



Image of the day - Belvoir Parish yesterday

News Reports

COP 26 Archbishop of Canterbury is feeling hopeful

Archbishop Justin Welby said on Saturday -

The COP26 climate talks are emergency surgery for our world. The outcome will be life or death for millions of people. That's how seriously we must take this moment.

The eyes of the world are on Glasgow: leaders must deliver for the whole human family. We can, and must, choose life, so that our children may live.

If these talks do not deliver, we face a dark, disturbing future – but there is still time, just, to save our world from the worst of the catastrophe. While we face a fearful future, if we miss this chance, the message of faith leaders to Governments, particularly for those in wealthier nations, is this: take courage, be bold and commit to the necessary radical action.

This is a chance to start living in a way that is healthier, kinder, and better for everyone. This is an opportunity to say to our neighbours in poorer countries that we are one human family – and we are no longer content for one part of that family to suffer so that the other can build material prosperity.



Archbishop Welby on a visit to Burundi

This is an invitation for the whole of humanity to take a decisive, historic step towards a better world.

The great teaching of Jesus Christ is that anyone in need is our neighbour, to be shown love in action. I pray that, at these vital talks, we have a profound sense that we are neighbours to each other.

I pray that we rediscover that we are part of God's creation, not at war with it – and that we belong to one another.

I pray that we discover the generosity, community, collaboration, resilience and, above all, justice that God calls us to embrace.

And finally, I pray that we choose the path that leads to more fullness of life for us all.

Colin Powell's funeral to be held at Washington National Cathedral on Nov. 5

Washington National Cathedral on Nov. 5 will host the funeral of Colin Powell, the former U.S. general and secretary of state, who was a lifelong Episcopalian. Powell, 84, died Oct. 18 of complications from COVID-19.

The funeral will be held at noon. It will not be open to the public, but numerous military and congressional leaders are expected to attend, the cathedral said in a news release.

“Beyond his military and diplomatic success, Secretary Powell became a universally respected north star on the nation’s moral compass,” said the Very Rev. Randy Hollerith, the cathedral’s dean. “We pray that America will find the courage and capacity to be the nation that Secretary Powell believed us to be.”

Powell joined the U.S. Army after graduating from college in 1958 and served two tours in Vietnam during the 1960s. He later served in the administrations of several Republican presidents, including President Ronald Reagan, who appointed him national security adviser in 1987. He was the first African American in that role, and in 1989, he became the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, under President George H.W. Bush. When Bush’s son George W.



Former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell stands at the Vietnam Memorial during Veteran's Day ceremonies in Washington in 2007.

Bush became president in 2001, he picked Powell as his secretary of state, another first for an African American.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issued a written statement after Powell's death in which he recalled meeting with Powell over breakfast a few years ago. "I give thanks for his model of integrity, faithful service to our nation and his witness to the impact of a quiet, dignified faith in public life."

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, grew up in New York's South Bronx neighborhood, where his family attended St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. He served as an acolyte, and his father was senior warden.

“I’ll never forget when I was confirmed, the bishop laying his hands on my head and intoning, ‘Defend, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine forever,’” Powell wrote in 1991 for Guideposts magazine. “Those words gave me a deep assurance, and every year thereafter when I heard this supplication, that feeling of God watching over me was reaffirmed. Along with it was a sense of needing to live up to his expectations.”

Statement from Gafcon Ireland Trustees regarding Bishop Michael Nazir Ali

The following unsigned statement was carried by an England based web site -

(29 Oct 2021) The Trustees of Gafcon Ireland are deeply troubled by the recent transition of Bishop Michael Nazir Ali to the Roman Catholic Church. He has previously defended Christian orthodoxy around the world and courageously spoken on behalf of the persecuted church. However, Bishop Michael has now aligned himself with doctrines that are, in the words of the Thirty-nine Articles, “repugnant to the Word of God”. We cannot affirm Bishop Michael in his decision. We urge him to reconsider and return.

The first clause of the Jerusalem Declaration states that, “We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit”. As Trustees of Gafcon Ireland, and with our members and supporters, we continue to express

our loyalty to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus, and rejoice in his gospel and its faithful proclamation to all nations.

People and places

Eva Maguire (1873-1967) and Sandes Homes

Eva Maguire was born at Ballinderry, Antrim, in 1873, the 6th of 7 children of rector Rev. Edward Maguire, who later became Dean of Down.

Eva was educated at Victoria College, Belfast, and then attended the Royal University, Belfast, where she received an honours degree and gold medal in modern languages. With the experience of conducting a men's bible class in Bangor behind her, she took up a teaching post in India. In 1898, inspired by the work of Elise Sandes, Eva became Superintendent of the Sandes Soldiers' Home in Quetta. This post began a 70-year career devoted to the spiritual and material welfare of British and Irish soldiers in many parts of the world.

In 1902 Eva suffered a serious illness and was invalided home to Ireland, where she rejoined Elise Sandes and visited Florence Nightingale. Eva became Elise Sandes' 2nd in command at the Sandes Home headquarters at the Curragh Camp in Kildare. She was witness to the Curragh Incident in 1914, when the 3rd Cavalry Brigade under Brigadier Gough refused to obey the order to march on the North. During the First World War, the Curragh Camp was a



Eva Maguire of Sandes Homes

hive of activity as thousands of soldiers were trained for military service abroad, and Eva played a key organisational role in the Sandes Home, providing spiritual support and material comforts for soldiers as they prepared to go to war.

On the Partition of Ireland in 1922, Eva followed Elise Sandes north to Ballykinlar, where a new enlarged Home was constructed at the military Camp. When Elise Sandes died in August 1934, Eva became Superintendent of the Sandes Homes, and in 1939 she was awarded the CBE by George VI at Buckingham Palace. During the Second World War, Eva again turned her efforts towards looking after soldiers in time of war, when US and Belgian troops joined British troops at the Camp, preparing for service in North

Africa and Europe. She welcomed them with open arms, organised films for them, and on Sunday evenings often addressed her Christian message to 1000 men at a time, often as they were preparing to leave the Camp.

Even towards the end of her life, Eva left her rooms on the upper floor of the Sandes Home and went swimming every day in the Irish Sea. When she died in 1967, she was buried at Tyrella Church of Ireland graveyard, next to her mentor Elise Sandes, with full military honours. The funeral was headed by Lt-General Sir Ian Harris GOC NI Command, and Chief of Staff Brigadier A J Dyball. Preceded by the full band of 1st King's Regiment with muffled drums, the ceremonial gun carriage bearing her coffin was drawn by 8 senior NCOs and escorted by 96 men and two officers. Services at the Sandes Home and at the graveside were conducted by the Rector of Tyrella, Rev R L Hutchinson. Eva Maguire was a worthy successor of Elise Sandes, who said of her: ' No daughter could have been better to me.'

Eva Maguire passed away on this day, 27th October, in 1967.

Retirement of Dean of Ross

Yesterday, 31st October, was the last Sunday in stipendiary ministry of the Very Reverend Christopher Peters, Dean of Ross, before his retirement begins today. Bishop Paul Colton said, "On my own behalf and on behalf of us all, I thank the Dean for his 28 years of faithful ministry in Church of Ireland in Cork, Cloyne and Ross, not only in Ross Union of Parishes (since 1998) but also in Kilmocomogue Union of

Parishes from 1988 to 1993. That's 28 years in all here, and 39 years in stipendiary ministry within the Church of Ireland.

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I wish him and Judy every blessing as they move to their new home, and pray that Chris will have a fulfilled and long retirement.”



Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts and books

**Caring for the earth -
Armagh online lecture**

Today Monday at 7.30pm the Armagh Robinson Library will host an online lecture by the Very Revd Gregory Dunstan.

November 1, 2021

Titled, 'To Care for the Earth – Reflections from the Enlightenment at Armagh Robinson Library', it is being held to mark the forthcoming COP26 Conference in Glasgow. To register for the lecture, please go the Library's Arts Ticket site at

[<https://armagh-robinson-library.arttickets.org.uk>]

or e-mail the Library at

[admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk.] Tickets are free with donations to the Library welcome.

Until October 2020, Gregory Dunstan was Dean of Armagh and Keeper of Armagh Robinson Library. Born in England, his first degree was in geography. Before his ordination in 1990, he was a landscape architect, working in Dublin.

Church of Ireland Historical Society autumn meeting on Zoom

The autumn meeting of the Church of Ireland Historical Society will be held online via Zoom, on Saturday 6 November.

Beginning at 11am Dr Michael Gladwin, from Charles Stuart University in Australia, will speak on "Mindful of her St Columba and Gaels": The Church of Ireland, empire, and Australian Anglicanism, 1788–1850', followed at 12pm by a research paper by Ms Claire McCormick, a doctoral student in the University of Limerick, on 'PR and the Palatines'.

The afternoon session will begin at 2pm with a paper by Dr Deirdre Nuttall on 'Understanding the "Left Behind" with

Folklore: the Case of the Protestants in Independent Ireland’, followed at 3pm by Prof Caleb Richardson, from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, who will speak on ‘Family, Faith, and Friendship: R.M. Smyllie and the Church of Ireland’.

The conference will be on held via Zoom Video Conferencing. Those who wish to attend can register online. Members can sign up for free. Non–members are most welcome. They are asked to subscribe €10 to assist with expenses.

Those who wish to become a member the annual subscription is fixed at €40 or £40. This includes admission to the bi–annual conferences (at Armagh Robinson Library and Christ Church cathedral, Dublin), book discounts, and exclusive access to the Society’s thirty–five podcasts. Queries may be addressed to the honorary secretaries, Professor Alan Ford or Dr Miriam Moffitt, by email [secretary.coihs@gmail.com] Alternatively, you can visit the society’s website for further details about the conference (and more!): [<http://churchofirelandhist.org>.] The Church of Ireland Historical Society meets twice a year. It exists to promote scholarly interest in the history of the Church, and to facilitate publication.



Perspective

COP26 Listen to the quiet voices by Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church

Bishop Mark Strange, looks at the hopes and expectations around COP26 as we seek to care for God's creation

As I write this, I'm sitting watching the leaves changing colour outside my office window. There's a tree which is just at the corner of the churchyard at Arpafeelie which always begins to turn first, its leaves slowly, then quickly, becoming golden before plunging to a striking mix of reds then browns.

As I have watched the autumn begin, the plants begin to bed down for the winter in this changing of the season; I remember that once the bare winter is over then the cycle will come round again. We will have the cool, clear spring and then the joyful warmth of summer. So it has been for much of my life. Yet as we have stayed at home over these past months because of the pandemic, I have appreciated the slow but ever-moving changing of the seasons in a new way.

But just as I can anticipate the leaves coming back on that tree, it is becoming clear that in other places around the world many others no longer know what their seasons will hold. People can't be confident that the rains will come, or know if their land will flood. People can no longer be

confident that their crops will grow, or know if they will have the time and energy to harvest. People and places are struggling and dying now because of the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. People are increasingly anxious and increasingly fearful, and there is growing anger and concern for the future.

In Scotland we have a stable climate. As is so often the case, the worst affects of climate crisis will be felt that much more strongly in places where their climate is not so stable. So the changes that I can see, and the emotions which flow through me as I know they flow through many in our Church, are much more pressing in other parts of our world.

I've been thinking about those emotions and reactions as we all prepare for COP26 in Glasgow. The hopes and expectations of so many people are that political leaders will listen to the voices of people around the world who are simply frightened for the very ground they stand on and the lives around them. The Scottish Episcopal Church has put in place and will continue to develop processes which enable us to have a much lighter footprint on the ground, and will enable us to make a better use of the resource we have so that we don't contribute to stripping the environment of those things which produce the very air that we breathe.

There will be moments of tears, moments of anger, and moments of laughter in Glasgow, but I hope there will be moments of prayer. Why are we going? Why is our Anglican Communion delegation gathering? It is because as a church, and as people of faith, that's what we do: we pray. Our prayers are to God who created this beautiful little planet we all live on. Our prayers are that God will help us to

do everything in our power to protect the environment we live in.

With prayer, with conversation and simply by being visibly present, we can use the time to push home the point to political leaders that this crisis is real and that people of the world, especially those with the least ability to affect change, are being impacted by our continual drive for greater consumption, greater profits, and greater power.

We will try and insist that they listen to the quiet voices, voices that might not be physically present, and we will pray again that world leaders make the right decisions for our planet.

The Scottish Episcopal Church will be there along with old friends and hopefully new friends. We will spend our time carefully encouraging, noisily supporting and - I suspect - sometimes loudly reacting to what is happening because to honour God means caring for God's creation, not simply for what it gives us but so that we can pass it on, healing and restoring, to those who will come after us.

Please pray for all who will gather in Glasgow, for the leaders of the nations and those of us who will bring hope and prayer.

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Poem for today

Haunted Houses

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

All houses wherein men have lived and died
Are haunted houses. Through the open doors
The harmless phantoms on their errands glide,
With feet that make no sound upon the floors.

We meet them at the door-way, on the stair,
Along the passages they come and go,
Impalpable impressions on the air,
A sense of something moving to and fro.

There are more guests at table than the hosts
Invited; the illuminated hall
Is thronged with quiet, inoffensive ghosts,
As silent as the pictures on the wall.

The stranger at my fireside cannot see
The forms I see, nor hear the sounds I hear;

He but perceives what is; while unto me
All that has been is visible and clear.

We have no title-deeds to house or lands;
Owners and occupants of earlier dates
From graves forgotten stretch their dusty hands,
And hold in mortmain still their old estates.

The spirit-world around this world of sense
Floats like an atmosphere, and everywhere
Wafts through these earthly mists and vapours dense
A vital breath of more ethereal air.

Our little lives are kept in equipoise
By opposite attractions and desires;
The struggle of the instinct that enjoys,
And the more noble instinct that aspires.

These perturbations, this perpetual jar
Of earthly wants and aspirations high,
Come from the influence of an unseen star
An undiscovered planet in our sky.

And as the moon from some dark gate of cloud
Throws o'er the sea a floating bridge of light,
Across whose trembling planks our fancies crowd
Into the realm of mystery and night,—

So from the world of spirits there descends
A bridge of light, connecting it with this,
O'er whose unsteady floor, that sways and bends,
Wander our thoughts above the dark abyss.

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