

## Dublin inter-church Walk of Light brightens dark times

Almost 300 people braved the freezing conditions on Sunday evening (November 20) to join Dublin Council of Churches' 12th annual Walk of Light. The inter-church journey involves Christians of many denominations and this year the route took them from St Teresa's Church on Clarendon Street to Adelaide Road Presbyterian

Church finishing at Methodist Centenary Church on Leeson Park.

The theme for this year's Walk of Light was 'Do not consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing...' (Isaiah 43). Participants reflected on this theme at each of the three stops.

The walk takes place each year before the start of Advent. As the commercial world lights up for Christmas, participants in the Walk of Light set out to declare publicly that Christ is the light that has come into the world.

Living in a time in which homelessness is at crisis point, displaced people try to find their way across the globe, there is political uncertainty and as people are divided into 'us and them', the organisers of the Walk of Light believe that seeking the light of Christ together gives strength to over come disillusionment and despair.

Self harm and suicide are another form of darkness affecting many and this years collection in each of the churches was donated to Pieta House who run prevention and support programmes.

Dublin Council of Churches organises the walk in cooperation with the local Church of Ireland, Ethiopian Orthodox, Korean, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic congregations. The liturgy on the walk unfolded at each of the three stops and was put together by the Carmelite Community and the Dublin Ethiopian Orthodox congregation; Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church, the Dublin Korean Church and St Finian's Lutheran Church; and St Bartholomew's Church of Ireland, Methodist Centenary Church and ICON Community.

For more photos see <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
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#### Syrian religious leaders visit Ireland to appeal for help to end war

Christian and Muslim leaders from Syria, along with two of the war-torn country's leading surgeons, are to attend a silent vigil for all victims of terrorism and violence in Dublin on 1 December.

The interfaith delegation will also speak to politicians in the Dáil and address meetings in Trinity College Dublin.

The main leaders of the Syrian delegation are:

His Beatitude, Gregory III Laham, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, and Alexandria and Jerusalem, who is the spiritual leader of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church;

His Holiness, Ignatius Aphrem II of Antioch, Patriarch of Antioch and the spiritual leader of the Syriac Orthodox Church;

His Grace, Dr Ahmad Badreddin Hassoun, Grand Mufti of Syria;

Dr Ahmad al Khaddour is a cardiothoracic surgeon, a Professor of Medicine at Damascus University and a native of Homs, which was witness to countless atrocities before the Syrian Army stabilised the situation there;

Dr Bashir Mohammad is a cardiologist and a native of Hama, which is still subject to very heavy fighting and countless rebel outrages.

Drs Khaddour and Mohammad will explain how Irish and EU sanctions have caused Syria's

hospitals to degenerate from being on a par with Irish hospitals to a pitiable state where scores of women and children die every day because commonplace medicines, including those used to treat blood clotting, are not available.

The goal of the Syrian delegation's visit is to send a fact-finding medical, religious, political and humanitarian mission to the Syrian Arab Republic from Ireland, as well as from other independent-minded countries.

They also want to encourage Irish NGOs to send aid to Damascus via Trócaire/Caritas and other transparent and credible conduits.

The situation in Syria, as East Aleppo's human shields show, remains very grave for all Syrians, from the youngest to the oldest.

Organisers of the visit stress that the EU's sanctions are killing more Syrian children than ISIS and they claim that the USA has yet to deliver food or medical aid to Aleppo, whereas the Russian air force, despite the ongoing bombardment, continues to fly in tonnes of much needed food, clothing and medicines.

They also believe Ireland can act as "a lodestar for peace and reconciliation" by giving an example on Syria that other countries can emulate.

The Melkite Greek Catholic Church view themselves as the first Christian community, dating back to the time of the Apostles.

Patriarch Laham is a native of Darayya, which was recently liberated, at great cost, by the Syrian Arab Army. Although now 83 years old, Patriarch Laham travels the world, tirelessly working for peace and reconciliation in Syria.

The Syriac Orthodox Church belongs to the Oriental Orthodoxy, which has been a distinct Church body since the schism following the Council of Chalcedon in AD 451, although it claims its roots to the first Christian communities in Antioch in AD 37, described in the Acts of the Apostles (New Testament, Acts 11:26) and established by St Peter.

Patriarch Aphrem, who recently survived a rebel assassination attempt, is a native of Qamishli, in north-eastern Syria, an area that has seen ISIS commit unspeakable atrocities against his fellow

Arameans and Syriacs, clerics like Bishop Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim included.

Syro-Aramean men, women and children, along with Shia, Druze, Alawi and Ismaili will remain prime targets of the Western-backed rebels until Ireland and other countries put enough pressure on their sponsors to end their cynical proxy terror campaign.

Mufti Hassoun is a frequent speaker at interreligious and intercultural events due to his pluralistic views on interfaith dialogue.

A native of Aleppo, his son, Sariya, was brutally murdered by rebels on 2 October 2011 for no other crime than for being his son.

As Grand Mufti, he is the highest Sunni authority in the Syrian Arab Republic. Syria's moderate Sunnis, as well as the confederated Sunni tribes of Deir Ezzor and Palmyra, remain primary targets of ISIS and the other terrorist groups.

The 1 December vigil will commemorate the many moderate Sunni imams, including the world-renowned Islamic scholar Dr Mohamed Said Ramadan Al-Bouti and Cheikh Mohammad

Izzat Al Matroud, who have been brutally murdered by rebels.

# Cathedral's red tower symbol of solidarity with persecuted Christians

The tower of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin was floodlit in red on Sunday night (November 20) in an act of solidarity with the millions of Christians around the world who face severe persecution.

The floodlighting was arranged by Chains in Chains (an Irish charity that advocates for persecuted Christians worldwide) with the support of the Church of Ireland's Council for Mission.

Church in Chains Director, David Turner said: "We are very encouraged that St Patrick's Cathedral was floodlit in red drawing attention to the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and around the world. It was an appropriate way to end the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

"We hope this gesture will raise greater public awareness in Ireland of the continuing and growing persecution of Christians in many countries, and that this awareness will lead to greater support for them.



Dramatic gesture at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, coincides with International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

"The slaughter of Christians in Iraq and Syria by Islamic State militants and others has gained some prominence but it should also be remembered that in recent years, thousands of Christians have been killed in Nigeria by Boko Haram militants and Fulani cattle herders, while hundreds have died in bomb attacks on churches in Pakistan."

Earlier this year, Rome's Trevi Fountain was dyed red to highlight the persecution of Christians and later this week, London's Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral will also be floodlit in red for the same reason.

### Familiar hands for Armagh organ recital

Canon Martin White will make a welcome return to the Cathedral organ to give the fourth recital in the Theo Saunders Memorial Organ Recital Series on Sunday 4 December 2016 at 4.30pm in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh.

Martin was born and educated in London, where he studied at the Royal Academy of Music (RAM), and the London University Institute of Education. During his studies at RAM, he was awarded the Stewart MacPherson Prize for Improvisation and Keyboard Harmony. His Bachelor of Music degree is from Trinity College, Dublin.

He held several organist posts in England before moving to Armagh in 1968, to become the Organist and Master of the Choristers of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, a post which he held for thirty-four years. During that same time he was appointed to the Southern Education and churchnewsireland@gmail.com

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Library Board's Music Service as Head of Performance, which involved him in the musical education of thousands of young people for almost thirty years.

As a composer, Martin has written much church music, as well as music for piano and orchestral compositions. Five of his arrangements are included in the 'Piano Mix' volumes, published by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in 2015. While Cathedral Organist in Armagh, he recorded many organ performances for BBC Radio 3 and RTÉ, and gave recitals abroad, notably in Germany and Belgium. Currently Martin is an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and continues to undertake international examining tours especially in Hong Kong and the Far East.

For this recital Martin will play works by Myron Roberts, William Boyce, Olivier Messiaen, Herbert Howells and Cesar Franck.

The Dean of Armagh, the Very Revd Gregory Dunstan, said, "Those who have heard Martin play in the Cathedral will have experienced a unique sympathy between organist and instrument. It reflects half a life-time's understanding of the Cathedral, put to work when specifying an organ which so perfectly matches its acoustic. A recital by Martin is always a masterpiece."

As with all the recitals in this series, admission is free. The retiring collection will go towards the cost of a new piano for the Cathedral Choir's rehearsal room.

# Transforming Post-Catholic Ireland insight from the Fermanagh Churches Forum

Gladys Ganiel writes - Last week I was invited to speak about my latest book, <u>Transforming Post-Catholic Ireland: Religious Practice in Late Modernity,</u> at the Annual General Meeting of the <u>Fermanagh Churches Forum (FCF)</u> at the Bridge Centre, Enniskillen.

FCF was one of the main case studies in the book, so I was delighted to be able to speak with people from the group in such an inviting and open environment. During my research, I had observed activities and conducted interviews with

people associated with FCF. The group served as a prime example of 'extra-institutional religion' – a small, flexible organization on the margins of 'traditional' religion that is trying to promote reconciliation between Christians on this island.

The talk included my definitions of 'post-Catholic Ireland' and 'extra-institutional', as well as examples of how FCF contributes to personal transformations, promotes reconciliation, and has contributed to a normalization of ecumenism in the wider community.

One aspect of my research on FCF which was particularly interesting was how concerned they were to maintain good relationships with the 'institutional churches.' In response to an earlier draft of the chapter in the book, one member had emailed me this feedback:

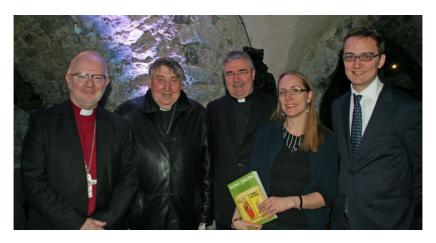
I think there is undoubtedly a valuable place for the 'extra-institutionals' but I think their greatest strength could be in revitalizing the institutional church, which is what I believe nearly all FCF would support. . . . Our institutional churches provide us with a spiritual home where the support of others who are also struggling along their spiritual paths helps enormously. All of our churches are flawed and need change but to me their central importance remains.

At the conclusion of the AGM, a local clergyman remarked that my findings were especially challenging for people in his position — representatives of the institutional churches. I hope the book can help serve as the start of constructive conversations between representatives of the institutional churches, and committed Christians who feel they must work outside of the institutions in order to effectively live out their Christian vocations in areas such as peacebuilding, reconciliation and social justice.

Click here to read the full talk: http:// www.gladysganiel.com/wp-content/uploads/FCF-Transforming-Talk.pdf

#### **Book on Rebel Prods launched**

A new book entitled Rebel Prods: The Forgotten Story of Protestant Radical Nationalists and the 1916 Rising by the late Dr Valerie Jones, a former lecturer at the Church of Ireland College of Education and Diocesan Communications Officer for Dublin & Glendalough, was launched yesterday evening (21st November 2016) by the



Archbishop Richard Clarke; former Archbishop of Dublin, Walton Empey; Bishop John McDowell; Dr Heather Jones and Mark Jones

former Archbishop of Dublin, The Rt Revd Walton Empey, at the Treasury in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

The book, brought to fruition by Dr Valerie Jones's daughter, Dr Heather Jones, an Associate Professor in History at the London School of Economics, and her son Mark Jones, is published by Ashfield Press. Its publication has been supported by the Church of Ireland's Historical Centenaries Working Group as one of its several contributions to marking the centenaries of 1916 during this calendar year.

The outgoing Chairman on the Historical Centenaries Working Group, the Rt Revd John McDowell, introduced the launch event by saving that the Church's Historical Centenaries Working Group had wanted to 'respect the complexity of Irish History during this crucial period'. He said that 'we often distort history but must look at the evidence and find out what history tells us.' and continued by saying that 'while many people are aware of the involvement of well known, and often well connected, Irish Protestants in radical politics during the revolutionary period, there were others whose participation on the republican side are much less well known, or barely known at all but whose stories deserve to be told and reflected upon.'

The former Archbishop of Dublin, The Rt Revd Walton Empey, who had worked closely with Valerie, in launching the book quoted from the many fascinating entries on figures included in the book. He praised Heather and Mark Jones on ensuring that their late mother's work in uncovering and re–telling the stories of these figures have now been brought to light in a

publication which fills a gap in the scholarship of that period a century on. He said that it brought 'great credit to the family that it had been published' and encouraged people to buy copies and engage with the subject matter.

Dr Heather Jones concluded proceedings by thanking the Historical Centenaries Working Group for its help in bringing the publication about in 2016; the hard work of the publishers and everyone for attending. Any profit from the author royalties will be donated to the Irish Cancer Society.

# New Ecumenical Adviser to the Archbishop of Canterbury announced

The appointment has been announced this week of the Revd Dr Will Adam as the Archbishop's Ecumenical Adviser. As well as these duties, the role includes being Ecumenical Officer at the Council of Christian Unity (CCU).

This post will build on the creative joint working that has been established between Lambeth Palace and CCU to further the ecumenical ministry of the Archbishop.



#### The Revd Dr Will Adam

Archbishop Justin Welby said: "I am delighted that Will Adam will be bringing his considerable experience and expertise to this post. His understanding of both national and international ecumenism will be a real asset to the work at Lambeth and at CCU. There are wonderful opportunities in ecumenism in these times, and we must always strive to be obedient to Jesus' desire that his Church 'may be one'."

Bishop Donald Allister of the Council of Christian Unity said: "Will brings many gifts to his new role at the Council for Christian Unity, and great experience of seeking the unity of Christ's Church in a range of different contexts. That includes being a delegate to the World Council of Churches' Assembly in Harare, a Diocesan Ecumenical Officer with responsibility for a Meissen link in Germany, a member of the International Colloquium of Anglican and Roman Catholic Canon Lawyers and chair of his local Churches Together group.

"He has already made a significant contribution to the Church of England's ecumenical relations at national level, having been a member of the Council for Christian Unity, the Joint Implementation Commission under the Anglican – Methodist Covenant and various working groups. I look forward very much to welcoming him to the staff team at an exciting and challenging time for the Church of England in its relationships with other churches, in Continental Europe as well as in England."

Will, who takes up his responsibilities in the New Year, said: "I am delighted to be taking up this post. My commitment to the reconciliation of Christ's church goes back to my early student days. I am looking forward to supporting the Archbishop and the wider Church of England in

ecumenical mission and ministry in the coming years."

#### **News briefs**

#### +++ Dunboyne Christmas Tree Festival -

Members of the Church of Ireland churches in Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin and Maynooth are bringing in the Christmas spirit with a bumper Christmas Tree Festival. It will be held in Dunboyne November 24 - 27. It will take place in St Peter's Church of Ireland, the Parish Centre and church grounds. Everyone is welcome to the Grand Opening at 8pm on 24 November, meeting in the centre of Dunboyne Village before joining a precession to St Peter's Church where the church and grounds will be decorated with Christmas Trees and lights. There will be live music to enjoy and the opening will conclude with some Christmas refreshments. Everyone is welcome. The Festival has 'The Greatest Gift' as its theme. Santa's Grotto in the Parish Centre, at various times, as well as the availability of Soup and sandwich lunches or tea and coffee make a visit well worthwhile. There will also be a raffle for a Mega-Christmas hamper. Each tree will be uniquely made or decorated to tell its part in the

Christmas story. One of the most exciting aspects is the way it involves the whole community in finding a new way to tell its story. There is no Admission charge, with visitors invited to give a donation. Funds raised will be divided between the host Churches as well Dunbovne Social services. This organisation meets local need, with funds being distributed by the local Catholic parish. St Peter's and the Parish Centre will be open for viewing on Friday November 25 from 1pm to 9pm. On Saturday 27viewing is from 10am to 6pm. Alongside the trees there will be a Christmas market with over 25 stalls on the Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., and a smaller market on Sunday from 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. There will also be live music at various times throughout the Festival. On Sunday the Festival opens from 12.30pm. It will finish that afternoon with a Christmas Songs of Praise at 4.00 pm, marking a true community celebration.

+++ Church Press Officer authors Architects of Ulster - Dr Paul Harron, Church of Ireland Press Officer, has written a book focusing on the work and achievements of prolific Ulster architectural practice and family dynasty, Young and Mackenzie. c: Young & Mackenzie – A

Transformational Provincial Practice, 1850-1960. published by the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, was launched on November 17 at one of the keynote Belfast buildings which the firm designed and worked from for much of the twentieth century. The event took place on the terrace of the stately Scottish Provident Buildings in Donegall Square West, Belfast, and the publication was launched by BBC broadcaster William Crawley. Architects of Ulster: Young & Mackenzie documents the work of this vibrant Belfast-based architectural and civil engineering practice which was established in the early 1850s and survived for three family generations, quickly becoming pivotal to the transformation of Ulster's built environment. This 'powerhouse' of provincial architecture designed large-scale keynote Belfast structures such as the Presbyterian Assembly Buildings (or 'Church House'), the Ocean Buildings and Scottish Provident Buildings, as well as Robinson & Cleaver's and Anderson & McAuley's department stores along with scores of other buildings which make up much of Ulster's architectural fabric. Architects of Ulster: Young & Mackenzie - A Transformational Provincial Practice. 1850-1960 is available from selected bookshops and via the UAHS online at

www.uahs.org.uk. Price: £28. ISBN 978-0-900457-80-7

+++ Anglican Church of Burundi celebrates a 50th anniversary - The Anglican Church of Burundi has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its first diocese – Buye – with a special service led by Archbishop Martin Nyaboho. The first Anglican presence in Burundi was established by CMS missionaries in the 1930s. The church grew rapidly as a result of the East African Revival and its first national bishop was consecrated in 1965 with his see at Buye, which at that time covered the whole country. Fifty years on, the country is now served by seven dioceses. The church there is focused on "proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, improving education and the health of the community, working for the consolidation of peace and reconciliation, tackling poverty, protecting the environment and fighting against gender based violence," a spokesman said.

## News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Same-sex issues dominated my time as editor, but church gazette has always been a place for all ...

#### Belfast Newsletter

Following the announcement that I will be stepping down as editor of The **Church of Ireland** Gazette at the end of next May, I was kindly asked by the ...

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/same-sex-issues-dominated-my-time-as-editor-but-church-gazette-has-always-been-a-place-for-all-points-of-view-1-7688873

#### Priest targeted in sectarian attack thanks Protestant clergy for support

the Irish News

The Church of Ireland Bishop and the Church of Ireland Dean here and the Church of Ireland clergywoman in Lisbellaw all expressed their concern ... http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2016/11/22/news/priest-targeted-in-sectarian-attack-thanks-protestant-clergy-for-support-794635/

#### CS Lewis to be celebrated in East Belfast

**News Letter** 

Some of the most famous creations of CS Lewis will be celebrated at a new £2.5 million public space in east Belfast dedicated to the author.

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/cs-lewis-celebrated-in-new-2-5m-public-space-1-7690649

### The Troubles: Campaigners call for special pension for injured

**BBC News** 

The WAVE Trauma Centre wants a pension for those severely injured through no fault of their own during the Troubles.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38059149

### Sugden: Almost half of NI's prisoners have addictions

**BBC News** 

Almost half of Northern Ireland's prison population has an addiction, the justice minister tells the assembly. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38052696

#### **Premier**

Report that the Archbishop of Canterbury <u>visited</u> <u>Pakistan this weekend</u> to express solidarity with the Church of Pakistan and church communities across the country (see above). Archbishop Justin travelled to Lahore and Islamabad. On Saturday, Archbishop Justin joined a service at St Thomas in Islamabad attended by families and victims of a suicide bomb attack at All Saints Peshawar in September 2013. He described the service as "deeply moving" and spoke to those gathered of the words of Psalm 56:8, of God knowing our sorrows, and of the Christian belief in the crucified God.

http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Justin-Welby-visits-persecuted-Christians-in-Pakistan

New Statesman (Mon)/Christian Today
Article in New Statesman by former Archbishop
of Canterbury Rowan Williams on the election of
Donald Trump which says the President's Elect's
"theatrical politics" are a betrayal of the

disenfranchised and to move forward, we need better analysis of, and investment in local civic activism.

http://www.newstatesman.com/world/2016/11/mass-democracy-has-failed-its-time-seek-humane-alternative

#### BBC/Tel/Times/Ind

Reports that the artist David Hockney is to design a stained glass window in Westminster Abbey to celebrate the Queen's reign. The artist said he has "planned a landscape full of blossom that's a celebration every year." The 20ft (6.1m) x 6ft (1.8m) window in the abbey's north transept will be known as The Queen's Window. The cost is being covered by two anonymous benefactors. <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-38055808">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-38055808</a>
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/22/

david-hockney-design-westminster-abbey-window-honour-queen-saying/http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/hockney-designs-queen-s-window-72mrbtmvzhttp://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/david-hockney-commissioned-design-new-stained-glass-window-westminster-abbey-queen-a7430821.html

#### **HuffPo**

Report that refugee children trying to reach Britain feel they were better off in the Calais camp and that there are claims that some are being forced to work on fruit farms from their new homes. The article has a comment from the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, who says that with child refugees already absconding from reception centres in France, it is vital that the Home Office speeds up the rate of transfers to the UK.

#### **Premier**

Report that a weekend conference held in Manchester considered how Christians can respond practically to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. The Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, opened the conference and the Bishop of Stockport, Libby Lane, gave a reflection on the imperative to welcome strangers in our midst.

http://www.premier.org.uk/Across-the-UK/ Lancashire-Cheshire/Bishops-host-conferenceon-welcoming-refugees-and-asylum-seekers

#### **Christian Today**

Reports that a bishop has accused the C of E of "being oblivious to the obvious" over the links

between theology and growth. Rod Thomas, Bishop of Maidstone, pointed to research from Canada that suggested traditional teaching fuelled an increase in attendance.

#### BBC/Ind/Even Stand/ITV

Further coverage that the Revd Simon Sayers has resigned as Rector of Warblington with Emsworth in Portsmouth diocese after he admitted initiating two sexual incidents with a 16 year old girl dating from the 1990s. A statement from the diocese said that the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, found that the vicar "engaged in conduct unbecoming a clergy person and inappropriate for a married man" and prohibited him from ministry for five years, which led to the resignation.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-

hampshire-38044267

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/homenews/vicar-resigns-after-admitting-to-historic-sexacts-with-school-girl-warblington-with-emswortha7430281.html

http://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/vicar-resignsafter-engaging-in-sexual-acts-with-londonschoolgirl-a3401091.html http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2016-11-21/ church-goers-support-vicar-banned-over-1995sexual-acts-with-teenager/

#### **Christian Today**

Report that the Palace of Westminster will be lit up in red on Wednesday evening to commemorate people who suffer for their religion around the world. The Houses of Parliament joins Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral on a list of iconic buildings to adopt red lighting in memory of those killed for their faith. The gesture is part of the Red Wednesday campaign organised by the charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

#### **Christian Today**

Reports that Britain's poorest families, including 7.5 million children, are at risk of further difficulty unless the government protects them from an expected rise in inflation, four of the UK's major Churches have warned. Ahead of the unveiling of the government's Autumn Statement on Wednesday, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church have released a joint statement calling on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to care for families on benefits. In

January, parliament voted to freeze most working age benefits in cash terms for the next four years.

#### York press

Report that York teenager Joshua Campbell, 19, is back at university despite being refused a student loan, after members of St Edward the Confessor's Church in Dringhouses, York Diocese, offered him their own loans. <a href="http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14915373.Church goers rally round to help st udent get back to university/">http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14915373.Church goers rally round to help st udent get back to university/</a>