

May 3, 2019

CNI
CHURCH
NEWS
IRELAND



Hub Chaplaincy at Queen's University 400 Miles 4 Uganda cycle

A team from the Hub Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Belfast, is starting their mega cycle today from the very south of Ireland to its very north.

May 3, 2019

400 Miles 4 Uganda will raise funds for Abaana and Waakisa, charities working with children and young women in Uganda. The Rev Barry Forde, Church of Ireland Chaplain at Queen's, and his team will pedal from Mizen Head in Cork to Malin Head in Donegal from May 3–7. Today they have a 5.15pm start at Mizen, cycling the 32 miles to Bantry to ease them into the challenge.

They depart Bantry tomorrow morning, pedalling to Kenmare and tackling the largest climb of the event – 1,000ft over six miles – in the course of this 27.5 mile stage. From there it is on to Killarney and another big climb – 850ft over 5–6 miles. After lunch in Killarney they will cover another 20 miles to Tralee, arriving mid-afternoon, then it is on to Tarbet and the Shannon Ferry before calling it a night. Sunday's ride takes them from Kilrush to Galway, via Spanish Point and the Cliffs of Moher. On Bank Holiday Monday the team will be back in the saddle to pedal to Bundoran via Tuam, Knock and Sligo. They will cover more than 110 miles on their final day, travelling via Donegal town, Ballybofey, Raphoe, Londonderry, Moville and finally reaching the finish line on the north coast at Malin Head in the early evening.

Joining Barry on the cycle are the Hub's worship team leader James Turner, James' dad Alec Turner, Chris McDowell, a member of the Church of the Resurrection at Queen's, and Peter Anderson, a member of the chaplaincy management group. The team will be supported by Carol Turner, wife of Alec and mum of James, who will drive the support vehicle.

May 3, 2019

Barry, who started cycling to get fit in 2015, said he anticipated day three would be the toughest, when they would all be a bit sore, with many miles still to go.

The cyclists will call at Church of Ireland parishes en route, as they pass through the dioceses of Cork, Limerick, Tuam, Elphin and Kilmore, and Raphoe, raising awareness of the work of Abaana and Waskisa.

Teams from the Hub have visited Uganda to work with the two charities in 2015 and 2017, and another is preparing to go in June.

You can follow the team's progress on the [400 Miles 4 Uganda Facebook page](#), where you can also make a donation.

Community and charitable organisations celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral

Representatives of over 50 charitable and community organisations gathered in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Tuesday evening (April 30) for a celebration of the contribution they make to society.

The organisations were the beneficiaries of the cathedral's 2018 Charitable Giving Fund. A total of €86,619.52 was donated to 57 charities. The fund represents the proceeds of collections taken up at the Eucharist and donations for lighting candles in the cathedral.

Speaking at a reception after Choral Evensong, Dean William Morton, said that over 630,000 people visited the

May 3, 2019



Liz Caffola, Peggy Molloy and Joan Carroll of Touch Ireland with the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral the Very Revd William Morton and the Revd Cliff Jeffers of the Dunmanway Sam McGuire Community Project.

cathedral last year. Many came fore worship while others came to learn about the history of the cathedral, he said.

“Through collections at the Eucharist and donations at the candle stands we can provide help to community and charitable organisations. We are pleased to do this because people gave money for charitable purposes and in giving it are supporting the work of the organisations who are here tonight... I trust that what you receive will be of great benefit to those to whom you exercise a valuable ministry,” he stated.

St Patrick's Community Officer, Kelley Bermingham, paid tribute to the organisations for the varied work they do.

May 3, 2019

“Each one of you is an instrument of hope and you are all doing something that we could not do,” she said.

The organisations who received funding fell into six categories: alleviation of suffering, Christian faith in action, community support, inclusivity, education and health and wellbeing.

Archbishop of Canterbury visits Jackie Pullinger to see discipleship in action

Meeting under the theme “Equipping God’s People: Going deeper in intentional discipleship” at the seventeenth Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-17) in Hong Kong, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby took a break from the meetings to see discipleship in action. He visited the Shing Mun Springs Multi-Purpose Rehabilitation Homes and Jackie Pullinger on Wednesday (1 May).

Jackie Pullinger MBE travelled from England to Hong Kong more than 50 years ago. Initially, she began work as a school teacher in the Kowloon Walled City. At that time in the 1960s, it was one of the world’s largest opium-producing centres and was run by criminal triad gangs. In 1967, Jackie founded a youth club to help addicts and others who had been abused find a safe place for them to meet and play.

Over many years, it grew it into a major justice-based ministry and is overseen by the St Stephen's Society as it continues to share the love of Jesus by working with addicts, the poor and gang members. The rehabilitation

May 3, 2019



The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby visits Jackie Pullinger with his wife Caroline (left) and his Advisor for Anglican Communion Affairs, Bishop Anthony Poggio

centre houses about 200 people, some in the first stages of drug withdrawal and others who have lived there for years.

During Archbishop Justin's visit to the Shing Mun Springs Home, he prayed with several young people who also prayed over him. As he toured the facilities, he met other teenagers who attend an on-site school learning work skills and who take time to pray every day. The centre also houses a number of elderly people who have difficulty in adjusting to society. The emphasis at all times is on Christian community living and fellowship to the poor.

May 3, 2019

Commenting on this visit Archbishop Justin told the Anglican Communion News Service: “I am reminded of the humble spirit of the L’Arche community. Those who the world thinks are weak are strong and those whom the world sees as strong are weak.”

Consistent with the discipleship theme of ACC-17 St Stephen’s Society [identifies its purpose](#) as existing “to preach the gospel, reach the poor and see people set free through faith in Jesus Christ. Our heart is to go to the ends of the earth to make disciples...”

Jackie’s story is chronicled in the book Chasing the Dragon, which has been translated into several languages. A photographic account of her work A Crack in the Wall: The Life and Death of Kowloon Walled City has also been published.

Vatican women's magazine names new director

The vacuum created by a managerial upset that saw the founder of the women's magazine attached to Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano resign, along with the rest of the editorial board, has been filled.

Italian journalist Rita Pinci has been named the new director of Women-Church-World after Lucetta Scaraffia walked out just over a month ago in apparent frustration at the lack of support she was being given.

May 3, 2019

A replacement editorial board has also been appointed, Catholic News Service reported on May 2.

The newspaper announced the new line-up a few days earlier on April 30.



Pinci has a strong resume, including time spent at TV2000, the Italian bishops' television station, and two decades with the *Il Messaggero* daily.

She began her career as a correspondent and was the first Italian woman to be named editor-in-chief and vice director of a major national daily.

She also served as a vice director of two major weekly magazines, *Panorama* and *Chi*, CNS reports.

"I think the Church needs the gaze and voice of women who represent more than half of the faithful," Pinci said in a statement.

Pope Francis appointed another Italian journalist, Andrea Monda, as the editor of *L'Osservatore Romano* in December.

May 3, 2019

News briefs

+++Raphoe Cathedral is planning to undertake a major renovation -

project over the next few years to help maintain its building for generations to



come. The Dean, the Very Revd Arthur Barrett, reflects on its plans going forward - We knew that there were issues with the fabric of the building and we got a conditions survey done a couple of years ago. The works that need to be done on the cathedral are really quite extensive. It's going to involve re-roofing the whole cathedral on the outside, putting in new natural slates plus all the associated lead flashings, wall plate and timber, guttering, downpipes and drainage. We have works to do on the very roof of the tower and on some of the stonework around the whole building as well. On our website – www.raphoecathedral.ie – we have a banner for the renovation project and, as part of that, last year we commissioned a short video that helps to set the cathedral in the context of where it is, its history, the community as it is now, and our desire to maintain this beautiful building for generations to come. The website includes a link to a PayPal page and we'll soon be launching our 'buy-a-slate' campaign which we're hoping will go far and wide. We're also inviting those who so wish to be benefactors of the cathedral; this is for those who

churchnewsireland@gmail.org

May 3, 2019

would like to make a significant donation and we would include them in a roll of benefactors when the project is complete.

+++New Safeguarding Officer for C of I in Republic - The Church of Ireland has announced the appointment of Robert Dunne to the role of Safeguarding Officer for the Republic of Ireland. Robert previously held a position as a youth and community worker and he also has over ten years' experience with Barnardos in the field of child protection and family support. Robert's experience includes close liaison with Tusla and the Health Service Executive and advocating for children in a number of fora, including the Family Court, as a legal witness in relation to child protection concerns. Robert will manage both the child and adult safeguarding policies and will be responsible for policy-related queries and training. Archbishop Richard Clarke, Chair of the

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church with trousers tucked in and ready for mountain biking at the PCI holiday at Castlewellan. The Moderator expressed congratulations to Lachlan and Deborah Webster and all who organised such a fantastic Easter break



May 3, 2019

Church's Safeguarding Board, said: 'It is a pleasure to welcome Robert Dunne to his new role. The business of safeguarding – both young people and adults at risk – must always be a priority the Church of Ireland pursues both meticulously and tirelessly. Robert's long experience in this area will, I am sure, be of great value in ensuring that we continue to forward these crucial objectives effectively.'

+++Diocesan HR and employment adviser - The diocese of Down & Dromore has announced that it has entered into an agreement with Mark Mason Employment Law to provide parishes with access to employment law and HR advice.

From 1 May 2019, parishes are able to login to an HR section on the diocesan website and download helpful templates of commonly used HR documents such as:

- Statement of main terms of employment
- Handbook of HR Policies
- Job descriptions
- Application forms

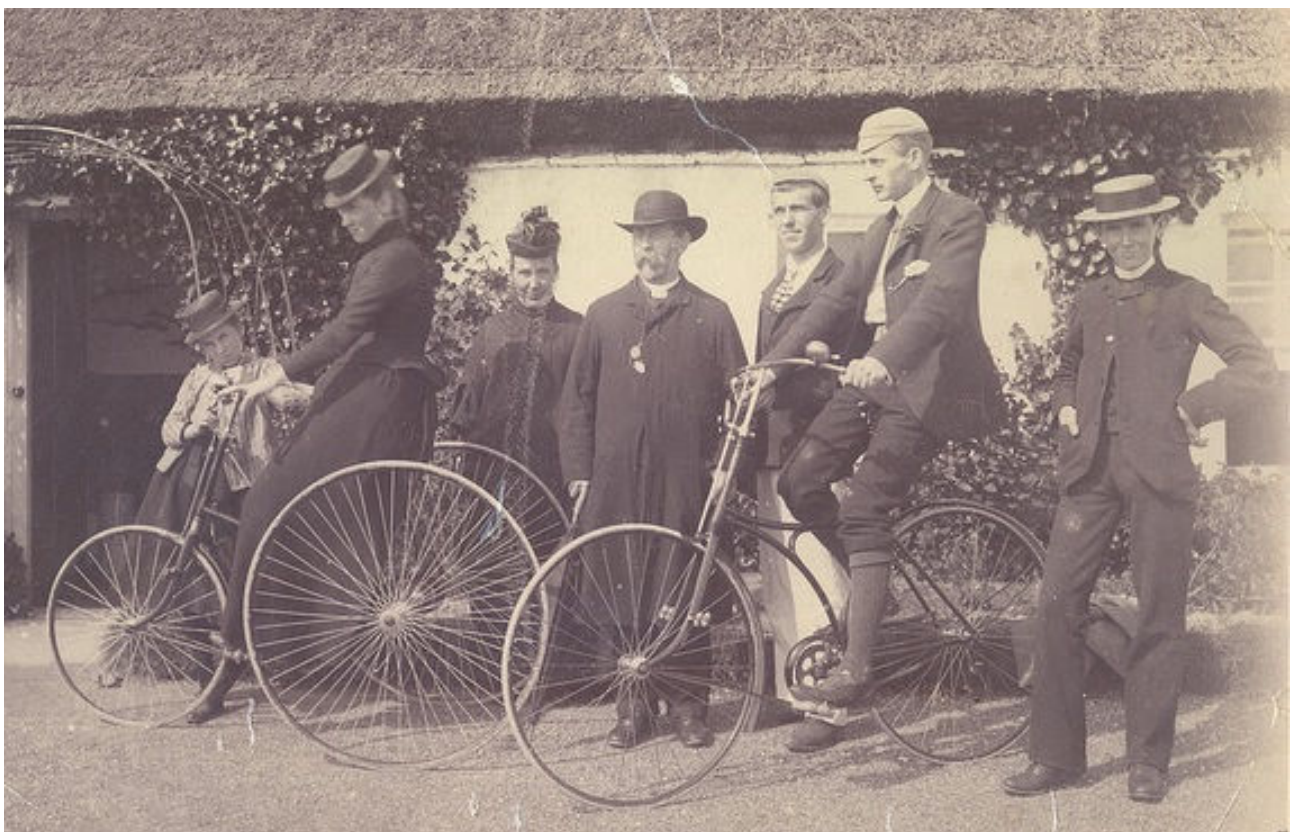
The documents will be updated as needed and will strictly be available only to parishes within Down and Dromore. As well as being able to access helpful templates, under the new agreement, parishes who want to seek advice on a recruitment procedure or a matter relating to the employment of an employee, will be able to access up to one hour of advice on any particular issue up to a maximum of two issues per year for any one parish.

Diocesan Secretary, Roy Lawther, said, "This is another in a series of diocesan initiatives which we hope will ease the administrative burden for parish leadership teams. HR and

May 3, 2019

employment practices are an important area of compliance and we are delighted to be working with Mark Mason who I believe will offer an excellent service.”

Mark Mason set up his business in 2012 and over the years he and his team have built up a specialism in advising churches and para-church organisations on employment law matters, particularly those that relate to the Christian ethos of the employer. Mark believes that HR policies and practice should both be legally compliant and reflect the Christian ethos and is looking forward to being of service to the diocese in this way.



+++Bicycles, Long Coats and Shooting Jackets -

Cycling came into its own as a means of transport towards the end of the 19th century and many Church of Ireland clergy swiftly took to the bike. The RCB Library has recently

May 3, 2019

focussed on this theme and has made some of its more unusual photographs available online [here](#). However, as we will see, the practicalities of riding a bike caused considerable anxiety among some members of the Church. Not everyone was completely happy with this trend; a few considered it unseemly that clerics should cycle at all, but many were more concerned about that they should wear. The *Gazette* of 02 January 1891 insisted that it was inappropriate for clergy to cycle to church dressed in surplice, stole and hood, which makes us wonder if they had formerly ridden on horseback fully attired for service, or whether they travelled in some form of carriage or cart.

www.library.ireland.anglican.org

+++Down and Dromore Bible Week - The Rt Revd Harold Miller will be the speaker at Bible Week 2019 on the theme celebrating Mission and Ministry in the diocese. Bishop Harold will teach around these themes with a different emphasis each evening. It is the 13th Bible Week and only the second time that Bishop Harold has been the speaker. In 2012 he gave a series of teachings on the seven letters to the Churches in Revelation 2 & 3 and proved a very popular speaker. You are invited to Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, for four nights of worship, teaching fellowship and ministry. From Tuesday 27–Friday 30 August 2019 beginning at 7.45 pm.

+++Dublin institution - There was standing room only in St Columba's Church in Swords on Wednesday May 1, as parishioners and friends flocked to meet their new Rector. The Revd Neal Phair was instituted incumbent of the parishes of Swords, Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan with Donabate and Lusk by Archbishop Michael Jackson. Neal churchnewsireland@gmail.org

May 3, 2019



Ian Falkiner, Billy Goodwin, the Revd Stephen Farrell, the Revd Lesley Robinson, Archbishop Michael Jackson, the Revd Neal Phair (Rector), Canon Pat McHugh, Archdeacon David Pierpoint, Dean William Morton, Albert Pratt and Brian Scott at St Columba's.

was joined in the congregation by his wife Lucy and their children Henry and Emily as well as many members of his family and friends and parishioners from the Ballybay Group of Parishes where Neal has just come from. Fr Joe Connolly from Donabate and Pastor Clem Hegarty from Swords welcomed Neal and his family to the area and looked forward to building on the already strong local ecumenical relations. Billy Goodwin extended a welcome on behalf of the parish of Swords, Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan and thanked the Revd Ken Sherwood for his contribution during the vacancy. The new Rector said it was lovely to be back in

May 3, 2019

Dublin & Glendalough and looked forward to ministry in the beautiful part of North County Dublin and to building the Kingdom of God in the parishes.

+++Food for thought - “When I look at the millions of Anglicans around the world, serving faithfully as disciples of Christ in communion with each other - and the wonderful miraculous work they do - I cannot help but see God’s great plan at work in the world” - Archbishop of Canterbury

Today in Christian history

May 3, 1512: The Fifth Lateran Council, the last attempt at papal reform before the Lutheran revolt, opens in Rome.

May 3, 1675: A Massachusetts law goes into effect requiring church doors to be locked during services. Officials enacted the law because too many people were leaving before sermons were over.

May 3, 1738: English preacher George Whitefield, the most famous religious figure of the 1700s, arrives in America for his first of seven visits. In his lifetime, Whitefield preached at least 18,000 times to perhaps 10 million hearers.

May 3, 1814: Thomas Coke, the first English bishop of the Methodist Church, dies. John Wesley sent him to oversee the American branch of Methodism in 1784; he later handed that responsibility to Francis Asbury.

May 3, 1861: The Southern Congress approves a bill installing chaplains in Confederate armies. The American military did not normally employ chaplains, but they became

May 3, 2019

a permanent fixture during and after the Civil War. Between 100,000 and 200,000 Union soldiers and approximately 150,000 Confederate troops converted to christianity during wartime revivals.

+ Please share CNI with your friends
www.churchnewsireland.org

