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East Belfast Mission Partners Giving Tuesday

East Belfast Mission has joined more than 1,000 UK charities and businesses as an official partner of #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving at the start of the festive season. The day, led in the UK by the Charities Aid Foundation, takes place on Tuesday 1st December and follows Black

Friday and Cyber Monday - two of the UK's biggest shopping days. It is an opportunity for charities, families, businesses, community centres and students to come together to do something good for a cause they care about.

East Belfast Mission has signed up again this year and is planning on providing those who attend with a deeper insight into the work of EBM. The plan is to showcase how the work of EBM impacts and enhances the lives of those they touch every day. On the night you will hear client testimonials and will be entertained by EBM's own Community Choir, guests, and some poetry reading. There will be an opportunity for some general networking and a look around the fabulous Skainos building followed up with a light supper from Refresh.

Director of Operations, Anne Walsh said: "The #GivingTuesday event gives us a chance to connect with the local community and share and celebrate all the great work our staff and volunteers do, as well as giving us a chance to thank donors and raise awareness. This year we are focusing on "the friends of EBM". We want to raise the profile of EBM and encourage people to support us by volunteering or donating either on

a regular basis or as a one-off. Donations aren't always monetary; we need donations of furniture and clothes to keep our shops well stocked throughout the year. We were astounded to see the emotion people felt last year when they heard real life stories and we have an even better evening in store this year”.

The event is at Skainos (239 Newtownards Rd, Belfast BT4 1AF) on Tuesday 1 December at 7pm. For more information contact: E: cathy.megahey@ebm.org.uk Ph: 028 9045 8560

Derry youth conference: Think about the talents God has given you - Bishop McKeown

One hundred and fifty delegates attended the recent Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference held in Thornhill College, Derry. Representatives from over thirty parishes, ten schools, and several youth groups came together with clergy, religious and young people to plan the way forward with regard to developing faith opportunities for young people at parish level. Sean Mullan chair of the Diocesan Youth Commission opened the Conference and set out the need “for young



people and their leaders to find new paths in Youth Ministry that neither have walked before”

Bishop of Derry, Rev Donal Mc Keown, spoke to attendees about faith as a way of life. He identified three key concepts when working in Youth Ministry.

1. As a Teaching Church do we know what we are trying to communicate and can we articulate it in word and deed.
2. As a Church moving into unknown territory we have to be counter cultural. We have to be people of hope, people reaching out, offering more. He quoted V. Frankl ‘People have enough to live by but nothing to live for; they have the

means but no meaning.'

3. As a Missionary Church our call is forming people to change society, rather than merely replicate it or succeed in it.

Reflecting on the Parable of the Talents, Bishop Donal exclaimed our Discovery is not that we have great gifts to offer, but that God can use us to offer himself to others.

John McAreavey was the keynote speaker at the Conference. Addressing the theme 'How to make young people an integral part of their parish community' John explained "God has given us all an abundance of skills, it's up to us as leaders in our parishes and organisations to ensure that we gather the right mix of these skills to create a vibrant and energetic church, one which people love to be engaged with and proud to be a member of".

Combining his business experience with his personal faith John shared how we could market or promote God's message in a better and more creative way. He said "we have been guilty of thinking of promotion of faith in terms of meaning". Speaking about creating the Michaela Foundation for young girls John explained he wanted to promote a lifestyle which was

embodied by a Life without Limits ethos, meaning you can live a life full of happiness, fun and inspiration with faith in God as your core foundation. He believes “the success of the faith development aspect of the camps is due to the subtlety of our message. We promote values of friendship and care and belonging, of making a difference and using your talents. All God’s Messages really but we promote them in a creative way”. He highlighted the need to think outside the box and connect with young people wherever they are at.

Speaking directly to young people there John quoted Pope Francis who inspires us to be the best we can be and to reach out to others: “To you, who are at the beginning of the journey of life, I ask: have you thought about the talents that God has given you?

Have you thought about how you can put them at the service of others? Don’t bury your talents! Bet on big ideals, those ideals that enlarge the heart, and those ideals that will make your talents fruitful. Life is not given to us so that we can keep it jealously for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may donate it.”

Over the course of the Conference delegates attended workshops about programmes and initiatives they could offer young people in their parishes and how to engage creatively with young people. There was time for discussion with leaders and young people and an open forum addressing current challenges in Youth Ministry.

Speaking after the Conference Bishop Donal McKeown said “This was a most encouraging event where young people and practitioners shared their enthusiasm and skills in the ministry of bringing good news to young people in a stressful world. However it would be a mistake to believe that the purpose of youth ministry was just to get more young people involved in Church. It is to ensure that we build church communities which reach out to ‘the margins’ and offer Christ’s healing and hope to a hurting world. The best ministry to young people is not necessarily carried out by those who have expertise or qualifications in the area. It comes from committed and generous believers who will share their infectious joy of the Gospel.” For more information about Youth Ministry in the Derry Diocese check out www.catecheticalcentre.org and www.derrydiocese.org

Saturday Night Live: Kingdom Culture

December 5 will see the first in a new series of events for youth groups in Down and Dromore.

‘Saturday Night Live’ will run bi-monthly and include worship, prayer, Bible teaching, food and a chance for groups to mix with others from around the diocese. There’ll be four events from December to June at various locations.

‘Saturday Night Live’ is a grass roots initiative that has sprung from discussions with young people and youth leaders, some of whom have gone on to organise the programme.

Diocesan Youth Officer, Tim Burns, says: “There’s a great sense of excitement about how God will use these evenings. We’re taking the theme of ‘Kingdom Culture’ for this series and we’ll explore what it looks like to live out our faith in a world where that is counter cultural. We want to bring groups together and to compliment and encourage what is happening in our parishes.”

The first event, ‘What has Jesus got to with Christmas?’, will be on Saturday 5 December at 7.30 pm in St. Finnian’s, Cregagh.

An Island Parish - Falklands



The Rev Dr Richard Hines is Priest in Charge at St James Church, Aberdeen. He and his wife Jen are featured in the BBC 2 series *An Island Parish*, which was filmed when they were working in the Falkland Islands. The second series starts on 13 November.

Obit - Rt Revd Peter Barrett

The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, has issued the following statement on the passing of the Rt Revd Peter Barrett:

“Peter Barrett, formerly Bishop of Cashel and Ossory and previously Dean of Waterford, died at his home yesterday evening. Throughout his life Peter touched the lives of many, both inside the church and beyond.

“In Dublin and Glendalough he served as curate-assistant of St Ann with St Stephen and as Dean of Residence of Trinity College. He also served in the dioceses of Derry and Raphoe and Connor.

“Peter’s passing is felt with great sadness by a wide range of people and in particular by his family and by all who loved him most dearly. We commend him to the mercy and protection of Almighty God whom he strove to serve with warm devotion in this life. May he rest in peace.”

Born in Dublin in 1956, Peter Barrett graduated from Trinity College Dublin as a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science in 1978, and was also conferred with the degrees of Master of Arts (1981) and Master of Philosophy (1984).

He was ordained for the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe to serve as curate in Drumachose (Limavady) between 1981 and 1983, and served

his second curacy in the parish of St Ann with St Stephen, Dublin, between 1983 and 1985.

He returned to Derry and Raphoe to serve as rector of Letterkenny and Gartan (1985-1990) and was subsequently rector of St George's, Belfast (1990-1994), Dean of Residence and Chaplain at Trinity College, Dublin (1994-1998), and Dean of Waterford (1998-2002). He was elected as Bishop of Cashel and Ossory on 4th November 2002 and resigned his position on 25th January 2006. Peter Barrett also represented Ireland in hockey and played at school, university, club and provincial levels.

Archbishop Welby to host Ecumenical Patriarch in London next week

The Archbishop of Canterbury will host His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew during his visit to London next week.

It will be the second meeting between the two leaders, who first met in Istanbul last year, and in



Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Istanbul, January 2014.

June this year made a joint call for action on climate change.

During the visit the two leaders will discuss issues facing the Anglican and Orthodox Churches and the wider world, and attend services in Anglican and Orthodox cathedrals. On Monday 2 November the Ecumenical Patriarch will preside at the Great Doxology in the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Wisdom. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be

present at the service. The Patriarch will also be spending time with leaders and members of the Greek Orthodox community in London.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is based in Istanbul, Turkey, is Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, and occupies the First Throne of the Orthodox Christian Church worldwide.

His All-Holiness's visit will begin on Monday when he will meet with Archbishop Justin at Lambeth Palace, before visiting the office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain. Archbishop Justin will then join the Ecumenical Patriarch for evening worship at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

On Tuesday morning the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Archbishop will spend time in private discussion on issues facing the Anglican and Orthodox churches and the wider world. These will include discussing joint Christian efforts for the protection of the environment, along with the effects of global warming. Equally they will be considering the urgent social and pastoral problems created by the massive migration from the Middle East.

They will then participate in a discussion on environmental issues at Lambeth Palace. The session, to be moderated by the Bishop of London, will feature contributions from the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Revd Archdeacon Dr John Chryssavgis, and the Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Revd Nick Holtam. The Archbishop will be providing an initial input.

His All-Holiness and Archbishop Justin will then lead an ecumenical prayer vigil for all those affected by conflict, persecution, climate change and the refugee crisis.

After meeting with members of the Chemin Neuf and St Anselm communities based at Lambeth Palace, the Patriarch will attend a special choral evensong at Westminster Abbey with Archbishop Justin.

The Abbey Evensong will have some significant moments: An agreed statement “In the Image and Likeness of God: A Hope-Filled Anthropology” (fruit of the work of International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue) will be presented to Archbishop Justin and the Ecumenical Patriarch; both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Ecumenical Patriarch will address the congregation; and

there will also be a memorial tribute at the Shrine of St Edward the Confessor. Both leaders will then close the service with the blessing.

White Feather Diaries tell stories of Quakers in First World War

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The online real-time diaries are set in late 1915, as the threat of conscription is imminent and opposition to war is censored. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, Quakers work for individual conscientious objection to be recognised by the state.

Drawing from original writings, photographs and other records, the white feather diaries feature five who were or became Quakers. One, Hilda Clark, is a doctor caring for refugees in France. She sets up the Friends War Victims Relief Committee. Another is Howard Marten, sentenced to death for his beliefs.

Laurence Cadbury, son of George Cadbury, then head of the chocolate firm, is running ambulances near Ypres. He saves lives but will not kill. Meanwhile, his brother – like some Quakers – signs up to fight

The storytelling project contains an up-to-date twist, posing questions for readers:

- What would you take if you were evacuated?
- How would you face cross-examination about your deeply held convictions?
- How can we support people facing abuse because of their beliefs?
- Would we retaliate when the enemy asphyxiates our men in the trenches?

The project takes its name from the white feathers handed to those who refused to enlist. Quakers were among those conscientious objectors, some of whom served in other ways, some were imprisoned, tortured, ridiculed,

sentenced to death or forced to be child soldiers. Many showed that pacifism is not passive, but courageous.

Today, Quakers are still working to bring peace in the most volatile areas of the world and in their communities. In *The White Feather Diaries*, 'Stories behind the frontline' draw parallels between the dilemmas the diarists faced and modern concerns.

* Quakers are known formally as the Religious Society of Friends. Around 23,000 people attend 478 Quaker meetings in Britain. Their commitment to equality, justice, peace, simplicity and truth challenges them to seek positive social and legislative change.

*Quakers in Britain <http://www.quaker.org.uk/>