nicholas' **Church of Ireland**, Dundalk.

Parish nurse Jennifer Gault is a first in Northern Ireland

BBC News

By Dean McLaughlin BBC **News** NI ... Ms Gault will work with Limavady Methodist **Church** to help alleviate pressures on GP services and hospitals.

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