



Canon Horace McKinley with his wife Pam, daughter Emma and two of his sons Andrew and Philip.

Whitechurch Parishioners recognise rector's 40 years of service

of Whitechurch and their Rector celebrated a milestone anniversary on Sunday September 18. Canon Horace McKinley has been ministering in the parish for 40 years and Archbishop Michael Jackson was present to celebrate at a special service in the packed church.

Canon McKinley was ordained a Deacon in 1970 and was a Curate in Taney before moving, with his wife Pam and their oldest son Andrew, to become Vicar of Whitechurch in 1976. He became rector in 1980.

It was also Come&Celebrate Sunday, the day on which the Come&C 5 Marks Challenge was launched in parishes throughout Dublin and Glendalough so the service followed the specially prepared order of service for the day which focused on celebration. [To learn more about the 5 Marks Challenge [see here](#)]

Opening the service the Archbishop said that Come&Celebrate Sunday provided an opportunity to get to the heart of our identity as Anglican Christians. He added that the Come&C programme and the 5 Marks Challenge were designed to embed a sense of mission in the lives of the baptised and the lives of all disciples. He thanked Canon McKinley for allowing him to

lead the service on what was a historic day for the Rector and his parish.

During the service Canon McKinley's son, Philip, talked to his father about the changes he had experienced in Whitechurch over the last 40 years. At the time Whitechurch was a rural area but the Rector recalled that houses began to be built shortly after his arrival and the building has not stopped since.

"The people here are lovely. God fuels the vocation but the people, and service to them, inspire it. The people give far more to you than you do to them," he stated. He also paid tribute to his wife and family for their support. He encouraged people to pray at the beginning and end of each day, giving thanks for what they have and to enjoy each day.

Speaking about the Come&C programme, Philip McKinley, who is Church of Ireland Chaplain in DCU, said the initiative was transformative and brought many people out of their comfort zones.

After the service Canon McKinley and his wife were presented with a cake and parishioners thanked him for their service to them.

Crowds pack into St Anne's for Compline on Belfast Culture Night



An estimated 900 people were in St Anne's Cathedral for Sung Compline on Belfast Culture Night

Crowds packed into St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on Friday night at the city of Belfast buzzed with the sounds, sights and flavours of Culture Night 2016.

Several hundred joined the choir of St Anne's for Choral Evensong at 5.30pm and the Cathedral was full for Sung Compline at 9pm, when an incredible 900 or so people sat in silence to enjoy this ancient monastic service as the Cathedral Quarter vibrated with sound outside.



There was standing room only in St Anne's for the Ulster Youth Jazz Orchestra's Culture Night performance.

In the car park White Ink Architects endeavoured to recreate the Cathedral's labyrinth in crates which proved a great attraction for children, and Travelwise NI hosted a Belfast Bicycle Culture exhibition.

Legacy by Lisa Donaldson, an AV performance on conflict and art, was in the Cathedral Hall, and Ghoulish Silent Movies featuring silent movies from the 1920s, were shown in The Crypt Events in the Cathedral got underway at 2pm

with music from Killyleagh singer / songwriter Neil Foster.

Eighteen-year-old Mollie Stirling was up at 3pm. Mollie represented Ireland in the Eurovision Song Contest 2015, and her beautiful voice filled the vast space.

Iain Archer, who was on at 4pm, is a former member of Snow Patrol and he expressed his pleasure both at the great space inside the Cathedral, and at the large number of people who had come to listen to him on a Friday afternoon.

Jealous of the Birds, aka Portadown girl Naomi Hamilton, sang at 6.30pm, and it was standing room only for the Ulster Youth Jazz Orchestra who played between 8pm and 9pm.

Dean Morton Bids farewell to parishioners at St Columb's Cathedral

It was a day "tinged with sadness" the Very Revd William Morton said as he welcomed the congregation to his final Sunday Service in St Columb's Cathedral this week. There were

emotional scenes afterwards as parishioners and friends bade farewell to the Dean and his wife Rosemary, who leave for Dublin later this week. Dr Morton will be installed as Dean of the national cathedral, St Patrick's, at a Service of Evensong on Saturday.

Among the hundreds in St Columb's Cathedral for the service were the Lord Lieutenant of the City of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey; the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Alderman Hilary McClintock; the Foyle MP, Mark Durkan; and Gary Middleton MLA.

During the Service, Dean Morton dedicated a commemorative cross in memory of all those from the city who had lost their lives in the Battle of the Somme a century ago.

It was fashioned from the cross which had adorned the spire of the Cathedral from 1820 to around 1980, until it was removed – with the help of the Army – because it had become insecure. For years the cross, which had split in two, lay near the entrance to the cathedral, waiting to be disposed of. It was, the Dean said, a tangible memorial for the city.

In his sermon, Dean Morton said it had been a privilege to serve in the parish. “The American poet, Robert Frost, in his poem The Road Not Taken has a line, ‘Way leads on to way’. That is precisely what has happened for me, my wife Rosemary and family. Another road has opened up which I have been called upon to take.

“I wish to put on record our very deepest thanks for the privilege which you have afforded to Rosemary, me and the boys, of sharing the road which we have jointly taken over the last 19 years. Thank you for your support of the Cathedral and of us as a family, and also for all your encouragement and in particular for your good wishes as we leave for Dublin

“It has been an enormous privilege to have served here as Rector and Dean. Thank you for allowing us to share your journey and thank you for enriching our journey.

“There are many people here from other denominations and various strands of civic life. Together with parishioners I say thank you for your tremendous good will and your willingness to listen when so many others at times wanted to speak. And having listened, to have learned and been equipped to make a change for good in

your domain of civic life. Thank you for all your encouragement and support to the Cathedral.

Christian Aid criticism of UK Prime Minister May on refugees

Christian Aid has criticised the UK Prime Minister Theresa May for her government's approach to control the movement of refugees globally, which - the charity says - puts the interests of rich countries first, while ignoring the needs of millions of people displaced.

Speaking at today's UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants, Theresa May warned the UN general assembly of the 'dangers of uncontrolled mass migration' and called for an international agreement to force refugees to stay in the first 'safe country' they arrive in.

Tom Viita, Senior Political Advisor at Christian Aid, commented: "Eighty six per cent of the world's refugees are hosted in poor countries so they should be in the driving seat in deciding how to handle the world's worst refugee crisis in seventy years. It is disappointing to hear Theresa May and other European leaders proposing to shift an even greater burden onto poor countries.

This is not in the interests of those countries, or refugees themselves.

“May’s proposal for refugees to be hosted in the first ‘safe country’ they arrive in would trap even more people into degrading and inhumane living conditions in refugee camps. Furthermore, it reduces the possibilities for separated families to reunite.

“The UK is among the most respected international donors to help refugees, and could use its position of leadership to drive a genuinely compassionate and fair response. Yet it should not be misusing aid to prop up a discredited international system that burdens poor countries far too much. The UK should work with other countries to design a fairer system that creates long-lasting solutions for millions of people in need.”

Christian Aid welcomed Theresa May’s call for all countries to bear their share of responsibility for helping refugees. To that end, the charity is urging rich nations to increase refugee resettlement and drastically reform the way refugee aid to poor countries who shoulder the responsibility is financed.

The Summit is expected to kick-start a two-year process for a new “Global Compact” for people on the move, to be finalised by September 2018. Tomorrow President Obama will host a pledging conference to ensure quicker action is taken to meet people’s needs now.

Christian Aid is urging the UK government to attend the summit and pledge to host higher numbers of refugees by:

- Resettling higher numbers of refugees, broadening the nationalities it resettles, and significantly accelerating the resettlement of the 20,000 Syrians the UK government has already agreed to accept in the UK;
- Introducing a system of humanitarian visas to the UK, including via third countries;
- Strengthening and implementing adequate measures for family reunification;
- Acting on its responsibilities to relocate refugees already in the EU.

Christian Aid is currently working in Greece and Serbia through the ACT Alliance. Our partners

are providing legal protection services to unaccompanied children, and families, on the Greek mainland, and housing support to some of the most vulnerable refugees awaiting relocation to other countries in Europe. Christian Aid and our partners continue to provide support to refugees and displaced people in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, South Sudan, and many other countries throughout the world.

News briefs

+++ Limerick recital - The lunchtime recital in St Mary's cathedral, Limerick, tomorrow Wednesday will be given by Joanne Harding (soprano) and Thomas Kehoe (piano) who will perform songs by Schumann, Poulenc, Faure and Brahms.

+++ Dublin Secondary Schools Service - On Thursday at 3pm the Secondary Schools Service will be held in St Patrick's cathedral, Dublin, at which the Archbishop will preside.

+++ Gender Justice – still an issue? - On Saturday, 24 September, the Director for Women in Church and Society in the Anglican Communion, the Revd Terrie Robinson, will lead a workshop on 'Gender Justice – still an issue?' in the Woodlands Hotel, Adare, Co Limerick, from

2.00–5.00 p.m, organised by the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe. Admission to the workshop is free, and is open to all.

+++ Wilhelmina Geddes stained glass artist recalled - A highly stimulating lecture on the life of Wilhelmina Geddes was given by Dr Nicola Gordon Bowe at Edgehill College on the evening of 16 September under the auspices of the Methodist Historical Society of Ireland. Wilhelmina Geddes was a twentieth century, Irish, stained glass artist, from a Methodist background, which influenced her choice of subjects – nearly all of a religious nature. Although she had amazing talent, she has never received the recognition of contemporary Irish artists such as Evie Hone or Rosamund Praeger. Dr Bowe did her best to rectify the situation in the course of a very informative lecture that lasted well over an hour, but which always kept the audience wide awake. The lecture also marked the launch of a book by Dr Bowe on Wilhelmina Geddes and copies were available for sale.

**News links to reports on faith,
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Church of Ireland 'turning blind eye' to clergy flouting gay rules

Belfast Newsletter

A **Church** of Ireland cleric has slammed his own denomination for allegedly teaching traditional marriage in public but privately “turning a blind eye” to gay clergy engaging in sexual relationships.

According to rules in the CoI and sister Anglican denomination the Church of England (CoE), defining oneself as gay does not preclude anyone from ...

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/church-of-ireland-turning-blind-eye-to-clergy-flouting-gay-rules-1-7583289>

Historic Kilnaspic Church celebrates 150 years

Kilkenny People

A special service to commemorate 150 years of St. Killogues **Church**, Kilnaspic ... Kilnaspic **Church** was built during a Catholic **church** boom in **Ireland**.

<http://www.kilkennypeople.ie/news/kilkenny-news/216150/historic-kilnaspic-church-celebrates-150-years.html>

Christian Today

Reports that the Archbishop of Canterbury is travelling to Assisi in Italy for a World Day of Prayer for Peace hosted by Pope Francis tomorrow and attended by Christian leaders and representatives of other religions. The inter-religious peace gathering was initiated by Pope John Paul II 30 years ago. The event comes ahead of a more formal one-to-one meeting between the Archbishop and the Pope early next month. They will celebrate evening prayer together on 5 October and then hold private talks at the Vatican the next day.

Christian Today/Premier

Report that Christians across the church denominations will be urged to join the Archbishop of Canterbury's prayer initiative ahead of Pentecost next year. Churches throughout the UK and around the world will unite to pray for more people to come to faith as the evangelism drive enters its second year. Millions could join in 2017 after the 'Thy Kingdom Come' enterprise saw more than 100,000 Christians gather in prayer in 2016.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Justin-Welby-launches-ten-days-of-evangelism-prayer-ahead-of-Pentecost>

Mail

Reports that armed police will patrol Canterbury Cathedral as security is tightened following attacks in Europe. Officers will stand guard outside the place of worship after an increase in the number of international terror attacks and a rise in national threat levels, although Kent Police stress there was no direct threat to the Cathedral or other sites. The move follows a Home Office announcement that all police forces in England and

Wales should increase firearms patrols to protect the public.

Coventry Tel

Reports that The Help For Heroes charity raised more than £10,000 holding a boxing event inside Coventry Cathedral. It was part a series of events across the UK set up by the charity - which supports injured servicemen and women. The evening did attract some criticism with a handful of people questioning whether it should have been held in a place of worship. But the Dean of Coventry John Witcombe, said boxing is a way of generating discipline and self-respect.

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/it-wasnt-straightforward-decision-dean-11908042>

Mail

Agency copy reports that CFO Lending will pay £34.8 million in compensation to 97,000 clients after the Financial Conduct Authority discovered the payday lender was treating them unfairly. Article notes that the FCA has agreed a number of redress schemes with payday lenders since 2014 as it cracks down on a sector under fire from lawmakers and the C of E alike for piling pressure on the poor with high interest rates.

S Times

Report that retired Anglican priest, Andrew Warburton, has criticised the Church of England over a proposed wind farm in the Scottish Borders that he claims will desecrate the landscape. RES, a renewable energy firm, has struck a deal to build 13 turbines on land owned by the church near Hawick. Article includes comment from

the Church Commissioners, who are supporting the project, stating it could provide electricity for up to 30,000 homes and generate £3.6m of investment for the local economy. A spokesman added they are continuing to monitor and take into account ongoing community consultations and are in regular dialogue with the developer.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/anglican-priest-attacks-church-over-wind-farm-kbrm7hg3f>

Mail

Interview with Rev Richard Coles who gives 'chapter and verse on his extremely quirky parish life' along with anecdotes from his years as a pop star and now broadcaster, with ref to his new book 'Bringing In The Sheaves: Wheat And Chaff From My Years As A Priest'.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/event/article-3790826/Holy-cassocks-80s-pop-sensation-church-vicar-Richard-Coles-recounts-surprising-moments-irreverent-rocking-reverend.html>

Reuters

Report that Archbishop Desmond Tutu has been readmitted to hospital to treat an infection following surgery last week, his family said. The former Anglican archbishop of Cape Town, had been discharged from hospital on Wednesday after a successful surgery to treat recurring infections that have afflicted him in the past.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-safrica-tutu-idUKKCN11N09F>

BBC

Report that a commemoration service for the four men who died in the Didcot Power Station collapse has been held yesterday at All Saint's church in the town.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-37395588>

Comment

S Times

Columnist Neil Oliver writes that only Christianity is made to bear the cross of public ridicule. "All over the country there are more churches just the same, looked after by a silent group of people, many of whom set aside hours each week to provide some vital service to others. I don't know if there's a god to bless them, but as a community we should at least offer them our respect."

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/only-christianity-is-made-to-bear-the-cross-of-public-ridicule-5cnzt72jh>

Guard (Sat)

Fashion column on the CofE's film on London Fashion week

<https://www.theguardian.com/fashion/shortcuts/2016/sep/17/heavens-above-was-god-really-into-fashion>

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Blogs

Stephen Cottrell: Reflections on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella

<http://www.stephencottrell.org/pilgrimage/2016/09/17/day-seven-finding-a-new-pace/>

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