

Join Habitat for Humanity NI for Building on Faith week



 **Habitat for Humanity**
Northern Ireland

Be a part of Building on Faith week!

Will you put your faith into action and build community?

19th-23rd June 2018 at Ballymena Methodist
Book your team in today: info@habitatni.co.uk

Habitat for Humanity NI have recently launched our newest local project; working together with Ballymena Methodist Church, Habitat NI will turn an empty, landmark building in the heart of Ballymena into much needed multi-purpose community space and 3 one bedroom apartments which



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will provide affordable accommodation for vulnerable young people.

Habitat seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Hope for a world where everyone has a decent place to live – faith that when we work together God makes all things possible. .

From 19th-23rd June Habitat NI are inviting church members, individually or in groups, to put their faith into action by building with us. We would love to have on site, bring a friend or too or even a group down during this week if possible, we can take participants aged 16 and up however those aged 18 and under need parental consent and parental/guardian supervision.

During the lunch break each day guest speakers will come on site to speak about 'Faith in Action' affirming the special nature of the week and giving extra motivation to volunteers.

Volunteers can expect a variety of tasks, including clearing the site, demolition work, plaster boarding, general building and eventually painting and decorating.

It will be hard work, great fun and make a huge difference to the local community!

To get involved get in touch today to book your space:
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CMSI invites you to get involved in global mission

CMS Ireland is looking for people aged 18 plus to get involved in global mission.

Each year, CMS Ireland facilitates a number of Short-Term Experience Placements (STEPs) with its Global Partners.

Gillian Maganda, Mission Personnel Manager with CMSI, said: “It may be easy to think that not much can change in a three-week visit, or even a nine-month placement, but these experiences often change people in ways that continue to have an impact for many years.

“STEPs can last from a few weeks to 18-months and are self-funded. They’re a great way to use your holidays, a career break or some ‘available time’ to share your skills and play your part.

“It’s a chance for you to get involved in what God is doing across the world. An opportunity to experience another culture, share the love of Jesus in practical ways, inspire others for mission and let God work in your life every step of the way.”

STEP opportunities with CMS Ireland are based either in Africa or Nepal.

Gillian added: “We are looking for people (18 +) who want to serve God and learn more about Global Mission. We



STEP experience – team members from St John’s Parish, Moira, Logic Group, who were in northern Uganda in the summer of 2017.

require people who have lots of stamina, are self-motivated, easy to get on with, flexible in their approach and able to work well in a team.”

Useful skills include:

- Trade skills: painting, joinery, electrical work, plumbing or general DIY
- Experience of working with children/young people
- Able to teach English or French to primary or secondary school age groups
- Website design, publishing skills or videography
- Administration skills
- Medical skills

- Drama or Musical talent – with the ability to train others
- Artistic flair and interest in all things ‘crafty’

Anyone interested should contact Gillian at gillianmaganda@cmsireland.org; telephone 028 90775020 (Belfast Office) or visit www.cmsireland.org for more information.

Snake's alive at the Mothers' Union's Family Fun Day

The late, great WC Fields said, “Never work with children or animals.” The celebrated comedian must’ve been turning in his grave on seeing his advice so completely disregarded and so thoroughly disproved at the Derry and Raphoe Mothers’ Union’s Family Fun Day in Limavady on Saturday.

The event - which took place in splendid sunshine - was a resounding success, from first registration through to the closing Service, and, in between, it may not have constituted a miracle, but the organisers still managed to pull off a feeding of the 500. That was the number of children and adults – from two dozen different parishes – who descended on Roe Valley Leisure Centre for a fun-filled day.

Young and old were not to be disappointed. A packed programme of activities had been arranged – all overseen by MU volunteers from across the dioceses. These included arts and crafts, an adventure play area, bouncy castles, swimming and sports. There was a puppet show, too, and entertainment by Mr Tumble and Buddy the Clown; but the highlight, for many, was Casey’s Creatures – a half-hour show which brought children and adults up close and



personal with a variety of creatures, including a boa constrictor, an eagle owl and a racoon dog.

The Diocesan President of Mothers' Union, Mrs Mary Good, declared herself well-pleased with how the day had gone. "We didn't get a single negative comment," she explained, "everyone stayed safe and we were even blessed with glorious sunshine."

The Family Fun Day had been months in the planning – and it showed – with every element of the programme beginning and ending on time. Participants were divided into eight different groups and encouraged to follow a rota that staggered activities and factored in the all-important lunch break - a moveable feast of sorts.

The BBQ team turned out fifty burgers every ten minutes during their frenetic two-hour shift, and there was

nourishment of a spiritual kind as the day closed with a Service led by Rev Canon Harold Given, Rector of Tamlaghtfinlagan and Myroe Parishes. Canon Given was assisted by the Diocesan Children's Officer, Kirsty Lynch, who led the youngsters in hymn-singing.

It was 'all hands to the pump' throughout the day as MU volunteers oversaw activities. In her closing remarks, Mrs Good thanked her fellow Mothers' Union members for their tremendous contribution to a hugely successful day. "The Mothers' Union is a Church of Ireland organisation," she explained, "whose main focus is to support children and families. Whatever family means to you, the Church is here to say, 'We love you and we support you.' Watch out in your parish church for anything to do with Mothers' Union because it's all about children and families and supporting mums and dads, and that's what today's Family Fun Day was all about. It was to let you know that the Mothers' Union loves each and every one of you."

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Ken Good, presented prizes to children who had won competitions organised by MU and run by Sunday School teachers. The Bishop congratulated all who had made the day a success and singled out two people for particular mention: Jennifer Given (Vice-President in charge of the MU's Action and Outreach Unit) and Anita Hill, who is the Young Members' representative. As participants left for home, there was a 'goody bag' for each child who had taken part and information about the MU for all adults. Photo gallery at -

<https://www.derryandraphoe.org/news/item/1373-snake-s-alive-at-the-mothers-union-s-family-fun-day>

CONNOR BIG SING!



Return of Connor Big Sing

The next 'Connor Big Sing' will take place on Sunday September 16, with Contemporary Christian Music training during the afternoon from 2.30pm, followed by an Evening Praise Service at 6.30pm.

Anyone who has an interest in contemporary Christian music including praise groups, musicians and choir members are invited to join this year's 'Big Sing.'

The Dean and Chapter are delighted that Stephen McLoughlin and Julie Harper are returning to lead and train singers and musicians at the 'Connor Big Sing 2018.'

Please book places by August 31 by emailing:

Garvin.Jess@lisburncathedral.org.

The first 'Connor Big Sing' in 2017 was a joyous occasion for all involved and Dean Sam Wright and Chapter of St Saviour's at Lisburn Cathedral is determined to build on this success in 2018.

News briefs

+++Measuring the heavens in Armagh

In association with the current exhibition in the Armagh Robinson Library, Professor Michael Burton, Director of Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, will give a lecture on 'A Short History on Measuring the Heavens from Armagh' on Wednesday at 7.30pm. Admission is free but pre-booking is required at admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk

+++Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreats

You are warmly invited to attend one of the two Silent Retreats organised by the FCP Ireland which are detailed here: Weekend retreat: Fri. 15th – Sun. 17th June 2018; Midweek retreat: Mon. 18th – Wed. 20th June 2018. Venue: Dromantine Retreat & Conference Centre, Dromantine, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 1RH. Cost :£140 Witness: Catherine Older. Further details or a booking form available from the Membership Secretary : Ms Nuala Dudley, Old Golf Course Road, Donegal town, Co. Donegal F94 H5F7 E- mail: nualadudley@eircom.net Everyone is welcome at these Retreats.

+++200 years of worship at Swords

On Saturday morning last the Archbishop of Dublin was the celebrant in St. Columba's church, Swords, at a service of Holy Communion in thanksgiving for 200 years of Christian witness in the present building. The service was followed by a reception in the parish hall at which a new a parish history was launched.

+++150 years of worship at Kilbride

The Most Rev Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, was the preacher at Kilbride Parish Church's 150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service in St Bride's yesterday afternoon. Kilbride is near Doagh in Connor diocese.

+++Study day at C of I Institute

On Saturday the second study day for those on the Foundation Access Course took place at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. It was also be the second study day for those on the 2018 Reader Course and the introduction to module three for those on the 2017 Reader Course. The study day was facilitated by Rev Dr David Hilborn, Principal of St John's College, Nottingham, and all the CITI staff.

+++Final Armagh recital on Friday

On Friday the Choristers of St Patrick's cathedral, Armagh, will give the final recital in this year's series. The recital will be held at 7.30pm in the Music Hall at 9 Vicars' Hill, Armagh.

The Director of Music, Dr Stephen Timpany, has indicated that the members of the Choir will perform a variety of instrumental, vocal and choral items from a wide range of styles including music by Handel, Joseph Corfe and Eric Clapton. Admission is free, with a retiring collection towards the further endowment of the Cathedral choir through the Archbishop's Choir Fund.

+++Music in Calary next concert

The next concert in the Music in Calary 2018 series will take place at 8 pm on Thursday 28 June in Calary Church. Sean Carpio (drums), Mikkel Ploug (guitar) Simon Jermyn (guitar), Jeppe Skovbakke (bass), and Joachim Badenhorst (reeds) will play a concert of original music that will speak about the places of its origin, including Calary, in order to present a complex yet nuanced concert experience transforming musical elements of speech into music. This an extremely exciting and innovative project and it will be wonderful to hear the performance which is the result of their work. Tickets are €18 and €15 for concessions and, to make a booking or for more information, please contact John (01) 2818146 or derekneilson@eircom.net.

+++Recent special services

On RTE 1 television yesterday a service with the Ven. Stephen McWhirter and a congregation from Kilmoremoy union of parishes, based in Ballina, Co. Mayo, was broadcast. The Bishop of Cork preached at the Sea Sunday Ecumenical Service in St Multose church, Kinsale, while the Bishop of Derry & Raphoe presided at the annual St Columba Service at Gartan.

+++C of I quote of the week?

“One of the more alarming aspects of the Church of Ireland is that a great many of its adherents know little or nothing about the governance of the Church. What is even more alarming is that they do not know that they do not know.

And so, many, blithely, accept election to parish vestries, cathedral boards, the RCB and the General Synod with little awareness of the responsibilities they have accepted.” - C of I correspondent, Irish Times, Saturday, June 9, 2018

+++Vacancy, School Chaplain - East Glendalough

The Board of management of East Glendalough School, a comprehensive, co-educational, day school under the patronage of the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, seeks applications for a full-time post as School Chaplain.

The post will begin on 1 September 2018 and will take in both chaplaincy duties and the teaching of Religious Education to students.

They seek a well-qualified, motivated member of staff who will be able to maintain and encourage the work of faith developed to date in the School. The applicant must be a registered, vetted teacher and have completed a primary degree in Theology/Religious Education or a primary degree in other subjects of the second-level school curriculum. A qualification in chaplaincy, pastoral care or counselling would be desirable. The successful applicant will be encouraged to undertake further training as necessary to help develop their role as Chaplain. Protestant faith, belief, teaching and practice are intrinsic to this position. Accordingly, the school chaplain must be a person committed to the teaching and values of Christ acting in support of the founding intention of the school and a current member of a Christian Church.

The appointment is subject to sanction by the Department of Education and Skills. Applications and for further

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information, please contact the School Office on 0404 69608 or enquire by email: applications.egs@gmail.com

[View the full advertisement here](#)

Closing date: Friday 22 June 2018.



+++TV drama adviser to head Church in Wales Licensed Ministry formation

A priest who worked as adviser on a popular television drama about a female vicar in rural Wales has been appointed to oversee the training of all licensed ministers in the country. Canon Dr Manon Ceridwen James was recruited as an adviser for the Welsh-language television programme *Parch*, for public service broadcaster S4C. Written by Fflur Dafydd, the series followed fictional rural vicar Myfanwy Elfed, and ran for three years before coming to an end in April.

Canon James was born and raised in the small town of Nefyn on the Llŷn – the peninsula in north-west Wales. After a curacy in Llandudno she served in a number of parishes

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across north Wales before becoming Director of Ministry for the Diocese of St Asaph.

The Province recently combined its training operations into a single organisation – the St Padarn's Institute. Canon James will join St Padarn's in September as Director of Formation for Licensed Ministry, where she will lead the training and education of all licensed ministers, including new lay ministry roles of evangelist, pioneer, youth and children's and pastor, as well as Readers and those preparing for stipendiary and self-supporting ordained roles.

