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Services to mark 15th anniversary of 9/11 terror attacks

The fifteenth anniversary of the world's deadliest terror attack will be remembered in special

services and events in New York City this weekend. Some 2,996 people were killed in the September 11 attacks in 2001 when terrorists flew hijacked planes into New York's World Trade Centre and the Pentagon in Washington. A fourth plane crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, as passengers tried to regain control of the plane.

A number of events will take place at St Paul's Churchyard – part of the parish of Trinity Church, Wall Street. The chapel at St Paul's was used as a relief centre for recovery workers for almost a year after the 9/11 attacks.

The church is currently closed for refurbishment; but a number of events will take place in the churchyard,

beginning with an 8am Eucharist service which will conclude with the ringing of the Bell of Hope at precisely 8.46am EDT (12.46pm GMT), marking the time the first plane flew into the North Tower.

The Bell of Hope was a gift from the City of London to the people of New York and was presented by the Mayor of London on the first anniversary of the attacks. It has been rung every year on the anniversary of the attacks and to

mark terrorist events elsewhere in the world. The bell will be tolled in a pattern of five-strikes, repeated four times – the traditional method used by US firefighters to remember fallen colleagues.

At 2pm EDT, at Trinity Wall Street, the West Point Band and Cadet Glee Club from the US Military Academy at West Point, New York, will give a concert; including the first public performance of 15 one minute pieces created by composers on the theme of “service” and what it means to different groups of people, including military, first responders and community service.

At 3.30pm, a “Calling of the Names” ceremony will be held in St Paul’s churchyard, honouring the responders, rescue and recovery workers, and volunteers. “We will call the names of those who came to help after the attacks and who have since died,” Trinity Wall Street said.

At 7pm in the churchyard, a programme of words and music will be held as an act of remembrance of those who died in the 9/11 attack and as a result of mass violence worldwide.

The day’s events will conclude with a candlelit Compline service in Trinity Church. “These are

the church's bedtime prayers, and they mark that transition from day into night," Trinity's priest for liturgy and pilgrimage, the Revd Daniel Simons, said. "We pray Compline on Sunday evening as a transition before the beginning of the week, as a way to reflect, renew, and refresh."

Other services and events to mark the anniversary will be held elsewhere in the US and around the world, including in Sydney, Australia, where former Prime Minister John Howard will join the US ambassador to Australia, John Berry, and other diplomats for a service in St Andrew's Cathedral, to remember the victims of the attack.

"9/11 was a catastrophic event on American soil, but it has affected the whole international community," the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr Glenn Davies, said. "62 countries lost people in this devastating attack. The ramifications have been global and put the world on alert for a new form of destructive, annihilistic terrorism which has sprouted groups like Boko Haram, ISIS and Al Shabaab.

"This service provides us with an opportunity to ponder the gravity of so many deaths where the forces of evil appear triumphant. It also enables

us to renew our hope, knowing that God is in control and, through Jesus, offers true peace for a broken and divided world.”

Dr Davies will preach at the service, which will take place at 10.30am AEST (12.30am GMT) on Sunday. Mr Howard, who witnessed the attack on the Pentagon as he was in Washington on 11 September 2001, will deliver a reading from the New Testament. A cathedral bell will be tolled 15 times to mark the anniversary.

RTE to broadcast new Mass setting by Irish composer

RTE Television and Radio are set to broadcast live a new Mass setting by an Irish composer/musician which pays tribute to St Michael's Church in Portarlinton. This new Mass setting is scheduled for live broadcast on RTE One TV and RTE Radio 1 Extra on 30 October.

The work, titled 'St Michael's Celebration', is penned by Portarlinton born singer, songwriter, and pianist Tom Conroy (Piano Man Tom). Work on the new music and hymns began in the middle of 2015 and was completed in August 2016.



According to Tom Conroy, “St Michael’s Church is a towering presence on Patrick Street in Portarlinton and continues to be an inspirational place of prayer and worship for anyone who enters.”

Portarlinton’s population has increased substantially over the last decade and according to the composer, “Many new faces have been warmly embraced by the community and by the church.”

This is the second Mass setting that Tom Conroy has composed.

'The Brittas Mass' was created in Clonaslee, Co Laois from 2011-2013 and was broadcast live on RTE One TV in July, 2013 as part of a special mass in honour of the bicentenary of St Manman's Church in Clonaslee.

Fr Pat Hughes will lead the worship and St Michael's Folk Choir will feature singers from Portarlinton, as well as from Clonaslee and the surrounding areas in Co Laois and Co Offaly.

After over a year's work, Tom also recently released his second full studio album of his own original songs called 'Make A Wish', which features the popular 'Diana's Royal Child' as well as nine other songs.

For more information: www.PianoManTom.com

Church of Ireland presence at the National Ploughing Championships

The Church of Ireland will again be making its presence felt at the National Ploughing Championships. This national event takes place in Screggan, Tullamore, Co Offaly from Sept 20th to 22nd September.

Tullamore Union of Parishes will be broadcasting churchnewsireland@gmail.com

a Morning Service on RTE television on Sunday 18 September, at 11am. Ms Anna May McHugh, President of the National Ploughing Association, will be doing one of the readings. The Service will be broadcast from St Catherine's Church, Tullamore.

Rev Isaac Delamere (Rector) said, "We are delighted to be broadcasting a Service to coincide with the Championships. A tremendous amount of work has been done in preparation by Ms Eva Draper (Organist), the Parish choir and many others. The involvement of other choirs will make it a real community celebration".

The theme of the Service will be Come and See the Fruits of His Creation. Rev Delamere will lead it. Bishop Storey (Bishop of Meath & Kildare) will be the preacher.

The Church of Ireland will also be hosting a tent at the National Ploughing Championships. As the event takes place within the diocesan boundary of Meath and Kildare the dioceses will organise the Church of Ireland tent.

Bishop Pat Storey said, "Our exhibition tent will offer a friendly welcome, coffee and a prayer

space for visitors. The Church of Ireland feels it is important to be part of Europe's largest Outdoor Exhibition and Agricultural Trade Show. If you are visiting the event be sure to pop in". The theme for the tent space is 'Come and See'.

Last year 281,000 people attended the National Ploughing Championships.

New appointments to the Catholic Schools Partnership

Father Richard Byrne OCarm has been appointed as the chairperson of the Catholic Schools Partnership and Mr Ferdia Kelly has been appointed to the new position of chief executive officer, with immediate effect.

The Catholic Schools Partnership has a council of twenty-two members, representative of all the stakeholders in Catholic education. This council is charged with implementing the aims of the CSP by promoting collaborative engagement with contemporary and emerging issues facing Catholic schools; by commissioning research; and, through the provision of resources.

The inaugural chairperson of CSP, Father Michael Drumm of the Diocese of Elphin, is taking up an appointment in Nigeria.

The members of the council of the Catholic Schools Partnership are nominated by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Conference of Religious of Ireland, the Association of Trustees of Catholic Schools, the Catholic Primary School Management Association, and the Association of Management of Catholic Secondary Schools. See catholicschools.ie.

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- There are two Carmelite orders in Ireland. Father Richard Byrne OCarm is currently Provincial of the Irish Province of Carmelites. He has a long career in education and prior to this appointment was headmaster of his *alma mater* Terenure College in Dublin. He has recently completed doctoral research in UCD on the contemporary Catholic post primary sector in Ireland.

Connor Youth Takes the Castle Weekend had it all!

From quality food to outrageous games, from great discussions to singing God's praise, from water fights to quiet reflection – the Connor Takes the Castle Weekend had it all!

Connor Youth Council welcomed groups from across the diocese to the fantastic Castlewellaan Castle to share in the fun from September 2-4.

Stephen Whitten, Church Army Evangelist with the North Belfast Centre of Mission, and Christina Baillie, Connor Diocesan Youth Officer, led the sessions on the theme of fear and speaking God's truth into our fears.

Christina said: "We decided to speak on this topic as fear can be such a common emotion but can be really difficult to talk about. Fearfulness can stop us living our lives fully for God but we wanted the young people to understand how God's perfect love casts out fear and how we all can claim the promise of being a child of God.

"The sessions were made up of interactive activities, worship, discussion and bible study



which the young people engaged with really well.”

For the rest of the weekend, the young people took part in Fear Factor games which included some strange or scary activities.

There were competitive games on Saturday culminating in the grand finale of *Connor's Got Talent* which had all the young people involved in acting out a skit with some incredible performances. Even in the midst of the rain, the young people enjoyed a water fight and slip & slide!

In their feedback on the weekend, young people from St Patricks, Coleraine, said: “We had a great time at Castlewellan Castle. It was good to be able to have time to sing about God and learn more about Him that was just for us.

“One of the things that we enjoyed most about Castlewellan was the opportunity to go somewhere together as a youth group and to get to make new friends with people from other groups. We just really enjoy things like this that give us a chance to go away together and learn about God. We would highly recommend that everyone try to go to events like this.”

Christina said: “Thanks to Connor Youth Council for all the hard work put into organising the weekend. Thank you to all the leaders for bringing their young people along. A massive thanks to Kate Peden and Adam Girvin from St Jude’s, Muckamore for leading our worship so wisely throughout the weekend, and to Matthew Cairns for the incredible audio/visuals!”

She added: “We already can’t wait until next year!”

National Maternity Hospital Annual Remembrance Service

The National Maternity Hospital will hold its Annual Remembrance Service on Sunday October 2 2016 at 3pm in the Church of St Andrew, Westland Row, Dublin 2.

The Service is held in memory of babies who have died in the hospital through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth. Bereaved parents, their families, and friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet hospital staff members and other parents. No booking is necessary, just come along on the day. Street parking is available in the vicinity of the church. If you would like any further information contact the Chaplaincy Department in the National Maternity Hospital at 01 6373121 or email chaplain@nmh.ie

Christian Aid welcomes MPs' answer to tax crisis highlighted by Apple

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“The Apple case shows the importance of shedding light on what multinationals are really up to around the world and the MPs’ proposal would be a massive step towards that,” said Toby Quantrill, Christian Aid’s Principal Advisor on Economic Justice.

“Apple is far from the only company using tax havens to slash tax bills in the UK and in many of the poorest countries around the world. But until we can see far more about firms’ global activities, we can’t know which are the worst offenders”, he added.

Well over 50 MPs from all the UK’s major political parties have proposed an amendment to the Finance Bill (which implements the Budget). The amendment would simply give the government

the power to make public the country-by-country reports that companies are privately submitting to UK tax authorities.

Mr Quantrill added: “We urge the Government to accept this simple, cross-party amendment to its Finance Bill. The principle of publishing companies’ key financial indicators such as taxes paid in each country where they work is agreed by all major UK political parties. This amendment would give the government the power to implement this simple but powerful reform when it chooses to do so.

“Furthermore, the move would be popular with the UK public and benefit developing countries – where people would finally be able to see what taxes are being paid by big companies in their countries. Developing countries currently lose terrifying sums to multinational tax dodgers – money that is badly needed for education, health and policing.

“Investors would also benefit from public country-by-country reports, because they would be able to see any potential risks linked to a company’s tax strategy.

“There can be no more excuses for multinationals hiding what they are really up to. All the evidence shows that when they can hide, they do things they wouldn’t want us to know about.”

* Christian Aid <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/index.aspx>

Protection of children priority for Governing Body of Church in Wales

The protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in churches will be on the agenda of a key meeting this month.

The Church in Wales is launching a new safeguarding policy at the meeting of its Governing Body which takes place on September 14-15.

Members will be asked to endorse the policy and to recognise the importance of promoting safer practice for people at risk within church communities.

The Governing Body is made up of 144 lay and ordained people from across Wales and will meet at the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, Lampeter. It will begin with a key note address by the Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan, as President of the Governing Body. This will be Dr Morgan's last presidential address as he will retire in January.

Other items on the agenda include:

- A motion to raise the normal pension age of clergy from 65 to 67 from next January;
- An update on the Church's 2020 Vision – a strategy for growth;
- A report on Evangelism;
- A report of the Anglican Consultative Council meeting held in Lusaka in April by the Church in Wales delegate, Helen Biggin;
- A Bishops' pastoral letter on admission to Holy Communion.

You can follow proceedings via Twitter
@ChurchinWales #govbody

The Archbishop's address will be available online at www.churchinwales.org.uk after delivery on Wednesday morning.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Peter Weir announces U-turn on transfer test preparation

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-37288263>

Mum given dead baby at Irish hospital so infant could be strapped into car-seat for trip home

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/mum-given-dead-baby-at-irish-hospital-so-infant-could-be-strapped-into-carseat-for-trip-home-35027640.html>

Arlene Arkinson inquest told red tape stopping Dublin officials giving evidence

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/arlene-arkinson-inquest-told-red-tape-stopping-dublin-officials-giving-evidence-35029966.html>

Same-sex campaigner delighted that bishop made 'gay' revelation

Belfast Telegraph

Richard O'Leary, a member of St George's congregation in Belfast, is a co-founder of Changing Attitudes, a pro-gay lobby within the **Church of Ireland**.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/samesex-campaigner-delighted-that-bishop-made-gay-revelation-35024070.html>

Association of Catholic Priests and the Papal Nuncio

Mayo News

... with a forum to articulate their concerns about a declining **Irish Catholic Church**. ... Liamy MacNally, who shares this space with me in The Mayo **News**, has ... In the Spring of 2010, Pope Benedict summoned the **Irish** hierarchy to ...

<http://www.mayonews.ie/comment-opinion/second-reading/28509-association-of-catholic-priests-and-the-papal-nuncio>

Mail

Reports that the Archbishop of Canterbury called on the Government to speed up reuniting children living in the Calais 'Jungle' with family in the UK. Archbishop Justin warned of continual delays in bringing across 'really quite young children'. He told the House of Lords, 'Where children have families in this country would ministers not agree there is no reason why they shouldn't be brought across within the day.' His speech came on the same day as UNICEF issued a report which says delays in bringing child refugees to Britain is leading them to risk abuse or even death at the hands of people smugglers.

Burnley Exp

Reports that the Archbishop of York, and former Gladiator Warren 'Ace' Furman will visit HMP Kirkham to speak to staff and prisoners and share their Christian faith. The pair will visit the men's open prison on Sunday, 11th

September where Archbishop Sentamu will lead a morning service and speak to inmates and prison workers as part of the Crossroads Mission.

<http://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/crime/archbishop-set-to-visit-lancashire-prison-1-8108296>

[Christian Today](#)/**Premier**

Report that the Bishop of Grantham, Nicholas Chamberlain, has received the support of Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, who said in a statement, "It is clear that Bishop Nicholas has abided by the guidelines set down by the Church. In fact, his lifestyle would make him acceptable to serve the church at any time in its history. I reject the suggestion that his appointment is an 'error'.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Anglican-Communion-rejects-criticism-over-appointment-of-gay-bishop>

Guard/**Premier**

Further coverage that the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) is too big and under-funded to succeed, and must be overhauled, according to Justice Goddard who resigned as its chair last month. In a memo to the Home Affairs Select Committee, she urged the Home Secretary to carry out a full review of the inquiry that stretches back more than 60 years and spans institutions including the Anglican Church in England and Wales, councils, schools and Westminster. It is expected to run for at least a decade at a cost of £100 million.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/06/amber-rudd-home-secretary-face-mps-future-child-sexual-abuse-inquiry>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-abuse-inquiry-is-too-big-ex-chief-claims>

Tel

Reports that a retired female priest had £230,000 stolen by a couple she met at her local church choir. Jane Waugh, became friends with Giles Scott and his wife Clare through All Saints Church in Brandsby, North Yorkshire. Mr Scott had admitted a series of fraud and theft charges in respect of Mrs Waugh and also three other elderly victims for whom he had power of attorney, as well as transferring criminal property. The case continues against Mrs Scott.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/06/solicitor-and-his-wife-ripped-off-retired-vicar-to-fund-high-spe/>

Ind/Exp/Even Stand

Further coverage of St Michael's church, Camden's application for a licence to host live music from the local council.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/music/news/vicar-applies-for-licence-to-put-on-boozy-gigs-in-camden-church-jesus-turned-water-into-wine-for-a-a7228391.html>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/707691/Vicar-Camden-church-live-gig-venue>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/camden-vicar-applies-for-licence-to-serve-booze-at-church-a3337731.html>

Christian Today

Terry Waite, the former Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy talks to the paper to mark the 25th anniversary of the publication of his book, *Taken on Trust*.

[Telegraph](#)

Rhiannon Meredith writes about her passion for bell ringing under the headline, "Make friends and find a lifelong passion through the historic art of bell ringing".

Comment

Guardian: Andrew Brown - David Jenkins: the Bishop who didn't believe in the Bible

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/06/david-jenkins-bishop-durham-biblical-facts-fire-york-minster>

Letters

Guardian: Compassionate legacy of David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/06/compassionate-legacy-of-david-jenkins-former-bishop-of-durham>

Blogs

C of E Communications: Bishop David Jenkins

<http://cofecomms.tumblr.com/post/150026608387/bishop-david-jenkins-a-kind-and-loving-man-for>

ViaMedia: Welcoming Signs - David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

<https://viamedia.news/2016/09/06/welcoming-signs/>

Humble Theology: Tomorrow I'm becoming a part-time monk

<https://medium.com/@HumbleTheology/tomorrow-im-becoming-a-part-time-monk-e51c594ffd7d#.yrr1eqa1n>

Law and Religion UK: Ecclesiastical court judgments
August / late summer
<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2016/09/06/ecclesiastical-court-judgments-augustlate-summer/>

Archbishop Cranmer: Justin Welby takes to twitter to teach us how to pray
<http://archbishopcranmer.com/justin-welby-takes-to-twitter-to-teach-us-how-to-pray/>

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