



Rt Rev Ken Good preacher at Dungiven service

Dungiven Parish Church celebrates 200 years of witness

Dungiven Parish Church has been likened to a north Donegal landmark which, like the church itself, celebrates its bicentenary this year. The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Ken Good, was referring to Fanad Lighthouse, which was first lit on St Patrick's Day 1817. It has 79 steps,

the Bishop told worshippers in Dungiven on Sunday evening, “and I’ve walked up every one of them”.

The Bishop was the Preacher at a 200th Anniversary Service of Celebration, led by the Rector of Dungiven and Bovevagh, Rev Mark Loney, and attended by some of his predecessors and clergy from other denominations. The Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Alderman Maura Hickey, was also present in the church.

“This church is strategically planned and positioned in Dungiven,” Bishop Good told the congregation of around 300. “You cannot miss it. It stands out as you approach it – all the more so with the light shining on it outside. It strikes me that there is a parallel between that lighthouse [in Fanad] and this church that I want to highlight as part of our thanksgiving tonight.

“The reason the lighthouse in Fanad was built, 200 years ago,” the Bishop said, “was that lives were being lost, endangered off the north coast of Donegal. Many lives were lost, many ships foundered and many storms wrought devastation in that area. And so, a lighthouse was built, so that the light could shine strategically to indicate to the sailors and their

passengers where safety could be found, where life could be guarded and kept, and where hope could be maintained.

“This building was built for a similar reason,” Bishop Good said. “This building, built at the very same time – 1816-17 – marks the fact that Jesus is the light of the world. He is the one who is worshipped, acknowledged and proclaimed in this place. He is the one who guides us away from danger, revealing to us the position we’re in without him, and that if we ignore him, we do so at our peril.”

Music was provided by the Dungiven Parish Choir and Largy Praise Group, and the Rector’s wife, Mrs Jo Loney, who performed a solo. Before the Service, there was music, too, from Ardinariff Band. Afterwards, the congregation made their way to the nearby parish hall for refreshments provided by the ladies of the parish.

Enniskillen’s Cathedral clock keeps time once again

One of Enniskillen’s most striking landmark features, the clock in the tower of St. Macartin’s Cathedral is now keeping time once again.

The clock had been out of action since December 2015 and has been given a major overhaul. As well as keeping the right time, it is also chiming every quarter of an hour.

This particular clock was installed in 1935, replacing an earlier model and was the gift of Mr. William Weaver, a property owner, stationer and newsagent in Darling Street, Enniskillen.

The clock was made by Smith of Derby which has now upgraded it.

The clock has been converted to an auto winding system which removes the need for regular manual winding. As a result of the upgrading it will keep time during periods of power failure.

For the benefit of those living in the town, a chime silencing system has been installed in the clock which means that the clock will be silent during the night from 10pm until 8am the following morning.

The select vestry of St Macartin's Cathedral said they are deeply indebted to those who have made the repairs possible by their generous donations.

Belfast Guest preacher from Mission to Seafarers New Zealand



The Dean of Belfast, the Very Rev John Mann, with the Rev Lance Lukin, The Mission to Seafarers Regional Director for the Oceania Region of New Zealand, and Wellington Port Chaplain & Seafarer Centre Manager. Mr Lukin was the guest preacher in St Anne's Cathedral on Sunday March 5.



Kilbroney Centre volunteers say farewell to Chipó

Volunteers and young people gathered on Monday night for a ‘surprise’ leaving party for Kilbroney Centre Warden, Chipó Lawlor. Chipó has served as Centre Warden in Rostrevor for the past 6 and a half years. This busy role involves housekeeping, maintenance of the facilities and management of bookings. Many guests have enjoyed the hospitality and activities that Chipó provided over the years, with the campfire often being the highlight of their stay.

Speaking at the party Diocesan Development Officer, Andrew Brannigan said, “Chipó is going to be really missed by those of who have come

to know him through the Kilbroney Centre over the past few years. As the ever-present warden he has been caring, dedicated and unflappable and has achieved almost legendary status amongst the young people that attend summer camps! Our prayers are with him as he moves on to a new marriage, new country and new life!”

The Kilbroney Christian Residential and Conference Centre was established in 1974 as a residential centre run with a Christian ethos, under the auspices of the Church of Ireland in the Down and Dromore. The centre is popular for youth weekends and during the summer it is the venue for the Kilbroney Adventure Camps.

Prominent Monastic Musician to speak in Dublin

John Rowntree, organ advisor, choir director at Douai Benedictine Abbey, Berkshire and director of music at St Mary's Parish Church, Douai, will lead a session on the topic *Singing in Community - and How!* on Saturday morning ~ 11th March ~ 10 - 12.45 at Monkstown Church of Ireland Parish Church, Carrickbrennan Road, Monkstown, A94 HH97

There will be plenty of singing, Q+A and a 30 minute break for refreshments and chat. Fee: €10. More information:

www.churchmusicdublin.org/living-worship/



The Rev Canon Gill Withers following her installation as a canon in St Anne's with Dean John Mann and Bishop Harold Miller. See News briefs below.

‘Minister who killed himself had seven mistresses in congregation’

A married minister who is thought to have killed himself has been posthumously accused by his

wife of having seven affairs with members of his congregation on the Isle of Lewis.

The allegations by Anne Campbell, about the Rev Dr Iain D Campbell, are now under investigation by the Free Church of Scotland.

Dr Campbell, 53, was taken to hospital in Stornoway at the end of January. At the time this was reported as a heart attack, but it has now emerged that it may have been a drug overdose.

He is believed to have hanged himself while in hospital.

Dr Campbell was a well-respected clergyman who was known as a talented preacher and accomplished theologian. The couple have three adult children.

‘There was never a whisper of a rumour about affairs until after he died’

Fellow Isle of Lewis minister, the Rev James Maciver, who conducted Dr Campbell’s funeral, told *The Daily Telegraph*: “There are certain processes under way. At the moment we’re just investigating. We’re obliged as a church not to cover things up.”



Dr Iain Campbell with his wife Anne

In a statement, a spokesman said: “We can confirm that the Free Church of Scotland is investigating allegations made in connection with the late Rev Dr Iain D Campbell.

“The Western Isles Presbytery is taking these allegations very seriously and is acting on them in accordance with the stated practice of the Free Church of Scotland.”

A church source previously told the *Daily Mail* that the allegations had been made by Dr Campbell’s wife.

“There was never a whisper of a rumour about affairs until after he died,” the source added.

A spokesman for Mrs Campbell said: “The family has lost a husband and father. This is a personal matter and the family has requested that they be allowed to grieve in private.”



Tens of thousands reached during Durham four-day mission

Tens of thousands of people have engaged with God in some way during a four-day mission event in the north-east of England.

The Diocese of Durham's 'Talking Jesus' event saw 25 Anglican bishops from across the north of England including the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu (above) come to serve along with



hundreds of volunteers at more than 450 events across the region.

Talking Jesus was capped off on Sunday with a thanksgiving and prayer service at Durham Cathedral, where stories and testimonies from the festival were shared and people given an opportunity to consider the difference Jesus would make to their own lives.

The event comes as the Church of England fights declining attendances, particularly in rural parts of the country and among younger people.

Bishop of Huddersfield, Rt Rev Jonathan Gibbs, said "It's a huge part of turning things around... I've been in three schools today with kids from 4

and 5 years up to 18, 19 years, and I've seen such an interest, such a level of engagement.

"People have wanted to know more about God, they've been asking real questions, and I think that is a hugely fertile ground in which the Church now needs to go on working and planting and seeing God grow."

International Women's Day: no more sticking plaster solution on the economic gender gap

Gender equality will never become a reality until governments invest in breaking down the social constraints that prevent women living in poverty from progressing economically, Christian Aid has said ahead of International Women's Day 2017 (today March 8).

The theme of this year's International Women's Day is #BeBoldForChange, with a particular focus on expanding opportunities for women to move forward in the workplace and the economy.

Christian Aid wants governments to address the structural barriers facing the tens of millions of women across the world who do work that is low

paid, in poor and unsafe conditions, with limited employment rights and few opportunities to advance.

Christian Aid's Gender Policy Adviser Sophie Efange said: 'If we truly want to see the full and equal participation of women in the economy, we need to confront the root causes of gender inequality – especially in developing nations. Otherwise, all our efforts will amount to little no more than a quick-fix sticking plaster.

'That's why governments, through progressive taxation measures, must raise the funds to provide the types of social infrastructure that will empower women to take control of their financial futures: this includes improving opportunities for work that is decent, well-paid, secure and safe. It's also critical that we address the issue of unpaid care work: one of the biggest obstacles to women's economic advancement.

'It is also imperative that governments introduce gender-responsive budgets to ensure that tax revenues are spent in ways that promote gender equality, including supporting women in the world of work, from education and skills training to health and care services; some of the cornerstones critical to securing women's rights

and accelerating their participation in economic life.’

Ms Efange added: ‘Policy makers cannot drag their heels on this. They need to enact progressive legislation that protects women’s labour rights and their collective bargaining power – i.e. their right to organise. These rights are fundamental, especially for women in the informal sector (for instance, street vendors or domestic workers), who fall outside the protection of labour laws.’

Worldwide, hundreds of millions of women are part of an informal workforce, with no social and employments rights. Many are in occupations that reflect gender stereotypes. Women also take on three times more unpaid employment than men, according to the [United Nations](#).

Christian Aid will raise these issues at the annual [Commission for the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#), which runs from 13-24 March in New York. At the global event, the UN Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment will release its final report.

‘We look forward to following the discussions that will arise from this highly anticipated report,’ said Ms Efange. ‘We are glad that the issue of

women's economic empowerment is firmly on the table at CSW, and that faith communities and the private sector will be part of this conversation.

Yesterday evening (March 7), Christian Aid co-hosted an International Women's Day event at the House of Lords, in partnership with Bishop of Gloucester the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek and Restored, a charity working to end violence against women.

News briefs & Upcoming events

+++ Seagoe marking Simon Community

Sunday 12th March - One of the parish youth workers, Josh Thornbury, who previously worked with the Simon Community will be speaking at the 9am and 10.30am services on the work of The Simon Community. Following the main service, at about noon, everyone is invited to a fund-raising lunch in the Parish Centre for the work of Simon Community.

+++Kilmore canon installed - On Sunday, 5th March, Revd. Hazel Hicks was installed as Prebendary of Drumlease and Canon of the Chapter of Kilmore Cathedral by Dean Nigel Crossey during evening song in St. Fethlimidh's

Cathedral, Kilmore. Revd. Hazel has been a faithful servant of the Diocese over a number of years. She was ordained as Diocesan Reader in 1976 before continuing her journey from non-stipendiary ministry as an intern in the Swalinbar Group of Parishes and a curate in the Belturbet Group. She is currently Priest-in-Charge of the Arva group of Parishes. The service was followed by a Ireception in the Parish Hall. During the evening Revd. Hazel was presented with gifts and words of congratulations by members of the Arva Group of Parishes.

+++Belfast canon installed - The Rev Gill Withers, rector of Greyabbey & Kircubbin, Ballyphilip & Ardquin, was installed as a Canon of St Anne's Cathedral by the Dean of Belfast the Very Rev John Mann on Sunday March 5. Gill was appointed a Canon by the Bishop of Down and Dromore. She is a native of Carrickfergus and attended St Nicholas Parish Church.

She was a member of the Sunday School and the parish choir and was involved in running the Youth Fellowship back in the mid-1970s when Bishop Harold was rector of St Nicholas. In her late teens she was also very involved in the music in the parish and led the worship band. Gill, who taught in The Moyle School in Larne for 11 years and the Prep Department of Methodist

College for a further 11 years, was commissioned as a Connor Diocesan Lay Reader in 1987.

A music professional, she plays Double Bass and also taught part time in the School of Music for 20 years. She was Halls Tutor in Stranmillis College for seven years. Gill completed the Non Stipendiary Ministry Course at Church of Ireland Theological College and was ordained in June 1997. She worked with the Rev Canon Neil Cutcliffe in Mossley Parish, Diocese of Connor, until June 2002 when she gave up teaching to transfer to full-time ministry.

On Palm Sunday 2003 she was introduced to Bangor Parish by Bishop Miller and in 2005 moved as vicar to St Columba's, Knock. In December 2008 she was instituted as rector of Greyabbey & Kircubbin, Ballyphilip & Ardquin. She continues to have a love of music and used to play with Gaslight, and now plays Double Bass with New Irish Arts. Gill has been Bishop's Chaplain since 2004.

Announcing her appointment as a Canon last December, Bishop Miller said Gill had exercised a faithful ministry in the Diocese of Down and Dromore, and particularly in her work on the Ards Peninsula. "I have known Gill since she was

one of my 'young adults' when I was a curate at St Nicholas, Carrickfergus. Her formation and ministry have been both in Connor and Down and Dromore, and that, along with her musical talents, make her a perfect person for this canonry."

+++ Clogher Clerical Association meeting - in Rossorry Church with Holy Communion at 10.30am. Afterwards Br David Jardine will speak about Healing Ministry. Thursday 16th March

+++ Clerical vacancy Camlough - Applications are invited by Armagh diocese for the Incumbency of the new Parochial Group of Camlough, Mullaglass & Ballymoyer Union. Established following a Diocesan Commission on Ministry in the Diocese, the new group comprises four churches located in the rural Bessbrook/Newtownhamilton areas of the Diocese. Dedicated Reader or Non-Stipendiary clerical assistance will be provided to the new Incumbent. The rectory, which is in excellent condition, is situated at the edge of the picturesque village of Bessbrook and is within 3 miles of Newry and the main Belfast/Dublin road. There are good primary, secondary and third-level educational facilities in the area. Approximately 150 families and a wide range of parochial organisations. For further information

including a Group profile please contact: Mrs Jane Leighton, Diocesan Secretary, Church House, 46 Abbey Street, Armagh, BT61 7DZ, email: secretary@armagh.anglican.org Tel: 028 3752 2858.

+++ Clerical vacancy Acton - Applications are invited for the Incumbency of the new Parochial Group of Acton, Drumbanagher & Loughgilly. Established following a Diocesan Commission on Ministry in the Diocese, the new Group comprises three churches located in rural settings between the cities of Armagh and Newry. The rectory, which is in excellent condition, is situated within the Parish of Drumbanagher, outside the village of Poyntzpass and with easy access to Newry and the main Belfast/Dublin road. Approximately 120 families and a wide range of parochial activities. For further information including a Group profile please contact:

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