



Tributes to Dr Donald Caird

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C of E cleric keynote speaker at Presbyterian Assembly

The Wednesday evening of General Assembly week is always much anticipated, and this year is no exception. This year it takes place on June 7 and will focus on the theme 'Everyday Disciples'. The well-known author and speaker, Vaughan Roberts, Rector of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford will give the keynote address.

The incoming Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), Rev. Dr. Noble McNeely, will host the evening, with many others also taking part. The programme for the celebration will include a presentation on how the Church relates to those who have a learning disability, whether they are young or old – a subject close to the heart of Dr. McNeely and which will play a key role in his year as Moderator.

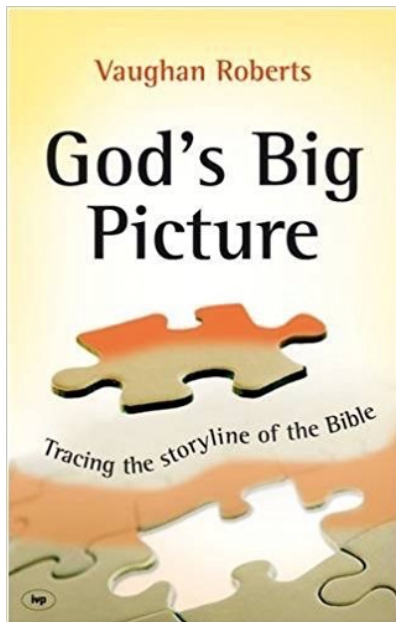
In keeping with this particular theme, a short DVD about [Aaron House](#), a residential care home in Dundonald for people with a profound learning disability, will be shown and Ruth Bromley, PCI Children's Development Officer, will conduct an



Vaughan came to faith as he read through Matthew's Gospel for himself as a teenager. After studying law at Cambridge University and a brief spell doing student ministry in South Africa, he moved to Oxford to study Theology at Wycliffe Hall and has lived in the city ever since. In 1991 he joined the staff of St Ebbe's Church to lead the student ministry and since 1998 he has been Rector. He is also the Director of the Proclamation Trust, an organisation that encourages and equips Bible teachers. In his spare time Vaughan writes books and plays tennis and golf.

interview with Stephen and Louise Lowry on how congregations can best minister to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.

A second presentation will also take place during the evening, which will highlight the discipling of



God's Big Picture - one of Vaughan Robert's books

young people, with special emphasis on the youth ministry of 'Young Life International' and some of PCI's youth ministry.

In his address, Vaughan Roberts will continue the theme of 'Everyday Disciples', giving him the opportunity to explore what this means for us today.

The Rector of St. Ebbe's came to faith as he read through Matthew's Gospel for himself as a teenager. After studying law at Cambridge University, he spent a short time in South Africa doing student ministry. He moved back to England and to Oxford to study Theology, joining the staff of St. Ebbe's Church in 1991 to lead the student ministry. He has been Rector there since 1998 and is now also the Director of the [Proclamation Trust](#), an organisation that encourages and equips Bible teachers.

With just under a week to go before the Wednesday Night Celebration, Vaughan Roberts said, "In recent years, our society has increasingly shifted from its Christian moorings. That can leave followers of Christ lost and out of step with those around us. What does it mean to live as Christian disciples in this situation?"

"Peter addresses exactly that question in his first letter in the New Testament, which was written to Christians facing alienation and hostility from society. His teaching urges us to resist the opposing temptations that face us: to go with the flow and just fit in with those around us, or withdraw as much as possible into holy huddles. The way of true discipleship demands that we remain both distinct and lovingly engaged, as we

pray that our friends and neighbours would also come to see the glory of God in Christ.”

During the evening celebration, praise will be led by Aaron Ditty, and an offering will be collected for the Sensory Garden Project at Aaron House and the East Africa Disaster Appeal.

The Wednesday Night Celebration takes place in the Assembly Hall, Assembly Buildings, Belfast and begins at 7.45pm. This is a free, non-ticketed event, and all are welcome.

Ginchy Cross coming to Tomás Ó Fiaich library in Armagh

The original Ginchy Cross, an historic relic and memorial to men who died during the Battle of the Somme, is destined for Armagh City.

As part of the “Decade of Centenaries” Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and the Royal British Legion have worked to bring the wooden Celtic cross to Armagh

It had been made from oak by the 16th (Irish) Division and had originally been erected during the war in a field between villages of Guillemont and Ginchy. The cross was then relocated to the Irish National War Memorial Gardens in Dublin and has been loaned by the Trustees of the INWMG and the Commissioners of the Office of Public Works (OPW) Ireland.

“This is a great honour for the Borough”, said Lord Mayor Councillor Garath Keating. “It’s a reflection of just how important Armagh City as the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland really is. Now people from far and wide can come and see this Cross of great historical significance.”

The Ginchy Cross will be on display from 6th-11th June at The Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh from 9.30am-5pm and on Saturday 10th June from 10am-4pm. The library is taking group bookings while also being open to the general public. This is free of charge but people must book through the library on 02837 52298

1 Historian Dr Eamon Phoenix will give a lecture “Ireland in Transition” on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm at The Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library, followed by Professor Laurence Kirkpatrick recounting the “Battle of the Messine Ridge”. On

Saturday 10th June at 11am Mr Jonathan Maguire will recount “Life in the Trenches”. Again these lecture are free but prior booking must be made. - Report by Portadown Times

Tributes to Archbishop Donald Caird of Dublin

The death has taken place of Bishop Donald Cair, former Archbishop of Dublin. The present Archbishop, Most Rev Dr Michael Jackson has paid the following tribute:

“It is with intense sadness that we have learned today of the death during the night of the Right Reverend Dr Donald Caird, formerly archbishop of Dublin and bishop of Glendalough, having previously served as bishop of Limerick and Killaloe and bishop of Meath and Kildare in the Church of Ireland. As a diocesan family, we express our sympathy and our gratitude to his wife Nancy and to all members of his family. Dr Caird remained throughout his life a friend of all who knew him and of all he came to know. His affection for the people of Ireland and the Church of Ireland was unsurpassed. He loved the Irish language, was committed to it and excelled in it. In recent years he enjoyed the

community of Brabazon House and was loved and cared for by its staff and residents and its chaplain Canon Adrian Empey with whom he shared a friendship since he was chaplain of Portora Royal School, Enniskillen.

“He engaged personally, pastorally and intellectually with his environment and with its priorities. This commitment extended into all parts of his interaction with church and society, cultural and political life. His personality was characterized by a radiance of engagement that gave him great delight in other people throughout a long and cherished life. He will always be remembered for his contribution to the field of education and to critical understanding of everyday issues and to his championing of the Irish language as part of the weave of the Church of Ireland and of national life.

“Countless individuals will have personal memories of Dr Caird. On a day such as this, these memories will come flooding back with warmth and with humour. The flourishing of others was the heartbeat of his humanity. Our prayers today are with his wife Nancy and all members of the Caird family. They have shared with us over countless decades a man who

warmed our hearts and contributed richly to our lives.

““Tarrnacht a tháinig mé as broinn mo mháthar, Agus tarrnacht a fhillfidh mé inti arís. An Tiarna a bhronn orm, agus an Tiarna a rug uaim. Moladh le hainm an Tiarna.” Iób 1:21

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.”a

The Rt Revd Prof Donald Arthur Richard Caird

was born on 11 December 1925 in Dublin, the third son of George and Emily Caird. He was educated at Wesley College (1936–44) – where he represented the College on the 1st XV Rugby Cup Team – and at Trinity College, Dublin (BA 1949, MA 1955, BD 1955, HDipEd 1959); he was a distinguished undergraduate scholar, taking a 1st Class Moderatorship in Philosophy, being Scholar of the House and receiving several prizes including being Kyle Prizeman in the Irish Language. He received an Hon DD in 1988 and and Hon LLD 1993.

He was ordained Deacon in 1950; Priest in 1951 and Bishop in 1970.

He was a Curate in St Mark’s Church, Dundela, Belfast (1950–53); Assistant Master and Chaplain at Portora Royal School, Enniskillen (1953–7); Lecturer in Philosophy, St David’s

University College, Lampeter, Wales (1957–9); Rector of Rathmichael Parish Church, Shankill, Dublin (1960–9); Assistant Master of St Columba's College, Dublin (1960–7); Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, Divinity Hostel, Dublin (1962–70); Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at TCD (1962–3); Dean of Ossory (1969–70); Bishop of Limerick, Ardfert & Aghadoe (1970–76); Bishop of Meath & Kildare (1976–85); Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland (1985–96).

He retired in April 1996 and was a Visiting Professor at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, USA, from 1997.

Church of Scotland set to give evidence as child abuse inquiry opens

An inquiry into allegations of abuse of children living in care in Scotland opened this week with the Church of Scotland among a number of bodies set to give evidence. The first hearings took place in Edinburgh on Wednesday and are expected to last several weeks.



Faith based organizations as well residential and foster care providers are due to give evidence as well as expert witnesses, the Scottish Government and survivors.

It will cover a period within living memory of anyone who suffered such abuse, no later than 17th December 2014.

The inquiry aims to establish to what extent institutions and bodies with legal responsibility for the care of children failed in their duty to protect children in care in Scotland, as well as seek to identify any systemic failures in fulfilling that duty.



The new chairwoman Lady Smith

As well as the Church of Scotland, the Benedictines, The Good Shepherd Sisters, Quarriers, Barnardos and Aberlour Child Care Trust will also give evidence.

So far, the inquiry has received criticism as its original chairwoman Susan O'Brien QC resigned from the post in 2016 after citing government interference - something which the government at the time rejected. A second panel member, Prof Michael Lim, also resigned claiming that the inquiry was doomed.

The new chairwoman Lady Smith - who was appointed to the role in 2016 - said: "We are determined to find out what happened, where, how and why, what was the conduct and what were the failings of institutions and others

entrusted with the care and protection of children.”



C of I Bishop John McDowell features on Catholic church's Faithcast

In this episode of the podcast, Faithcast, Brenda Drumm speaks to Bishop John McDowell, ICC President and Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, about the Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Inter-Church Meeting.

Faithcast is a weekly podcast that delivers a mixture of interviews and news snippets from the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Click [here](#) to listen to Bishop McDowell's interview on this week's episode.

Brenda also speaks to Anne Potter an already signed up volunteer for World Meeting of Families 2018 about why she decided to sign up for this once in a generation event.

The faith news this week features:

- The statement by the Catholic Bishops in Northern Ireland in advance of the Westminster Parliament elections on 8 June;
- The 48th annual Irish Church Music Association Summer School;
- A Kildare and Leighlin parish's message to the community that 'It's ok not to be ok'; and,
- The ordination of a former landscaper as deacon for the Diocese of Meath.

Major ecumenical conference on Luther 500

To mark the 500th anniversary of the year that Martin Luther famously nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, sparking the Protestant Reformation, a major ecumenical

conference will be held in Clontarf on Saturday June 24 from 10am to 4pm. The event takes place in the Church of St John the Baptist, Seafield Road, Clontarf.

The conference will feature renowned theologians and ecumenists and allow plenty of time for discussion/questions from the floor in a bid to understand how we got to where we currently are on our ecumenical journey, and how we can all work together on the road to greater unity.

The facilitator for the day will be Philip McKinley, and there will be input from the following speakers:

Ø Dr. Gesa Thiessen: Background to the Reformation – An introduction to Luther's Theology.

Gesa Thiessen is Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Religions and Theology, in Trinity College Dublin, and an assistant Lutheran Minister. Her research interests include Ecumenical theology and ecclesiology

Ø Dr. Andrew Pierce: The Ecumenical Journey So Far – inter-church dialogue and developments.

Andrew Pierce is an Assistant Professor in Ecumenics, Course Co-Ordinator of the M.Phil. in Intercultural Theology & Interreligious Studies and Head of Department, in the Irish School of Ecumenics, TCD. His areas of expertise include Ecumenical ecclesiologies and Ecumenical theologies.

🕒 Fr. Gabriel Daly: One Bread, One Body – an ecumenical theology of the Eucharist.

Gabriel Daly OSA has taught and published widely in theology. Following his PhD thesis on Catholic Modernism, he lectured at the Irish School of Ecumenics as a founder member, and subsequently at TCD, of which he is now an honorary fellow.

🕒 Gillian Kingston: Stepping Stones Towards Greater Unity – what can be done at local level to progress things.

Gillian Kingston is well known and respected in Ecumenical circles. She is currently Interim Vice President of the World Methodist Council and was formerly the first Lay Leader of the Methodist Conference in Ireland.

The cost of the day is €20 per person. Patrons are invited to bring a packed lunch and tea/

coffee facilities will be provided. Alternatively, there is a Coffee Shop which serves lunch a 5 minute walk from the Church.

Further details at - <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2017/05/31/one-lord-one-faith-an>

Major study finds only one quarter of young Irish people get out of homelessness

Research covering a two-year period has shown that only one quarter of young people get out of homelessness. The other three-quarters remain homeless, staying in B&Bs, sleeping rough or living in inadequate, insecure accommodation.

Earlier research in 2008 and 2011, reported that a far higher proportion (57 per cent) had exited homelessness after just one year.

Former President Mary McAleese launched the research, *Living in Limbo – Homeless Young People’s Paths to Housing*, in Trinity College Dublin on Monday, May 29. At the launch, she said that homeless young people have a “shambolic existence”.

The research, done on behalf of five housing and homeless organisations, highlights the negative consequences of homelessness, such as lack of access to education and health services and poor or non-existent employment prospects.

Speaking on behalf of the charities involved, Mike Allen of Focus Ireland said: “The research shows there are many reasons young people become homeless but it also clearly indicates there are very targeted measures that can – and must – be put in place to prevent more young people becoming homeless next month, next year and in coming years.”

The longitudinal research followed 40 young people over a two-year period and examined the factors, experiences and circumstances that impact their homeless and housing situations over time.

The study was carried out by Dr Paula Mayock and Sarah Parker of Trinity’s School of Social Work and Social Policy. It highlights causes of homelessness among young people, including family breakdown, leaving State care, early school leaving and lack of access to employment.

“The findings of this research clearly demonstrate that a majority of the study’s young

people were unable to exit homelessness and move to stable housing. This failure to find a resolution to their homelessness meant that many had already joined the ranks of the long-term homeless when we interviewed them for a second time,” said Dr Mayock.

She explained that the consequences of ongoing homelessness for young people’s health and well-being are extremely negative, and affect their prospects of finding stability and security in all areas of their lives.

Focus Ireland, Simon Communities of Ireland, Threshold, the Peter McVerry Trust and the Society of St Vincent de Paul collectively funded the research. After two years, 29 of the study’s 40 young people were re-interviewed. Of these, only 24 per cent were in housing. The remaining young people (76 per cent) were either homeless or living in insecure accommodation.

Lack of access to affordable housing was one of the key reasons these young people remained trapped in homelessness. Other problems that contributed were: restrictive/inadequate rent supplement payments, long waiting periods for social housing, complex and unmet support needs, delays in welfare payments and

discrimination by landlords towards people in receipt of rent subsidy.

Today in Christian History, June 2

June 2, 553: The Second Council of Constantinople closes, having condemned Nestorian teachings. Nestorianism teaches Jesus incarnate was two separate persons—one divine, the other human—rather than one person with two natures .

June 2, 597: Augustine, missionary to England and first archbishop of Canterbury, baptizes Saxon king Ethelbert, the first Christian English king. The missionary's tomb in Canterbury bears this epitaph: "Here rests Augustine, first archbishop of Canterbury, who being sent hither by Gregory, bishop of Rome, reduced King Ethelbert and his nation from the worship of idols to the faith of Christ".

June 2, 1491: Henry VIII, the English king who went from being called "Defender of the Faith" by the pope (for attacking Martin Luther) to galvanizing the English Reformation, is born in Greenwich.

June 2, 1875: James Augustine Healy becomes the first African-American Roman Catholic

bishop in the U.S. However, he never really identified himself with the black community.

June 2, 1979: Pope John Paul II makes a return trip to his home country of Poland, the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.

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