



Bishops begin historic Canterbury-Rome 'pilgrimage'

Thirty-six Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops from 19 countries are in Canterbury at the start of an historic week-long summit marking closer ties between the two traditions. Events will include a service in Rome on Wednesday (October 5) jointly led by the Archbishop of Canterbury and

Pope Francis at which the bishops will be formally commissioned to work together in pairs.

Services at Canterbury Cathedral over the weekend have illustrated the deepening relationship between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church. On Saturday the Suffragan Bishop in Europe, David Hamid, delivered the homily at a Catholic Vigil Mass in the cathedral's Undercroft. The Roman Catholic Archbishop-elect of Regina in Canada, Don Bolen, preached the sermon at the Sung Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Bishop David spoke of the growing sense of unity, common faith and common calling, while acknowledging that issues remained to be resolved. But he said only a little faith was enough for something new to be possible.

Archbishop-elect Don said it was a great privilege to be in Canterbury. He said the bishops had realised they had so much in common – including a common faith in God, a common baptism and the sharing of scriptures and creeds.

“We have come to realise we are bound by dear, dear affection,” he told the congregation.

The bishops have been chosen by their home churches to represent them on the ecumenical body, IARCCUM – the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission. They include representatives from Pakistan, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Canada, Ireland and Malawi. They have spent the weekend sharing their experiences of faith and mission. In the days ahead they will look at how they can work together to address the challenges they face.

The summit also marks the 50th anniversary of the Anglican Centre in Rome. There will be a gala dinner hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury to celebrate its work. The Centre's Director, Archbishop David Moxon, told BBC Radio 4 that strong, clear strides towards greater unity had been taken over the past 50 years. Speaking on the Sunday programme he said he believed full unity between the two traditions was possible. He said there was now as much as 85% agreement across core doctrine but it would be a demanding process and take time to address the remaining 15%.

Ardoyne priest says parades confrontation reminded him of Holy Cross protests

A number of people who harangued a high profile priest at the weekend behaved like Holy Cross protesters, the cleric said yesterday.

Fr Gary Donegan was reacting to a confrontation at the Ardoyne shopfronts in [North Belfast](#) in which protesters railed against him for backing a deal to allow Orangemen to march up the Crumlin Road on Saturday morning.

A number of people had a go at Donegan, including high profile GARC member Dee Fennell, in angry scenes that were videoed and widely shared on social media.

Speaking about the experience, Fr Donegan said those who were abusive towards him “crossed the line” and questioned where some of them were over the last two years as he tried to calm a volatile situation created by the parades standoff.

He added: “I’m not somebody that’s easily shocked, but I suppose the nature of it and the

strength behind some of the language took me back to 2001 during the Holy Cross blockade. You could almost expect that because there was a sectarian element to it, but this was from within my own community.

“So I was kind of taken aback by it to some extent. I’ve never cowered from anything in my life, and I wasn’t going to from them. The irony was that quite a few of the protagonists, I’ve been involved directly with in pastoral situations in their lives, and I’ve been involved to some extent in very serious situations in their lives so it seemed strange.”

See also -

Ardoyne protesters vent rage at Belfast priest and Sunday Life reporter
Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/ardoyne-protesters-vent-rage-at-belfast-priest-and-sunday-life-reporter-35098172.html>

Moderator goes back to his roots in first Presbytery Tour

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Sellar, will spend this
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week in the Coleraine and Limavady areas seeing first hand the work of the Church on the ground, encouraging congregations, meeting ministers, local business people, farmers and visiting schools. Each year Moderators make a weeklong tour of three of the Church's 19 presbyteries across Ireland. With 35 congregations, the Presbytery of Coleraine and Limavady is the fourth largest grouping in the denomination.

Accompanied by his wife Claire, Dr. Sellar began his tour on Sunday morning in Coleraine, preaching first at Terrace Row Presbyterian Church and then First Limavady Presbyterian's evening service.

Speaking at the start of the tour, Dr. Sellar said, "In eight days, we have 32 different engagements across the Presbytery; from Limavady in the west, Portrush to the east, Dungiven and Kilrea to the south and a few points in between, including Coleraine. It will be a privilege to preach in 6 congregations, visiting others, encouraging and being encouraged.

"I am looking forward to spending time in many familiar places, locations where I spent my

formative years, including the schools I attended. I look forward to meeting the local church members, hearing people's stories, and seeing how God is using them in the community."

During the Presbytery tour Dr. Sellar will take a special evening Harvest service in Ballyrashane Presbyterian Church for Willow Brook residents and preach at a Presbytery Rally in Macosquin Presbyterian. On the last Sunday of the tour he will visit Portrush and Portstewart, speaking in Ballywillan in the morning, then leading evening worship in Burnside Presbyterian Church.

Outside of church engagements, schools and education feature heavily on the agenda. Having spent his early years in the area, the Moderator will visit his old schools, the Irish Society Primary School in Coleraine and Coleraine Inst, now Coleraine Grammar. He will also visit Drumachose Primary in Limavady, Coleraine College and Sandeford School.

Rev. Dr. Trevor McCormick, minister of First Kilrea Presbyterian Church and Clerk of Coleraine and Limavady Presbytery, said that he and his colleagues were very much looking

forward to welcoming the Moderator to the North Coast.

“We have arranged a varied and extensive programme, where local congregations will have the opportunity to introduce Dr. Sellar to some of their innovative work. He will visit Dungiven, where the former police station is being converted into new facilities by the local congregation, Portrush Presbyterian’s Charity shop and the Integrated Nurturing Project, which Ballysally Presbyterian is involved in,” Dr. McCormick said.

“With planned visits to the PSNI, HMP Magilligan and Street Pastors in Portrush, the Moderator will have the opportunity to express his thanks to some of those who serve the community in different ways.”

“He will also visit the care facilities run by the Presbyterian Church in the local area, York House in Portrush for older people and Willow Brook in Coleraine, a sheltered housing scheme for people with learning disabilities. It’s going to be a busy week for all involved,” Dr. McCormick said.

Informal receptions have been arranged for ministers' wives, lead by Mrs. Sellar, and receptions for serving and retired ministers in the Limavady and Coleraine areas. The Moderator will also pay a courtesy call on the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens and meet with business leaders in Coleraine and members of the farming community in Kilrea.

“The emblem of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is a burning bush and its motto in Latin is ‘Ardens sed Virens’, ‘burning but flourishing’.

“Having met God in Jesus Christ, He calls us to live flourishing lives in the Holy Spirit's power and we do this within a challenging, hurting and often indifferent society”, Dr Sellar said.

“During my Presbytery tour, I want to encourage what is being done on the ground and learn new things myself, as I witness God move in the lives of others.”

Seminar to honour former Church of Ireland Librarian and Archivist

A seminar marking the retirement of Dr Raymond Refaussé as Librarian and Archivist of the

Representative Church Body (RCB), along with the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award by the Archives and Records Association UK and Ireland, will be held in the atmospheric and historic surroundings of the Music Room at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday 15th October 2016, 10.30am-1pm. The event, 'Keeping the Records Safe: A Career in Retrospect', is being organised in Dr Refaussé's honour by the Library & Archives Committee of the RCB.

Having served as Assistant Librarian in the Department of Manuscripts, Trinity College Dublin, between 1976 and 1981, Dr Raymond Refaussé (Ray) was appointed the first Church of Ireland Archivist at the RCB Library in 1981, and following the retirement of the Librarian three years later, became the first Librarian and Archivist in 1984, a position he held until his retirement in June 2016. He has been succeeded by Dr Susan Hood.

During his time at the RCB, Ray established and professionalized the archives of the Church of Ireland in Ireland, including securing an agreement with the Public Records Office of Ireland (now the National Archives) that the RCB

Library was the appropriate place of custody for Church of Ireland parish registers. Over 1,100 parish record collections, thousands of manuscript collections, papers of diocesan, cathedral and other central administrative records of the Church at all levels have been secured, stored and catalogued during his tenure. The use of this material has been heavily promoted through the establishment of an exemplary publication scheme since the early 1990s.

The seminar to mark Dr Refaussé's retirement will be opened by Archbishop Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, and will include keynote presentations by Bishop John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, and Professor Raymond Gillespie of the University of Maynooth. Further contributions will be made by Dr Kenneth Milne (Church of Ireland Historiographer), Steven ffearry-Smyrl (Irish Genealogical Research Society), Canon Adrian Empey (former Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College) and Dr Elizabeth Mullins (School of History, UCD). Pre-booking is essential, as places are limited, so please contact: rrseminar@rcbdub.org or Tel. +353 (0)1-4923979.

Dublin service marks New Law Term



Archbishop Michael Jackson, the Revd Dr Donald Watts, Mrs Justice Susan Denham and Archdeacon David Pierpoint with the Choir of the King's Hospital School following the annual New Law Term Service in St Michan's Church.

The annual Michaelmas New Law Term Service took place in St Michan's Church, Dublin on Monday morning. The service is held annually to mark the beginning of the new term but also to bless those who work in the legal profession and

connected fields and those who come into contact with the justice system.

The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, officiated and with him were the Deans of St Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral and the Archdeacon of Dublin. The choir of the King's Hospital School led the singing.

The congregation included the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Brendan Carr and members of the Diplomatic Corps including the American Ambassador to Ireland. Visiting judges from the UK present included Lady Dorrian, the Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland; the Right Honorable Lord Justice and Lady Weatherup, Lord Justice of Appeal, from Northern Ireland; and Dame Sarah Jane Asplin, Justice of the High Court, from England and Wales.

Also in attendance were political leaders, members of the Irish judiciary, including the Chief Justice, the Hon Mrs Justice Susan Denham, representatives of An Garda Síochána and the Defence Forces. The address was given by the Revd Dr Donald Watts, Clerk Emeritus of the

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Normandy church where Fr Hamel was murdered by ISIS reopens

The Normandy church where Islamic extremists cut a priest's throat and used nuns as human shields reopened on Sunday for the first time since the attack, with a special cleansing ritual and call for tolerance across religions.

The Archbishop of Rouen led a procession through the nearby town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray to the Catholic church where two 19-year-old radicals killed 85-year-old priest Fr Jacques Hamel on July 26 as he celebrated Mass on a quiet summer weekday.

Archbishop Lebrun led a penitential rite to restore the sacred nature of the church, followed by a Mass attended by parishioners and other residents, including the head of the regional Muslim council and a local imam.

Muslims in France and Italy attended Mass the weekend after the attack to show tolerance and

solidarity. The attack was one of several targeting France over the past two years claimed by ISIS extremists.

During the Mass, Archbishop Lebrun said the Dioceses of Rouen had begun an inquiry into the beatification of Fr Hamel, after Pope Francis waived the traditional five-year waiting period.

C of I tribute to Bishop McDaid of Clogher

The Rt Revd John McDowell, the C of I bishop of Clogher has paid the following tribute to Bishop Liam McDaid -

‘I have known for some time that my brother in Christ and in episcopal office, Bishop Liam McDaid, has not enjoyed good health, and have now learned that the Pope has accepted his resignation as Bishop of Clogher on grounds of ill health.

‘Bishop Liam has been a friend and constant source of encouragement to me since I came to Clogher in 2011. He is a son of the diocese and has served his entire priestly and episcopal ministry here. By contrast, I came to Clogher with

little knowledge of the territory and found in Bishop McDaid a ready source of local knowledge and lore and always ready to share his experience and wisdom with me. His understated episcopal manner conceals a prodigious pastoral heart and love for his flock, who I know will miss his gentle words and reassuring touch.

‘It has been the greatest privilege to have served our Lord Jesus Christ together with Bishop Liam, in whatever small ways we could, and I look forward to continuing our friendship in his retirement.’

Legion flags back at Newry church after being burnt by rector

A Church of Ireland congregation has put the troubled tale of a flag-burning rector behind it with the dedication of new flags, the Belfast Telegraph reports.

At a solemn service on Sunday, new standards were installed at St Mary's Church in Newry - after the previous minister had burned the old Royal British Legion (RBL) flags a year ago.

The Rev Kingsley Sutton then replaced the RBL flags at both St Patrick's and St Mary's Churches with a white flag featuring a red heart.

He told the congregations that he removed the flags because he wanted to "make a break" from the past. But many members of the church said the move had caused deep hurt.

Rev Sutton had also barred the Orange Order from holding parade services there and changed the traditional services.

A few weeks later, the controversial rector was stood down.

It later transpired that Rev Sutton, who had defied the instructions of a senior bishop in removing the flags, had actually burnt them. He later said that he "utterly regretted" his "inappropriate and unacceptable" decision to take down the RBL standards, which commemorate soldiers who died in the two World Wars. Rev Sutton resigned and was sent to a parish in Cork.

Yesterday, St Mary's put the saga behind it and was joined by other Churches for the dedication of the new flags. Those attending included Rev

Dr Michael Barry of the Presbyterian Church; Bishop Harold Miller; representatives of the Royal British Legion, and the Rt Hon Richard Gordon, Deputy Lieutenant of Co Down.

Colin Whiteside, chairman of the Newry Branch of the Royal British Legion, told the Belfast Telegraph last night: "A firm in England called Newton & Newton were so upset they provided Newry branch with two new standards free of charge and today we were laying up the standard we currently have back in St Mary's, and we have the new one dedicated today.

"It means a lot to us because the one taken down was the original flag of Newry branch from away back in the 1940s. The people of the parish were most upset when that flag was taken down and destroyed and they now have one back up again and we have a new one dedicated for service. We can now move forward."

Derry & Raphoe parishes discuss Living Link with African diocese

An African minister broke down in tears last Tuesday evening as he recalled his visit a few



days earlier to a dairy farm in County Tyrone. Rev Benjamin Kibara was the guest of honour at an information evening in Glendermott Parish Hall about the growing links between the Diocese of Butere in western Kenya and Derry and Raphoe.

Christianity was first introduced to Butere 100 years ago by the missionary son and daughter of Rt Rev George Chadwick, who was Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Bishop Chadwick's son, Walter, established the region's first Christian church, while Walter's sister, Elizabeth, built Butere's first girls' school.

Representatives from almost 30 parishes discussed how to develop the relationship between the two dioceses into a 'living link' and how it might work to their mutual benefit. The information evening, which was organised by the chairman of Derry and Raphoe's Board of Mission and Unity, the Rev Paul Hoey, heard in detail how the Diocese's 'Buy a Cow for Butere' initiative was progressing.

The event included a Bible reflection by the Rector of Donagheady, Rev Dr Robin Stockitt, who had visited Butere almost a year ago along with his wife Joan, Bishop Ken Good and Mrs Mary Good. Most people in western Kenya are subsistence farmers and many experience dire poverty.

Dr Stockitt said even though the people of Butere are poor they are spiritually rich. Recounting his October 2015 visit to Butere, he said, "I feel I have gained far more than I have given. It has enriched me."

Rev Stockitt told clergy and parishioners – who had travelled from as far away as Desertmartin and Donegal Town – that the poverty in Butere was shocking but that the people were inspirational. "I wish I could export some of what

they had and bring it back here. If this [living link] is going to be a true partnership, we are going to learn from them. Let it bring a rich harvest of relationships for both of us.”

One of the highlights of the evening was Mrs Joan Stockitt’s interview with Rev Kibara, during which he outlined some of the challenges faced by clergy in Butere. Asked what he had learned during his five days in Northern Ireland, Rev Ben became very emotional as he recalled his weekend visit with the Stockitts to a dairy farm in. Mrs Stockitt explained that Ben had been amazed at the size of the farm, the number of cattle, and the automation used to produce milk. She said it was very different to the farms which support families back in Kenya.

During the event, Rev Ben taught those present how to sing a hymn in Swahili. A cheque presentation was made to him by the Rev Arthur Burns and two parishioners who have begun a sponsored slim (they each hope to shed three stones in weight). And parish representatives collected some of the two and a half thousand resource packs which have been prepared for teams who intend to develop links with Butere.

One eyed Chihuahua worship assistant

The Parish church in Portaferry was the setting for a very unusual service last month when a variety of four legged friends attended to receive a blessing along with their owners.

What was amazing was how well behaved creatures were...even the humans! Elderly Bailie, the one eyed Chihuahua, helped Revd Gill with the prayers and Bobbie the Labrador welcomed everyone to the service. His greeting to Robbie, another Labrador, illustrated well the verse “love your neighbour as yourself “. Jane Birch smiled throughout the service with her lovely black spaniel Chloe whilst Revd Gill’s cat, Mozart, decided he wanted the freedom of Ballyphilip and managed it for a short time!

Every pet, including Master Peacock’s tortoise, Thor, received a blessing and, of course, every owner also received a blessing. The church rang to the appropriate “All things bright and beautiful” as well as readings from the wonderful Psalm 104 and the well known Genesis Chapter 1.

There were people in Church who had not been there for a very long time as well as those who attend regularly. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the service and the wonderful readings from God's word which showed how God expects us all to care for our animals the way he cares for us.

News briefs

+++ Opening of Greystones school - Temple Carrig School, Greystones, will be officially opened by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny on Friday October 7 at 10.30am

+++ Living the dream job - Sr Martina Purdy will be the special speaker at Interdenominational Divine Healing Ministries' service in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Monday 17th October at 8pm. Martina will share on her journey from a 'dream job' as a BBC News journalist to her life now as an Adoration Sister, which she has described as truly 'living the dream'. Worship will be led by the music group from West Church, Bangor. Personal prayer and anointing with oil will be available at this service. Come and be inspired to 'live the dream' that the Lord has

prepared for you. Born in Belfast and raised in Canada, Martina Purdy started in journalism in 1991 and initially worked as a journalist with the *Irish News* and *Belfast Telegraph*. She was a political correspondent with BBC Northern Ireland between 1999 and 2014, when she announced her decision to enter her new vocation with the Adoration Sisters.

+++ Stanford Festival - The Charles Villiers Stanford Festival takes place in Dublin from October 7 to 9. The weekend starts with Evensong and an Organ Recital in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday October 7 at 5.30 pm. On Saturday, St Stephen's Church where Stanford worshipped is the venue with lectures on Stanford's life in Ireland in the morning and a song recital in the afternoon. On Sunday there will be a sung Eucharist in TCD Chapel and a final Evensong in Christ Church Cathedral. Full details in the Stanford Society web site: <http://www.thestanfordsociety.org/>

+++ The career of Bishop Daly - John Bowman's archives-based programme on RTE Radio One last Sunday morning 2nd October was devoted to the career of the late Bishop of Derry, Dr Edward Daly. It is also available on

RTÉ Player online for one month after the broadcast.

+++ Global South Anglicans meet - More than 100 Anglicans from 20 provinces are gathering in Cairo, Egypt, today, at the start of a week-long meeting of the Global South group of Anglicans. The two most internationally significant religious leaders in Egypt, the Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb, have been invited to today's opening ceremony. Part of the agenda will include discussions on the importance of ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. Other issues to be addressed include poverty, illegal immigration, religious violence and disagreements over human sexuality.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Rector hits out at treatment of Troubles' victims during service

Belfast Telegraph

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/minister-hits-out-at-treatment-of-troubles-victims-during-service-35097688.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks

Archbishop's comments on rights for unborn babies criticised

Irish Times

Marking the Catholic **Church's** worldwide Day For Life on Saturday, the Archbishop of Armagh said that from a moral point of view there was no such ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/archbishop-s-comments-on-rights-for-unborn-babies-criticised-1.2813741>

Lord Eames to return to Derry to preach at special Thanksgiving Service

Derry Now

The former **Church of Ireland** Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Right Reverend Robert Eames, will visit Derry next to preach at a ...

<http://www.derrynow.com/news/lord-eames-to-return-to-derry-to-preach-at-special-thanksgiving-service/120198>

Premier

Further coverage of the Bishop of Gloucester Rachel Treweek's campaign to tackle negative body image. Bishop Rachel has already visited a number of schools to talk to girls about the problem. She said her experience as a teenager had inspired her to tackle the issue. "I'm very aware that I did not fulfil what pretty girls are meant to be like," she told the *Sunday Times*. "It's got worse since I was that age. I wasn't being bombarded by social media, I

wasn't using a mobile phone or looking at the internet," she added.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Bishop-to-lead-campaign-tackling-negative-body-image>

The Voice

Reports that the C of E has set itself the target to increase the number of trainee clergy by 50% before 2020. The Church is particularly keen to increase the number of female trainees as well as those from a BAME background so that they can reflect the broad range of communities that they service. The Bishop of Guildford, Andrew Watson, chair of the Ordained Vocations Working Group is quoted.

<http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/church-england-want-you>

Evesham Journal

Reports that the Church Commissioners have sought outline planning permission for a large housing application in Hereford. The plan details 1,200 new homes to be built at the Three Elms site.

Tel(Sun)

Report that IICSA (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) is planning to drop its investigation into Lord Janner, the Labour peer's son, Daniel Janner QC, said this weekend. Article states that IICSA chair Alexis Jay would neither confirm nor deny the suggestion when it was put to her but said: "The investigation areas are

under review." The inquiry is looking at 13 separate strands, including the Anglican Church in England and Wales.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/01/child-sex-abuse-inquiry-may-drop-lord-janner-case-following-revi/>

Comment

Telegraph: Charles Moore writes, "Theresa May needs to admit her child abuse inquiry has gone off the rails."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/02/theresa-may-needs-to-admit-her-child-abuse-inquiry-has-gone-off/>

Guardian: The Dala Lama - Don't squeeze him out

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/oct/02/the-guardian-view-on-the-dalai-lama-dont-squeeze-him-out>

Obituary

Tel/Times/BBC

Sir Neville Marriner, founder and conductor of the world's most recorded orchestra - the Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/10/02/sir-neville-marriner--obituary/>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/sir-neville-marriner-bb96cqldd>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-37535272>

Blogs

Paula Gooder: Reflecting on your one wild and precious life

<http://www.gooder.me.uk/autumn-new-year-reflections/>

Law and Religion: How will repealing EU law affect Human Rights in the UK?

<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2016/10/02/how-will-repealing-eu-law-affect-human-rights-in-the-uk/>

Nick Baines: Loving, Living, Learning

<https://nickbaines.wordpress.com/2016/09/30/loving-living-learning/>

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