



**Image of the day -  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin**

## Reports

# Bringing Salt and Light to Lambeth Conference 2022

**Anglican bishops from around the world are engaging in a series of conversations relevant to the themes of the 2022 Lambeth Conference.**

Excerpts of these monthly conversations are shared at [lambethconference.org](http://lambethconference.org), and a few passages appear below. The actual conversations are held privately online, among the bishops and a few Anglican theologians.

The Lambeth Conference is a global meeting of bishops of the Anglican Communion. It has convened roughly every 10 years since 1867, and will meet for the 15th time from July 27 to August 8, 2022.

The conference is based at the University of Kent in Canterbury, about 60 miles east of London. Some events will be at nearby Canterbury Cathedral, and at Lambeth Palace in London, the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the conference host. More than 600 bishops (and their wives or husbands) are expected to attend.

For October, the discussion prompt was Jesus' words from Matthew 5: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ... Let your light shine before others." The

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respondents were asked: “What does it mean to be salt and light in your setting?”



## **Archbishop Melter Jiki Tais**

Being salt and light in Malaysia for the Archbishop is also about speaking out against injustice and corruption as Christian leaders. At a meeting last year with Sabah’s chief minister and Christian leaders, the Archbishop explained, “I said, if the government policy is good for the people of the state or the country, the church will support it, but if the policy does not benefit the people in the whole state, and if the policies marginalise certain groups of people, or if it involves some forms of corruption, then I said, we want to say to you that this is not right. And we want to tell you, not through social media, but through this face to face dialogue. And actually, the chief minister appreciated that very much.”

**— Melter Jiki Tais**

**Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Southeast Asia  
and Bishop of Sabah (Malaysia)**

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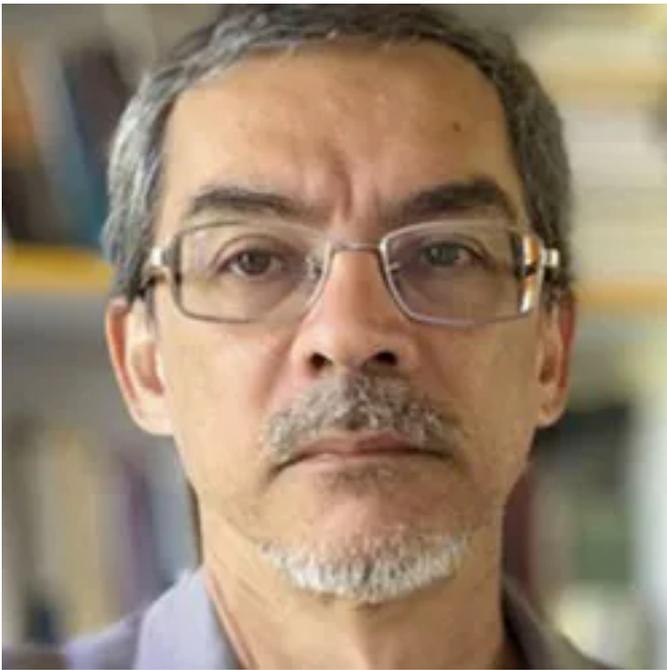
## **Bishop Ric Thorpe**

“To be salt in a place, to influence that place, to bring healing, to bring purification, to bring transformation, to bring light, to be the light of the world in a place, is to bring the light of the gospel. To bring light in the darkness, is to transform a space from darkness to light and from the presence of evil to something which is the presence of God and of goodness and transformation. So, in this context, church planting is the necessity of Christians and Christian communities to be in those places of darkness, to be in those places where there is great suffering or a great sense of hopelessness, with people feeling far from God.”

**— Ric Thorpe**  
**Bishop of Islington, Diocese of London**

## **Paulo Ueti**

“We are all tied up. We are all in this ‘bake’ together and live in an amazing web of relationships, sometimes good,



sometimes conflicted, but they are relationships to be nurtured. I'm a Brazilian; the Brazilian with the Japanese mother and Italian father, working globally for the past 20 years, and speaking different languages all the time. In my context in Latin America, to be salt and to be light, first of all should

be prophetic; to speak the truth to power and every power. So, that includes the political powers and the religious powers, to speak the truth against any kind of social norms that are oppressive and exclude people.”

— **Paulo Ueti**  
**Theologian and scholar, Anglican Communion Office,**  
**based in Brazil**



**Archbishop Josiah**  
**Idowu-Fearon**

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“Salt is salt, whether it is in England, or in Finland or wherever, salt is salt, light is light. If one lives in a predominantly religious society, which is most of the global south, very many people take their religions very seriously. To be salt means you’ve got to stand out ... You’re called to challenge your society and to prevent your society from getting corrupted and that is not easy.”

Archbishop Josiah believes the church doesn’t speak out enough against issues like corruption. “Why don’t we talk about corruption? Why don’t we talk about high handedness, misuse of power? Why do we oppress the poor people in the church? Why don’t we speak against that? You cannot be salt in one place, and then you sort of cease being who you are, what you are called to be, in another situation.”

— **Josiah Idowu-Fearon**  
**Secretary General, Anglican Communion**

## **Pastoral Message to Armagh Diocese on forthcoming Synod**

**Let us Journey Together! - A Pastoral Message from  
Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Michael Router and  
the Synodal Core Group for the Archdiocese of Armagh.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In Rome, on 10 October 2021, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, invited Catholics all over the world to come with him

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"on a journey" as a "Synodal Church". The word synod means "walking together". It indicates a way of being together as Church and "discerning" how best to spread the Gospel amidst the challenges of life in the 21st century.

On Pentecost Day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, giving them the guidance and courage they needed to go out and spread the Good News about Jesus Christ to all the nations of the world. Like those in the early Christian Church, we pray together today, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us to discern what God wants of the Church in our time.

We encourage you to join us as we respond to Pope Francis' call and set out on a synodal journey in the Archdiocese of Armagh. We want to involve as many people as possible so that we can harvest the ideas and wisdom of all the baptised and listen to the 'sense of the faith' that is alive in the People of God. Our challenge is to discern together what the Holy Spirit is telling us at this critical juncture in our history.

The theme which Pope Francis has chosen for the synodal process 2021-2023 is: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission. As Catholics we are spread across the world in many different communities, large and small, but God unites us all as one. To develop greater "communion" is not to expect everyone to be the same, but to overcome divisions and to walk forward together, sharing a common path. Even within our own diocese, stretching from Magherafelt in Co Derry to Drogheda in Co Louth, there is a wide variety of parishes, movements, and communities. Hopefully, the forthcoming synodal process



will bring us closer together and help us to recognise that we are united by our common baptism - as members of the Body of Christ.

The life of the Church will be much richer and more dynamic if all baptised Catholics can find ways to answer God's call and bring a variety of gifts to the service of all. Although the faith has been handed on for centuries in Ireland, we live today in a very challenging secular environment, where, sadly, many people do not know the joy of encountering, believing in, and following, Jesus Christ. Some have lost their sense of being part of the Church and others, for various reasons, may feel they no longer wish to be involved. It is therefore important that this synodal process will be an inclusive one where we listen to others who have

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many different perspectives. No one is excluded. All are invited and welcome to participate.

We pray that, as we walk together on this "synodal journey", we will find a greater sense of our shared mission to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ in faith, hope and love. How much the world today needs to encounter Christ and to understand how his Word gives 'a reason for living', 'a reason for hoping'! You, the lay women and men of our diocese, have a vital role to play in this. Sometimes the work of spreading the Gospel and building the Kingdom of God is left to ordained priests and deacons, or to those who are consecrated as religious. You, however, have a special mission in witnessing to the Gospel. As baptised members of the Church, as disciples of Jesus, you are called to act in the midst of humanity to bring the Kingdom of God to life in every facet of society.

Here in the Archdiocese of Armagh over the next few months, we will be joining the worldwide synodal consultation, seeking to understand how well we are "journeying together", and how we might, in our parishes and diocese, "journey better together". We will soon be inviting your responses to a number of questions. You can choose to answer these as individuals, as families, as members of your parish community or any other group. We hope to gather your responses via questionnaires, online and "in person" group discussion, and a variety of social media platforms. This initial phase will lead to further opportunities for you to participate at diocesan and national level.

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All the replies will be collated and sent in response to Pope Francis' invitation to the universal Church. As he said himself last week in Rome: "Let us listen to one another", and "Whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on the journey".

This is therefore an opportunity for us to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern what God wants from the Church around the world, in Ireland and in the Archdiocese of Armagh. Please God, it will lead us to renewal and to new life in the years ahead.

Thank you, in anticipation of your support. Let us journey together!

With blessings to you all,  
Archbishop Eamon Martin and Bishop Michael Router  
With members of the Synodal Core Group for the  
Archdiocese of Armagh

## People and places

### Hostel for homeless Defence Force veterans in Cobh

On Sunday 3rd October, the Rector of Cobh and Glanmire Union of Parishes, the Rev. Paul Arbuthnot, attended the opening of Brú na Farraige, a hostel and advice centre for homeless Defence Force veterans.

The hostel is located in Harbour Row, Cobh, and will provide a safe and secure environment for veterans experiencing difficulties in their transition back into civilian life. The hostel



Left to right: Fr Desmond Campion, Naval Service Chaplain; Fr Tom McDermott, Administrator of Cobh Cathedral; Revd Paul Arbuthnot, Rector of Cobh and Glanmire Union of Parishes

has five bedrooms and was brought to fruition by The Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen (Óglaigh Náisúnta na hÉireann), also known as ONE.

Together with Fr Tom McDermott, the Administrator of Cobh Cathedral, the Revd Paul Arbuthnot blessed the new hostel. The development was opened by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence, Simon Coveney TD.

The Revd Paul Arbuthnot said: This hostel is a most welcome addition to the town of Cobh, and will provide



## The Revd Paul Arbuthnot blesses Brú na Farraige

much needed support to those Defence Force veterans who have given so much to Ireland.

## Climate Sunday in Rathcoole

A Climate Sunday service was presented in St Comgall's Rathcoole yesterday morning. The special Guest Preacher: was Rev Dr Ron Elsdon. Some poppy, cornflower and other remembrance themed and bee & butterfly friendly wildflower seeds were scattered and two trees were planted in the grounds immediately after the service as part of HM Queen's Green Canopy Initiative. One tree was also be planted in memory of all those who have died during the coronavirus pandemic, or had restricted funerals. Councillor Robert Foster was in attendance. The parish are extremely grateful for his help and that of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council in sourcing the trees despite the difficulties presented by the NI Protocol.

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## **Youghal and Cloyne Unions raise €500 for people living poverty overseas**

A sponsored walk by members of Youghal and Cloyne Unions has raised more than €500 for Christian Aid's work in some of the world's poorest communities overseas.

Last month, around 20 parishioners strolled along the new



Youghal boardwalk from Redbarn to Front Strand and back. Opened in June, the 7km wooden walkway is Ireland's longest beachfront boardwalk. The walk was organised by Youghal rector, Rev Andrew Orr.



Christian Aid Ireland Chief Executive Rosamond Bennett thanked the Youghal and Cloyne parishioners for their fundraising efforts:

“We are grateful to Rev Andrew Orr, to all the walkers and to the many other parishioners who sponsored them. This fundraising walk comes at a time when Christian Aid Ireland is helping people on the frontline of the global hunger crisis – hunger that is made worse by conflict and climate change”.

o help Christian Aid Ireland reach more people affected by hunger, please visit [caid.ie/Hunger](https://caid.ie/Hunger) or telephone 01 496 7040 to make a telephone donation.

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## **World Food Day and crisis in South Sudan**

The harvests were also completely destroyed – all the crops and livestock gone.’

Please continue to pray for South Sudan – the flooding crisis has led to a hunger crisis in the country.

#WorldFoodDay <https://bit.ly/3mQ6X7I>

## **Dublin ordinations**

The Revd Alexander Chisnall and the Revd Edwin Aiken were ordained Deacons recently in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin. Alexander is serving as Deacon Intern in Wicklow Parish Church while Edwin is serving as Deacon Intern in Holmpatrick Church

## **Volunteering with CMSI**

Ruth McKeown, a 2nd year student at Belfast Bible College, is spending her weekly placement volunteering in the CMSI offices. Pray this time will increase her understand of global mission and help her gain experience of the work of a mission organisation.

## **Insight from Haydn**

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Haydn was accused of not being penitential enough in his choral settings of the Mass. He replied: “Whenever I think of God, my heart leaps”.

## **Eco–Congregation Ireland autumn newsletter**

Eco–Congregation Ireland’s latest newsletter is now available, highlighting examples of environmental projects undertaken by churches across the island of Ireland.

This edition includes coverage of Gold Awards for Whitechurch parish, in Dublin, and Westport Eco–Congregation (including the local Church of Ireland parish); Climate Sunday initiatives in Cork and Monaghan; and reports from General Synod. For Autumn 2021 issue - scroll down at -

[[] <https://www.ecocongregationireland.com/> ]

## **RSCM seeks friends**

RSCM - Royal School of Church Music - “As an educational charity we urgently need to enable more children to discover the joy of singing in church. BUT we need your support if we are to secure the future of church music for our children & grandchildren! Please help in this mission by becoming a Friend of the RSCM.

[ <https://www.rscm.org.uk/friends/> ]

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## Books, Broadcasts, Resources and Webinars

### Introducing Confessio: Irish American Roots



### A New Album from Keith & Kristyn Getty | Releasing October 29

Confessio is diary of hymns and songs that underscore the Gettys' Irish American journey. This collection is a 'confessio' in word and note of the musical and spiritual roots that continue to call us to the ancient paths.

Last year, Keith and Kristyn celebrated twenty years of hymn writing by returning to their home in Northern Ireland with their daughters for a sabbatical. During this time, they had the chance to revisit the people and places, lessons and practices, hymns and folk tunes, melodies and poetry

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which are part of their Scots-Irish history, and explored with their daughters how the roots of this beautiful heritage spread to America and influenced church, folk, and popular music alike. This album shares the words and melodies of that journey.

Releasing October 29, *Confessio* features guest appearances by The Getty Girls, Alison Krauss, Dana Masters, Sandra McCracken, and Kirk Whalum!

You Tube intro with *Amazing Grace* - Keith & Kristyn Getty Feat. Dana Masters and Kirk Whalum at  
[[ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe2pnDiLmos> ]

## Description

A diary of hymns and songs that underscore the Gettys' Irish American journey. This collection is a 'confessio' in word and note of the musical and spiritual roots that continue to call us to the ancient paths.

We know well how a tree's roots go down vertically beneath the soil but don't often realize how they also reach out horizontally, sometimes several times wider than the branch width of the tree. When Psalm 1 compares the godly life to a tree planted by streams of water it is a water stream reached for by millions of people over centuries and around the world who have joined their roots together.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”  
(Isaiah 55:12)

This idea of intertwining roots also paints a beautiful picture of how our musical roots link. They help strengthen old shelters and blossom new trees. Over the last 20 years of writing and recording music we have leaned on this – the heritage of our Irish and Scottish roots and how they grew across to the new world where we now make our home.

This album shares the words and melodies of that journey. Songs on this album include:

Confessio

This Is My Father's World with Runkerry Reel

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Pass the Promise

Amazing Grace

Come Thou Almighty King

And Are You Sleeping?

Waulking Song / All My Heart Rejoices (Song of Anna)

It Is Well with My Soul

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Be Thou My Vision

Farewell to Ballymoney

In Christ Alone

\*Preorder Confessio now to receive an exclusive package of sheet music resources from the album for free.\*

[[] [https://store.gettymusic.com/uk/product/confessio-irish-american-roots-cd/?](https://store.gettymusic.com/uk/product/confessio-irish-american-roots-cd/?mc_cid=394d6f936a&mc_eid=33d184a477)

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It Is Well With My Soul Official Lyrics Video - Keith & Kristyn Getty With The Voice of the Martyrs

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[[] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sI2VI0JE8r8> ]

## **Disestablishment 150: In Conversation with the Archbishop of Dublin**

As the National Programme for Disestablishment 150 draws to a close, co-ordinator Caoimhe Leppard met with the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, who championed this three-year programme from the beginning, to reflect on its defining highlights. The programme of events has been prepared and rolled out since 2019 in order to enable members of the Church of Ireland to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment in our generation.

In this conversation, they discuss why the word 'commemoration' was used to mark this anniversary and how 'Free to Shape our Future' emerged as the tagline for this programme and what it means. They also reflect on their own highlights of the National Programme and the wonderful contributions that were made to it from across the Church, and on the continuing opportunities that this programme continues to offer, including moving from commemoration to celebration.

The video is available at [[https://youtu.be/p4k\\_tyzT-1I](https://youtu.be/p4k_tyzT-1I)] and more information on the Disestablishment 150 initiative can be found at

[[] [www.ireland.anglican.org/d150](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/d150)

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## Irish History from Plantation to Partition - Online lecture series

Armagh Robinson Library, in collaboration with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, has organised a six-week lecture series that will explore Irish history from the Plantation of Ulster to Partition. The free lectures will be

delivered by Zoom on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm-8.30pm from 13 October –17 November.

Speakers and topics will be as follows:

Wednesday 20 October: Dr Robert Armstrong (Trinity College Dublin),

'From the 1641 Rising to the Restoration'.

Wednesday 27 October: Professor David Hayton (Queen's University Belfast),

'The Williamite-Jacobite War'.

Wednesday 3 November: Dr Andrew Holmes (Queen's University Belfast),

'Revolutionary Ulster, 1776-1801'.

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Wednesday 10 November: Professor Peter Gray (Queen's University Belfast),  
'The Great Famine and 19th-century politics pre-1870'.

Wednesday 17 November: Dr Éamon Phoenix,  
'Home Rule and the Road to Partition'.

Places can be booked online at  
[armagh-robinson-library.arttickets.org.uk/](http://armagh-robinson-library.arttickets.org.uk/),  
by emailing [admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk](mailto:admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk) or calling  
028 3752 3142.

Attendance can be for specific lectures or for the full series.

## Perspective

### Defection is a comment on CofE's liberal drift by Tim Stanley

Conservatives feel their loyalty has been tested

We weren't supposed to know that Bishop Dr Michael Nazir-Ali had become a Catholic just yet: it was meant to be a big secret but someone leaked it. Even the religious can't resist a little gossip.

Dr Nazir-Ali is well-known, highly respected, once a candidate for Archbishop of Canterbury, and his journey will be taken as a comment on the liberal drift of the Church of England. It'll ruffle feathers in Rome, too, where public

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conversions are not encouraged, even seen as embarrassing.

Dr Nazir-Ali has been at the centre of recent debates about the CofE's handling of sex-abuse cases, bureaucracy and the rise of woke, described by the Bishop as "jumping on to every faddish bandwagon about identity politics, cultural correctness and mea culpas about Britain's imperial past". His friends tell me that he feels there has been a long-term decline in the Church's seriousness about theology. He has chosen instead, in his words, "clear teaching for the faithful".

Previous waves of Anglican converts tended to belong to the high church or Anglo-Catholic tradition: in the Nineties, a tipping point for many was the ordination of women. Dr Nazir-Ali, on the other hand, was often associated with evangelicals. He represents a group of Anglicans who are jumping ship not because they feel the CofE is too Protestant but because they see it as departing too far from scriptural authority, particularly on moral matters. Dr Nazir-Ali was one of the last prominent social conservatives in the Anglican firmament.

The irony is that he joins the Catholic Church at the very moment when Pope Francis seems determined to make Rome look a bit more like Canterbury, having launched an open-ended Synod process that conservative Catholics fear will lead to the process of liberalisation that Dr Nazir-Ali has just "escaped".

He is joining the Ordinariate, a group for ex-Anglicans that has its own liturgy. This is a coup for them: it shows they can attract more talent while trying to develop a distinctly English

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brand of Catholicism, and they are widely regarded as intellectually high-powered. But, again, parts of the Church hierarchy are uncomfortable with the Ordinariate's very existence, because many of their priests are married, or else because the hierarchy under Pope Francis does not see itself in competition with the CofE – and isn't keen to be seen to be "stealing" its priests.

Justin Welby will now come under renewed pressure. His own theology leans liberal, but he feels a personal responsibility to hold the Communion together, and this becomes harder as the fundamental questions – gender, sexuality and the purpose of the parish church – come under scrutiny.

Conservatives of the stamp of Dr Nazir-Ali clearly feel their loyalty has been tested.

## Poem for today

### Bluebells For Love by Patrick Kavanagh

There will be bluebells growing under the big trees  
And you will be there and I will be there in May;  
For some other reason we both will have to delay  
The evening in Dunshaughlin - to please  
Some imagined relation,  
So both of us came to walk through that plantation.

We will be interested in the grass  
In an old bucket-hoop, in the ivy that weaves

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Green incongruity among the dead leaves,  
We will put on surprise at carts that pass-  
Only sometimes looking sideways at the bluebells in the  
plantation  
And never frighten them with too wild an exclamation.

We will be wise, we will not let them guess  
That we are watching the or they will pose  
A mere facade like boys  
Caught out in virtue's naturalness.  
We will not impose on the bluebells in that plantation  
Too much of our desire's adulation.

We will have other loves -or so they'll think;  
The primroses or the ferns or the briars,  
Or even the rusty paling wires,  
Or the violets on the sunless sorrel bank.  
Only as an aside the bluebells in the plantation  
Will mean a thing to our dark contemplation.

We'll know love little by little, glance by glance.  
Ah, the clay under these roots is so brown!  
We'll steal from Heaven while God is in the town--  
I caught an angel smiling in a chance  
Look through the tree-trunks of the plantation  
As you and I walked slowly to the station.

## Speaking to the Soul

Bible verse, thought for the day and prayers - on site daily

