



Cork Hospital Chapel and primary Schools in joint Prayer-Leaf project

Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum, Church of Ireland Chaplain at CUH with Mrs Jacqui Wilkinson launching the new 'Prayer Leaf' initiative.



The Chapel of Christ the Healer at Cork University Hospital has launched a new 'Prayer-Leaf' project with the Primary Schools in the Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

This venture is providing primary school children with an opportunity to offer a tangible contribution of prayer leaves to be used by patients, visitors and staff at Cork University Hospital.

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The Chapel of Christ the Healer, located on the main concourse of Cork University Hospital has many visitors every day and is an oasis of calm in the midst of one of Ireland's busiest hospitals.

Primary school children across the diocese are invited to make prayer leaves as part of an outreach initiative between schools and healthcare chaplaincy where children can reflect on health and illness. An educational pack with lesson plans has been provided by Ms Jacqui Wilkinson, Lecturer in Religious Education at Dublin City University to complement the existing *Follow Me* Religious Education programme. A school assembly outline has also been produced.

Canon Daniel Nuzum, one of the Hospital Chaplains at Cork University Hospital said. "We are delighted to offer this opportunity for school children to connect in a prayerful and tangible way with our patients and hospital community. The Prayer leaves have proved very popular and mean a lot to many who call into the Chapel of Christ the Healer to pray for a loved one who is ill. I am grateful to Jacqui Wilkinson for her generous work to embed this project as a learning initiative for school pupils."

The Chapel of Christ the Healer is open 24/7 and you are welcome to visit it should you be in Cork University Hospital. Chaplaincy updates can be followed on twitter @chapelcuh

Canon from Haifa to have a busy week in Dublin

Clergy and lay people in Dublin & Glendalough are invited to come and hear of life and witness for Christians in the Diocese of Jerusalem and learn how we can build links between our dioceses. Canon Hatem Shehadeh from Haifa is returning to our dioceses next week and there will be an opportunity to meet and talk to him on Wednesday May 23 in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. You can also join him at a number of public events.

Canon Hatem will meet clergy for conversation on Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 5pm, following tea/coffee at 3pm. Topics up for discussion will include education, in particular Canon churchnewsireland@gmail.org



Canon Hatem is pictured with Archbishop Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Shehadeh outside Akko Church.

Hatem's award winning peace initiative and its implications for Christian education both in Jerusalem and in Ireland.

He will also talk about a Christian identity which is stripped of national and cultural power – Christian identity under occupation. As Christians are now a tiny minority in the Land of the Holy One, he will also share about Christian witness and mission as a minority faith community.

There will be an opportunity to reflect on and explore how our parishes, schools and other organisations can develop links with their counterparts in the Diocese of Jerusalem.

The Archbishop will preside at Holy Communion at 5pm to which clergy and lay participants are invited. All are welcome to have dinner at 6pm which is free.

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Later on Wednesday, from 7.30pm to 9pm, there will be an evening with Canon Hatem for lay people during which he will talk of his own story and experiences followed by questions and discussion.

The visit is part of our partnership link with the Diocese of Jerusalem which, among other things, aims to enable the people of each diocese learn more about each other. It is organised by the Dublin & Glendalough Council for Mission.

Booking is not essential but organisers would appreciate if you could let them know that you are coming by emailing krue@eircom.net.

There are a number of public events taking place during Canon Hatem's visit. All are welcome to attend them.

[Click here for more details on each event.](#)

Developments in worship earmarked for debate at Synod in Derry next year

The report of the Liturgical Advisory Committee was presented to Synod by Bishop Harold Miller. In proposing acceptance of the report, he said that it had been a very productive era liturgically. This year An Order of Service for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sundays would appear in the new edition of the Book of Common Prayer (which will have a dark blue cover). There will be two other booklets alongside it. One will be Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday with some seasonal services – meaning people who own green BCPs can buy the booklet rather than having to pulp their existing books.

Bishop Miller drew Synod's attention to orders of service for commemoration of Celtic saints which are available on the Church of Ireland website. He highlighted the sense of fun, joy and general achievement that exists on the LAC. Sometimes there was disagreement, challenge and the need to compromise, he said, but it was always imaginative. He added that liturgy was always evolving and speaking to the needs of each new generation.



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Seconding the report, the Revd Julie Bell drew attention to LAC's children's ministry sub-group which was looking at developing resources to support the full engagement of children in Sunday worship. "We want to realize the full potential of children as members of the worshipping community, as those who give and receive, and both learn and bring their own challenges and insights. It is encouraging to see the tide turning on the idea that children cannot understand or engage in regular corporate worship, and an increasing recognition of the biblical template of coming to know Christ together as a multi-generational worshipping community."

Ms Bell said they were working towards providing case studies and guidelines on the engagement of children in the forms of service currently in use in the Church of Ireland. And the music sub-committee was working to help congregations to re-engage with the singing of Psalms and Canticles, and had circulated a survey to clergy on the use of canticles in worship.

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Speaking to the report, the Archdeacon of Derry, Ven Robert Miller, asked that the liturgy be made accessible on the website. Rev Ivan Dinsmore, Rector of Ardstraw, Baronscourt, Badoney Lower with Greenan, Badoney Upper, spoke about the need for liturgies which combined the best of Church of Ireland traditions with modern, contemporary language services.

There were two motions associated with the Liturgical Advisory Committee. The first, proposed by Bishop Harold Miller, seeks leave to be given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2019 to approve for use in the Church of Ireland **The Service of Prayer and Naming and The Funeral Service in Cases of Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Neonatal Death** as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution. The motion was passed by Synod and will be presented next year as a special Bill at Synod in Londonderry.

The second motion sought that leave be given for the introduction of a Bill in the next General Synod to approve for use in the Church of Ireland Holy Communion by Extension for Persons Unable to be Present at the Public Celebration as set out in the Schedule to this Resolution.

Proposing the motion, Bishop Miller said that the order had been used for many years under legislation which allows the House of Bishops to grant permission for experimental use. He said the liturgy makes possible the inclusion of someone who is ill or unable to attend the Eucharist. "The way in which it works is this," the Bishop explained. "At the main communion service, bread and wine is set aside for those who are unable to be present. At the end of the service the people concerned may be prayed for, and ministers – lay or ordained – with suitable training and authorization, are sent out with the elements to those who are sick. This happens in immediate continuity with the service," he explained.

Canon David Crooks shared his experience with the Episcopal Church in Scotland, where the sacrament was reserved and taken by a rector or curate to the sick and housebound. Canon Crooks said he commended this highly and supported the motion.

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A vote by Synod members saw the motion passed and it, too, will come to General Synod next year as a Special Bill.

Choral Evensong revival in Connor church



The choir with the Rev Canon Walter Laverty and the Rev Canon David Humphries.

A service of Choral Evensong was held in St Bride's Parish Church, Kilbride, on Sunday May 13 for the first time in a number of years.

The service was led by the Rev Canon David Humphries, and the normal church choir was joined by a number of guest singers from other churches.

The service included 'Magnificat' and 'Nunc Dimittis' by Basil Harwood in A flat, as well as the anthem 'Look at the World,' written by John Rutter, with the lessons read by the Rev Canon Walter Laverty.

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The choir was conducted by St Bride's Director of Music Beth Aiken and was accompanied on the church organ by Dr Joe McKee.

This uplifting service of music was greatly appreciated by the congregation.

The next service of Choral Evensong in St Bride's will be the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Bride's on Sunday June 10 at 3.30pm.

Flurry of Bills passed on last day of General Synod

It was a hectic last day of business at the General Synod in Armagh, on Saturday, as a flurry of Bills passed their final stages and were enacted.

Among them was one dealing with Episcopal elections in Limerick and Killaloe and Tuam, Killala and Achonry. The diocesan councils of both dioceses have agreed, in principle, to unite at some future date, subject to the successful conclusion of conversations, and the agreement of General Synod and of their respective diocesan synods.

Saturday's Bill would defer any episcopal election should a vacancy occur before 30th September 2019 while those deliberations take place.

Other business concluded included a Bill providing for the inclusion of An Order for Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday, which seeks to provide a clearly defined structure for Sunday worship, and one seeking to make the same provision for the implementation of and adherence to the Church's new Adult Safeguarding policy by parishes, clergy and diocesan bodies, as is already provided for *Safeguarding Trust*, the Church's child protection policy.

One other piece of legislation passed will extend the levy on parishes to provide funding for safeguarding work and resources relating to adults.

News briefs



+++ Mothers Union from Cashel and Ossory diocese featured on the internet and Twitter as part of the daily MU worldwide prayer cycle yesterday

+++ The Moderator tweeted - Good service in **Ballyhenry PC**. By coincidence it was Niall Lockhart's 10th anniversary of his ministry in Ballyhenry. We enjoyed the afternoon with Niall, Zarina and children, Sam and Maggie. May God continue to use Niall 's perceptive approach to ministry & leadership.

+++ Presbyterian Church missionaries the Glissmann's have received a call to assist with one of PCI's new global mission partners, Theological Education by Extension College, in Johannesburg,

+++ Dublin and Glendalough Ecumenical Bible Week 2018 starts on Sunday. You can find events in your area here. [https://www.facebook.com/DublinandGlendalough/posts/1679067398795964 ...](https://www.facebook.com/DublinandGlendalough/posts/1679067398795964)

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+++ Balmoral Show - New Presbyterian Church blog - in a series on faith & rural life with Farming Life NI, Rev Kenny Hanna, in the run up to the 150th anniversary of Balmoral Show, considers how anniversaries can be times for reflection. You can read it here: <http://bit.ly/2jV0kR9>

Visit the **Irish Methodist Stand** Balmoral Show in the Eikon Exhibition centre this week from Wednesday 16 May to Saturday 19 May 2018. Meet the President of the MCI on Thursday 17 May 2018

+++ Trócaire has joined with 18 other international and local **Myanmar** organisations calling for urgent action to save lives in the north of the country.

