



Rev. Uel Marrs, Secretary of Council for Global Mission, Rev. Dr. Katherine Meyer, Convener of World Development Committee, and Rev. Liz Hughes, Convener of Council for Global Mission

Presbyterians launch 2015 World Development Appeal: 'Forecast Hope!'

Entitled [Forecast: Hope!](#) the Appeal highlights some of the world's poorest communities and focuses on the serious impact that climate change is already having on their lives and livelihoods.

Rev. Dr. Katherine Meyer, Minister of Christ Church Sandymount in Dublin and Convener of the World Development Committee, explained that this year's Appeal concentrates on some of the initiatives that are already helping individuals and communities in parts of Bangladesh and Ethiopia to adapt the way they live and work in line with the affects of changing climate patterns.

"The Appeal also highlights the need for our own commitment to climate justice, which is a shouldering of responsibility by those whose lifestyles have contributed most to climate change," she said.

"As Christians, I believe that we have a responsibility to ensure that the world's poorest communities have the resources they will need in order to continue to adapt to the changes that they are already facing due to climate change. We can also support them in preparing, as best

they can, for the uncertainties of the future. That so many vulnerable communities are already doing this with energy and courage should surely be an inspiration to us.”

Bangladesh, with its tropical monsoon climate and low-lying coastal region, is a country in which climate change is already having a severe impact through storm surges and flooding, which lead to increased salt content in agricultural soil and fresh water rivers, affecting traditional sources of food, water quality and people’s overall health.

Dr. Meyer continued, “Our partner, the Bangladesh Nazarene Mission (BNM), is working through its network of churches in some of the areas most at risk close to the Bay of Bengal, helping local communities and women in particular, to become more resilient in the face of climate change. Through its Disaster Preparedness and Climate Change Adaption Programme, training is offered, self-help groups formed and micro-credit funds accessed for the development of new farming and small business ventures.

“As a result of BNM’s programmes the forecast for people’s lives has changed and they now

dare to 'forecast hope'. It is our privilege to be able to support them through the 2015 World Development Appeal.

Momota Balla lost her home and livelihood in May 2009 when Cyclone Aila devastated the low-lying coastal region of Bangladesh, displacing over a million people. Through the work of our partner, the Bangladesh Nazarene Mission, her life and that of her husband Uttam has been turned round. Watch her story [here](#).

Last year Presbyterian Church in Ireland congregations raised over £560,000 (€763,000) for 2014's World Development Appeal, which focused on partners in Haiti and Burma/Myanmar.

This year's Appeal will also support the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus – Development and Social Service Commission. The Church is developing a new agricultural base for the women of Chewaka district through support and training programmes. These are aimed at increasing the return that small farmers receive and tackling high levels of poverty and marginalization among women, where the

majority of households living below the poverty line are headed by women.

Welcoming the launch of the 2015 Appeal, Presbyterian Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian McNie said, “I thank God for my Presbyterian brothers and sisters across Ireland and for their continuing generosity and support for the annual World Development Appeal.

“We are a caring fellowship and a generous Church and working with Tearfund, Christian Aid, and our own partner churches, we can be assured of the difference that our giving will make to many communities and countless families in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and elsewhere.”

Funds raised will be distributed through Tearfund, Christian Aid and partner churches. Further information on this year’s World Development Appeal and Appeal resources can be found at www.presbyterianireland.org/world-development.



Pope Francis presides at the closing Mass for the Vatican's synod on the family Oct. 25, 2015.

Walk alongside your people, Pope Francis tells bishops at synod's close

Yesterday Pope Francis officially brought the Synod on the Family to a close at Mass in St. Peter's, warning against a "spirituality of illusion," and reminding pastors of their duty to accompany the faithful and be bearers of God's mercy especially in times of suffering and conflict.

“Jesus’ disciples are called to this, even today, especially today: to bring people into contact with the compassionate Mercy that saves,” he said.

“Moments of suffering and conflict are for God occasions of mercy. Today is a time of mercy!”

This year's Synod on the Family, which ran from Oct. 4-25, is the second and larger of two such gatherings to take place in the course of a year. Like its 2014 precursor, the focus of the 2015 Synod of Bishops will be the family, this time with the theme: “The vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world.”

Pope Francis centred his reflection on the day’s Mass readings which, he said, demonstrate God’s compassion and fatherhood as “definitively revealed in Jesus.”

More at -

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/walk-alongside-your-people-pope-francis-tells-bishops-at-synods-close-21381/>

Irish Church must respond better to challenges of family life -

Archbishop Martin on Vatican Radio

How far has the Irish Church come in responding to the challenges facing families today? What have its leaders learnt from the same-sex marriage referendum earlier this year? What response are they continuing to provide for families devastated by clerical abuse?

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh is attending his first Synod of bishops and is extremely impressed by the wealth of positive pastoral initiatives he's been hearing from bishops in other parts of the globe. As his country starts planning for the World Meeting of Families in three years' time, he told Philippa Hitchen that the Church in Ireland has a long way to go in providing adequate and effective responses to families in all kinds of need....

Archbishop Martin says he's been very struck by the way Pope Francis has been modelling the kind of attentive listening to bishops throughout the three week meeting. The strength of the Synod, he says, is being able to hear one another and inside the Synod Hall or small groups there have been strong opinions "but also



a respectful listening”, looking for synergies and convergence....

During the recent same-sex marriage campaign, the archbishop says Church leaders had to realise they were not the only voice, or even the dominant voice in society, so they had to rethink their attitude to pastoral accompaniment....

Archbishop Martin says he’s been struck by the ideas put forward by bishops in the Philippines and elsewhere, especially in small Christian communities where families support one another in times of need. He compares these to the “paltry efforts I’ve taken so far in my own

diocese” where he says he’ll be looking to do much more at parish and diocesan level...

Looking ahead to the World Meeting of Families, he says it’s “a goal, a target date” as he begins to devise new programmes and new ways of reaching out, especially to lapsed Catholics who’ve drifted away from the Church and are no longer bringing up their children in the faith...

During the Synod, Archbishop chose to speak about the need to support families struggling with the effects of sexual abuse, not just at the hands of the clergy but also by family members themselves....

Interview link at -

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/10/23/irish_church_must_respond_better_to_challenge_of_family_life/1181552

Pigs' heads with racist slogans found at church in west Belfast

Two pigs' heads with racist slogans written on them have been found outside a church in west Belfast.



They were found at St Luke's Church of Ireland in Northumberland Street on Saturday morning.

Police are treating it as a "race hate incident". The church is not currently in use.

There had been social media rumours the church had been sold to the Islamic community for a mosque, but that has been denied by local representatives.

A spokesperson for the Church of Ireland Diocese of Connor said: "It is completely untrue that St Luke's has been sold. Any sale would only take place after a process involving the select vestry, diocesan council and representative church body.

"The highly distasteful act which has taken place is profoundly saddening."

The church wardens at St Luke's Church have described the attack as terrible.

They told UTV that the church has been empty since 2006, but it was put up for sale around six months ago.

They added that they are aware of rumours that members of the Muslim community had shown interest in buying the church to turn it into a mosque, but they want to make it clear that no offers have been made for the church.

PSNI Assistant Chief Constable Stephen Martin tweeted: "This is disgusting and must be condemned in the strongest terms. There is no place for race hate. Info to us on 101."

Ch Insp Gavin Kirkpatrick added: "Officers are currently carrying out enquiries into this incident which must be condemned by all."

DUP assembly member William Humphrey said: "Those responsible for this sickening incident are not representative of the Shankill community."

The North Belfast MLA added: "Those who have started and spread false rumours about the future of this church building bear a major part of the responsibility for what has occurred."

Also -

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/24/pigs-heads-with-anti-islamic-slogans-left-outside-belfast-church>

<http://www.u.tv/News/2015/10/24/Pig-heads-bearing-anti-Islam-slogan-left-at-church-47584>

Church of Ireland Ordination Newsletter online

The 2015 edition of the Church of Ireland Ordination Newsletter is now available.

The newsletter lists those currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and provides useful information for those considering God's call to ordination.

Hard copies are available from the Central Director of Ordinands, Rev Canon David Gillespie, c/o St Ann's Church, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

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From the Central Director...

Welcome to the 2015 edition of the **Ordination Newsletter** which lists those currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and provides useful information for those considering God's call to ordination.

A new academic year has once again begun at CITI and we extend our good wishes to the students and staff for the year that is ahead.

We congratulate those who have recently been ordained to the Diaconate and hope that their internship year will be a productive one combining learning and practice.

Those ordained Priests will by now be well settled into their parishes and we assure them, and those whom they will serve, of our continued prayers.

We welcome to the team of Diocesan Directors of Ordinands, Adrian Green, Rector of Mount Merrion, Belfast who has been appointed DDO for Down and Dromore and the Rev Alastair Graham, Mullingar, who replaces the Rev Peter Rutherford as DDO in Meath and Kildare. Peter, who has been DDO in Meath and Kildare for 10 years, is moving to the Parish of Kinsale in Cork. I'm most grateful to the Rev Canon Patrick Comerford for taking the photographs for this newsletter and to Daphne McElaine in CITI for her assistance.

David Gillespie

The Central Director of Ordinands

Diocesan Directors of Ordinands help people to discover their gifts and use them in the Church. Ordained ministry is one way of using our gifts within the overall mission of the Church. The DDO's have offered ways of supporting those who are asking the question 'Am I called to ordination?' They will facilitate opportunities to help you discover the answer to that question and will connect you with others also exploring ordination.

For a full list of DDO's and their contact details see page 2.



On Wednesday the Archbishop of Dublin will conduct and preach at a Commissioning Service in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute where ten first year ordinands will be commissioned as student readers. This is part of the initial aspect of their training. A copy of the Ordination Newsletter can be downloaded here - <http://dublin.anglican.org/cmsfiles/files/Ordination-newsletter-2015-PDF.pdf>

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MU takes part in Activism Against Gender Violence

Mothers' Union takes part in Activism Against Gender Violence

The Mothers' Union in Ireland is taking part in 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, a global movement which speaks out against gender-based violence

The 16 days begin on November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Woman) and end on December 10 (Human Rights Day).

The MU is holding an All-Ireland Prayer Vigil in St Anne's Cathedral on Saturday November 28 from 3pm to 6pm, praying for an end to violence against women and girls.

Throughout the world women and girls are subject to many different forms of violence including physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse. Violence affects women and girls from all backgrounds and happens across all stages of life. It is perpetrated by partners and family members as well as strangers.

- One in three women globally will experience domestic abuse at some point

in their lifetime (World Health Organisation).

- In 2012, one in two woman killed in a homicide was killed by a partner, former partner, or family member. One in 20 men was killed by a partner, former partner, or family member in this same year (UN Women).
- 5 million people worldwide are victims of forced sexual exploitation. 98 per cent of these are women (UN Women).

Each year, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence unites individuals and organisations to raise awareness of, and call for an end to, all forms of violence against women and girls. Mothers' Union believes in particular that prevention needs to focus on teaching children and adults about loving and respectful relationships; that there are laws against all forms of violence and abuse and the means to enforce them; that those experiencing violence are supported, and that perpetrators are brought to justice and rehabilitated.

More at - www.mothersunion.org or www.mothersunion.ie

Irish Methodist theologian ‘comes home’ to encourage recovery of nerve and Holy Spirit awareness



Professor William J Abraham – known to many Irish Methodists as ‘Billy’ – is pictured here in Edgehill Theological College, Belfast, where he once studied as a ministerial student. He had come ‘home’ to deliver the Annual Public Lecture of the Methodist Historical Society of Ireland.

Speaking to a full lecture hall, Professor Abraham, the Albert Cook Outler Professor of

Theology and Wesley Studies at Perkins School of Theology, Texas, brought his years of ecumenical experience and academic research to bear on the subject of Methodism's place in the history of Christianity. It was a lecture geared to encourage 'a recovery of nerve' to those who may feel beleaguered and to give a sense that 'the wind is behind our back'. The wind, in this case, was the wind of the Holy Spirit who, Professor Abraham suggested, gives the power to recreate at all times and in all places the church 'prototype' first seen at Pentecost.

Professor Abraham shared a vision of Church history in which Methodism represents a new Pentecost in the life of the Church, one that has fed into the most vibrant form of Christianity in the Western World. Implications of this vision included the encouragement that it gives to Methodists to claim 'their identity as a full Church with a capital C', to recognise that 'the task of renewal is still with us', to seek to identify the 'marks of the Spirit' and to develop an ecumenism of 'gift sharing' that allows us to engage with those of other traditions 'with a spirit of generosity and see where that takes us'.

The impact of Professor Abraham's words and the extent to which his audience had travelled with him could be seen in the range questions at the end of the lecture – questions handled by 'Dr Billy' with the skill of a tutor who delights in stimulating thought and is open to receive what others bring to the table.

The full text of the lecture will be available, in due course, in the *Bulletin of the Methodist Historical Society of Ireland*. There will be an interview with Professor Abraham in the December *Methodist Newsletter*.

Methodist Central Hall Westminster turns blue to mark 70 years of UN

To mark 70 years since the founding of the United Nations, [Methodist Central Hall Westminster](#), the first meeting place of the United Nations General Assembly, was turned blue on Saturday 24 October.

To celebrate UN day, Central Hall joinined iconic monuments, buildings, statues, bridges and other international landmarks in being bathed in blue



lights. Pictures were broadcast across the world through social media under the hash tag #UN70.

Methodist Central Hall Westminster has a special significance in the history of the UN having hosted the first ever meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in 1946.

As well as turning blue, Central Hall is holding a unique 'UNEARTH Exhibition' for eight weeks, celebrating the achievements and history of the UN over the past 70 years.

Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, Superintendent of Central Hall said "It was entirely fitting that a body devoted to fostering and facilitating international

cooperation should have begun its life in a place dedicated to the service of God. Almost 70 years on, we are delighted to join with other buildings across the world to celebrate the vast achievements of the United Nations in such a visible and dramatic way. We express our heartfelt thanks to the UN for all that has been achieved and join people throughout the world in prayer for the UN's current and future work and role."

‘God is not a he or a she’, says first female bishop to sit in House of Lords

God should not necessarily be seen as a masculine figure, according to the UK's first female bishop to sit in the House of Lords today, Monday. "God is not to be seen as male. God is God," said Rachel Treweek, [bishop of Gloucester](#), who is to be inaugurated in parliament.

While acknowledging that many Anglicans would profoundly disagree, Treweek said the Church of England should use both male and female pronouns when referring to God. She personally



prefers to say neither “he” nor “she”, but “God”. “Sometimes I lapse, but I try not to,” the bishop told the *Observer*.

“In the creation narratives, we’re told that God created human beings in God’s likeness, and then it goes on to talk about male and female. If I am made in the image of God, then God is not to be seen as male. God is God.”

Some want to use only the feminine gender throughout liturgy and prayers, “and some people have seen that as threatening”. Treweek added: “I am not in the business of wanting to offend anyone, but I do want to gently challenge people.” Language, she said, was “very powerful

in shaping people's views and shaping our culture".

Treweek will be introduced as one of parliament's 26 Lords Spiritual by the archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the bishop of London, Richard Chartres, after her "writ of summons" is read aloud.

Media digest

Obsv

Interview with Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, who today will become the first female bishop in the House of Lords. Article notes her comments that God should not be seen as a masculine figure and that the CofE should use both female and male pronouns when referring to God.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/24/bishop-rachel-treweek-gods-not-a-he-or-a-she>

Mail on Sun

Columnist Peter Hitchens writes about [the news announced this week](#) of the settlement of a legal civil claim and apology by Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner, concerning allegations of sexual

abuse by the late Bishop of Chichester, George Bell. These date from the late 1940s and early 1950s and concern allegations of sexual offences against an individual who was at the time a young child. The columnist asks whether it was wise or right for the CofE to sacrifice the reputation of George Bell, to try to save its own?
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-3288180/PETER-HITCHENS-needs-nuclear-fleet-surrendered-China-long-ago.html#ixzz3pZ4LEXhQ>

S Mirror

Weekly news round up column notes the CofE's presence at the National Baby Show and the launch of a new website on Christenings. Revd Dr Sandra Millar, Head of Projects for the Archbishops' Council, is quoted.
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/briefing-brings-you-issues-making-6698847>

S Times

Feature on six female City executives, who are leading a campaign to clean up the reputation of the financial sector to instil a new sense of morality and ethics. Article notes that Dame Colette Bowe, chair of the Banking Standards

Board, has enlisted the help Bishop of Birmingham, David Urquhart, among others.
<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Finance/article1623275.ece>

S Exp

Report that David Cameron is under increasing pressure to recognise the mass persecution of Christians in the Middle East following a letter written by Lord Alton of Liverpool and Baroness Cox. Article also notes the work of Canon Andrew White, known as the Vicar of Baghdad.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/614428/david-cameron-recognise-christians-refugees-face-genocide-middle-east-isis>

S Mirror

Further report that a vicar in Oxford has threatened homeless people with legal action to stop them sleeping rough in his churchyard. Canon Dr Andrew Bunch said he was “sympathetic” to those who had set up tents among the gravestones of Oxford’s St Giles’ Church but said “it was becoming a bit of problem”, and in a letter to those sleeping rough, he said the church would get a court order unless they moved on.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/vicar-threatens-evict-homeless-campers-6700152>

S Times/BBC/Obsev/S Tel

Reports on the end of the three week Vatican Synod on the family noting that Pope Francis has failed to soften the church's strict line towards homosexuality.

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/world_news/Europe/article1623783.ece

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-34629539>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/24/vatican-synod-gays>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11953166/Synod-verdict-the-Catholic-Church-is-still-Catholic.html>

S Times

Report that West End stores in London, including Harvey Nichols and Selfridges, have written to the paper in support of the proposals for longer Sunday Trading hours being considered by the Government. Letter states that by extending closing times from 6pm to 8pm, 2,000 more jobs would be created in the area with £260m of extra sales. Article notes CofE opposition and quotes from their submission, which says any change

would be “directly contradictory to the government’s desire to build more resilient local communities.”

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/business/Retail_and_leisure/article1623608.ece

Tel

Report that the Bishop of Portsmouth, Chris Foster, has tabled an amendment which could help peers avert a 'constitutional crisis' over plans to block George Osborne's cuts to tax credits. The Bishop of Portsmouth yesterday tabled a "motion of regret" which states that the government has "failed to take account of short term impact" of the cuts. Article notes the motion is likely to attract the support of many cross-bench peers, who are expected to hold the balance of power when votes are cast on Monday in the Lords debate.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/georgeosborne/11952086/Bishops-attempts-to-defuse-Lords-row-over-tax-credits.html>

Ind

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/canon-dr-andrew-bunch-vicar-threatens-homeless-people-sleeping-in-his-churchyard-a6706886.html>

Exp

Report that Isis are targeting vulnerable Christians in UN refugee camps sending in trained assassins disguised as refugees. Article includes recent comments from the Archbishop of Aleppo, in Syria, who has warned that Christianity could be wiped out in the region in just five years if Islamist fanatics including ISIS are allowed to carry on their campaign of persecution unchecked
<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/614249/ISIS-sends-ASSASSINS-UN-refugee-camps-could-come-Britain>

BBC

Report that more than £220,000 will be used from a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to renovate the 12th Century village church of Myndtown, in

Shropshire, which the article says had 19 regular attenders but is a potential hub for passing walkers and cyclists. Reverend Norman Morris, Rector of Myndtown, is quoted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-34616409>

BBC

Report that a hidden chapel in Westminster Abbey built for Henry V will be open for one day only tomorrow.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-34618445>

Mail

Report that the Vatican synod on the family ends today with no major changes expected on how the church should minister to gays and to divorcees who have remarried.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3287120/Vatican-synod-family-ending-amid-divisions.html#ixzz3pTHTsY7c>

Guard

Editorial on the Synod on the family saying the Pope must choose what is best for women

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/23/the-guardian-view-on-the-popes-divisions-he-should-choose-whats-best-for-women>

Times

Feature on author John Buchan and his devout Christian faith; the article notes that his most famous novel *The Thirty Nine Steps* was published 100 years ago.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4594450.ece>

FT/Guard/BBC/Tel

Reports that the Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner has apologised for child sexual assaults committed by George Bell, the former bishop of Chichester, who died in 1958. The apology followed settlement of a legal civil claim regarding sexual abuse against an individual, who was at the time a young child. The survivor first approached the Church with allegations in 1995. Bishop Martin said in a letter that the response of the Church then "fell a long way short" of what should have happened. A settlement was agreed last month after the victim, who wants to remain anonymous, came forward again in 2013.

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/b841303e-78d3-11e5-a95a-27d368e1ddf7.html?FTCamp=engage/CAP/webapp/Channel_Moreover/B2B#axzz3pMSMhqjA

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/22/church-of-england-bishop-george-bell-abused-young-child>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-34604872>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11947686/Revered-Bishop-George-Bell-was-a-paedophile-Church-of-England.html>

Tel

The Diocese of Coventry is to make a retreat centre, Offa House, a home to dozens of Syrian refugees. The building has been identified as a reception centre for new arrivals. The move follows a call from bishops for empty church buildings to be offered as housing. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has offered a cottage in the grounds of Lambeth Palace to house refugees.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11948641/Church-of-England-to-hand-mansion-over-to-refugees.html>

BBC

Chancellor George Osborne has said the decision to make cuts to tax-credits is a judgement call he is "comfortable" with. Speaking to the Commons Treasury Committee he called

the UK's welfare system "too expensive". Mr Osborne said the lowest paid were the most affected when a country could not "live within its means". The Institute for Fiscal Studies calculates that the higher national minimum wage promised as part of the reforms would not compensate entirely for the loss of tax credits.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-34605257>

Ind

Gothic cathedrals and churches are being used for this year's British Silent Film Festival.

Portsmouth and Bradford cathedrals are amongst the venues, which will show silent screen classics like Dracula and Phantom of the Opera, with live musical organ accompaniment.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/features/british-silent-film-festival-classics-including-nosferatu-and-dracula-are-being-screened-in-gothic-a6704941.html>

Comment

Guard

Gile Fraser speculates "Under this government, Jesus would have been done for extremism".

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2015/oct/22/under-this-government-jesus-would-have-been-done-for-extremism>

Guard

Simon Jenkins writes about the importance of church buildings having a community role

[http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/22/churches-survive-church-of-england-religion-buildings?
utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/22/churches-survive-church-of-england-religion-buildings?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

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