



## Justin Welby: what should we do about ISIS?

### Symposium on Jonathan Swift tomorrow

'Swift approaching; approaching Swift' is the thirteenth Dublin symposium on Johnathan Swift. It will take place in the deanery of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on **Saturday, 18 October 2014**. Beginning at **1.30pm**, delegates will proceed to Marsh's Library for a presentation on Swift's collections. This will be followed by four short papers in the Deanery by Professors Claire Connolly (University College, Cork), Christine Gerrard (University of Oxford), Sean Moore (University of New Hampshire) and Jenny Davidson (Columbia University). After the break, Professor Frank Boyle (Fordham University) will respond to the papers and Professor Claude Rawson (Yale University) will offer some observations on the proceedings. The audience are encouraged to participate in the discussion before retiring to a reception in the dining room.

Registration is required for those wishing to attend. You can do so either by telephone (01-453 9472) or by email: [dean@stpatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:dean@stpatrickscathedral.ie)

The programme is available here: [Programme 2014 Swift Symposium](#)

### C of I archives focus of Dublin launch by Minister for Education

The Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan TD will launch volume 21 of Irish Archives (the journal of the Irish Society for Archives, edited by Susan Hood and Elizabeth McEvoy) which this year is devoted to the records of the Church of Ireland. The launch will take place on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 6.15pm.

Minister O'Sullivan is the first person to hold this particular ministerial portfolio who happens also to be a member of the Church of Ireland and she will perform the honours on Irish Archives at St Patrick's Cathedral Deanery,

Upper Kevin Street, with the kind permission of the Dean, Very Reverend Victor Stacey.

The Church of Ireland does not always get the credit it deserves for gathering records together and keeping them safe. This volume of Irish Archives aims to set the record straight by paying tribute to those who have looked after an array of parish collections, diocesan papers and miscellaneous manuscripts in local and central custody and by providing a platform for the current generation of historians and archivists to reassess and reconstruct some of the complex aspects of Church of Ireland identity.

Speaking on this theme, Minister O’Sullivan said: “Record-keeping does not always get the recognition it deserves. However, it is vitally important that we retain a documented link with our past in order to fully understand our present. Church records are a particularly valuable source of information and I am delighted to see those from the Church of Ireland get the recognition they deserve in this volume of Irish Archives.”

The Chairman of the Irish Society for Archives, Dr Raymond Refaussé (who is also Librarian and Archivist at the Representative Church Body Library) responded: “I welcome the Minister’s endorsement of the importance of archives and urge the government, of which she is a member, to appropriately fund this greatly valued but seriously under resourced sector of Irish cultural life”.

Launch at St Patrick’s Deanery, Upper Kevin Street, Dublin 8 on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 6.15pm

More at - <http://ireland.anglican.org/index.php?do=news&newsid=5363>

## **Catholic Communications Office welcomes RTÉ’s decision to postpone closure of its Longwave transmitter**

The Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference welcomed the decision today by RTÉ to postpone the closure of its Longwave transmitter. The director of the Catholic Communications Office, Martin Long, said, “The decision by RTÉ to postpone its decision to close its Longwave radio transmitter is welcome as this will give more time to prepare and plan for the consequences of this significant broadcasting decision. As the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference stated at the conclusion of its Autumn General Meeting on 1 October:

‘Serving its audience – especially a marginal audience – should be *the* priority for the national public service broadcaster. RTÉ’s decision to close its Longwave 252 transmitter from 27 October on the grounds of cost, the environment and due to obsolete technology, will mean the end of broadcasting of worship programmes on this frequency. It is also likely that the short-notice given by RTÉ will result in a net loss of listenership. Bishops are concerned that the audience affected will be mostly rural, older, less well-off, living in the North of Ireland, as well as the elderly Irish in Britain. Bishops ask RTÉ to consider postponing its decision and to undertake an audience survey in order to determine the actual number of listeners to its LW broadcasts of religious programmes; how prepared this radio audience is for a digital switchover; and, to determine which areas of the country (north and south) will be affected by this decision. In tandem with such research, it would be very helpful if RTÉ sought to improve FM broadcasting across the North as good listening reception is inconsistent.’”

## Clogher MU Visitors Nights

Phyllis Grothier, MU All Ireland President will speak at a visitors night in Derryvullen South parish hall, Tamlaght, on Monday 20th October 2014 at 8pm. Please ring or email Mrs Valerie Stewart on 02866387236 by Friday 17th October if you intend to attend.

Special Guest Linda Bryans, will be speaking about mental health issues. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. October, 8pm. Colebrooke Hall

## Lunchtime lectures at Christ Church, Dublin

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, will host four weekly talks over the course of November on various historical aspects as part of its ‘Introducing Christ Church’ lunchtime lecture series. They will be held in the Chapter House Music Room beginning at 1.05pm and ending at 1.35pm, followed by refreshments and discussion until 2pm. Admission is free and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

### **Tuesday, 4 November:**

‘Cathedral Architecture’ by Dr Michael O’Neill (Architectural historian)

### **Tuesday, 11 November:**

‘Cathedral Monuments’ by Dr Stuart Kinsella (Christ Church research advisor)

### **Tuesday, 18 November:**

'Cathedral Portraits' by Dr Raymond Refaussé (Librarian and archivist of the RCB Library)

**Tuesday, 25 November:**

"Cathedral Liturgy' by the Very Revd Dermot Dunne (Dean of Christ Church)



## Burial vault found in Youghal church

Irish Examiner - Archaeologists have found a burial vault beneath a floor they were preparing for restoration in a church in east Cork. The vault — believed to date from the 1700s — was discovered in the 900-year-old St Mary's Collegiate Church in Youghal.

During excavations, the archaeologists also found evidence of centuries-old heating systems. The vault, 30cm beneath the surface, was unearthed by Daniel Noonan, who runs an archaeological consultancy agency, working with John Kelly of David Kelly Partnership.

They were investigating the floor's subsidence in a €60,000 restoration project funded by the Heritage Council of Ireland. The stone vault was crisscrossed by protective pine beams between it and the floor.

There was reportedly no obvious indication as to who was interred but such burial chambers "would be considered high standard monuments and so would suggest an individual or family of high status, such as the merchant class, was buried there", Mr Noonan said. "The crypt will be unopened and remain in situ," he added.

The archaeologists also found evidence of 18th century subterranean flues that carried heat from fires lit in the church. Further remnants depicted a later system that ferried water through earthen channels from a furnace.

The restoration work will be completed in six weeks.

Work on Youghal's €18m main drainage system was temporarily halted after workmen, working under archaeological supervision, uncovered a full skeleton in Pax's Lane in South Abbey.

More at -

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/burial-vault-found-in-youghal-church-289334.html>

## Church of Ireland Historical Society's winter conference

The Church of Ireland Historical Society's winter conference will take place at **10.30am** on **Saturday, 1 November 2014** in the newly refurbished Music Room at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. As usual, enter via the door to Chapter Room where those at the registration table will direct you upstairs. Speakers include Dr Caroline Gallagher (Maynooth University), Revd Canon Patrick Comerford (Church of Ireland Theological Institute) and Dr Martin Maguire (Dundalk Institute of Technology). The research paper will be delivered by Mr Jeffrey Cox (University College Dublin).

Dr Gallagher will speak on First Fruits' churches in early nineteenth-century Meath. Mr Cox will discuss state negligence and the diocese of Kildare under the Tudor episcopate of Alexander Craic. Revd Canon Comerford will examine the archbishops of Dublin and the deanery of Penkrigde, while Dr Maguire assesses Protestant republicans in the revolutionary period, c. 1912-23.

Coffee and registration will begin from 10.30am, followed by the first paper at 11am.

Full details of the conference programme are available here: [Historical Society Meeting \(Nov. 2014\)](#)

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Archbishop Justin Welby writing for [Prospect Magazine](#)

One hundred years ago, the first casualty reports from the Battle of Mons were received. Although the war had been declared on 4th August, the first

British casualty was on the 21st. He is buried opposite the last one, who fell in the same area four years and millions of dead later.

The front line was back where it had started. I saw their graves at the service in August to remember the outbreak of the war at the St Symphorien cemetery in Belgium. Seventeen-year-old John Parr lay near 40-year-old George Elison, who had also fought at Mons in 1914, served in all the major battles of the war and was killed a few minutes before the armistice. Laid to rest together by chance, their graves seemed to cry out against the miscalculations and stupidities that led to more than 10m deaths in those years.

Historians will argue the causes and errors forever. Yet the world risks the same errors of blind and pointless conflict now as leaders respond to ISIS and other groups like it who call themselves “jihadists,” although in much of Islam the term “jihad” means the peaceful, internal struggle for spiritual life and obedience. Whatever is done to face these groups must be global, holistic, and determined over the long term with a clear intention of building a just peace. Above all there needs to be a new and compelling alternative narrative to that of the self-styled jihadists.

Strategy must be global. The emergence of ISIS has been a wake-up call. The attacks on religious and ethnic minorities, Christian and others, have been getting rapidly more severe. In many cases where there are such attacks, they come from extremist groups whom courageous Muslim leaders have rejected while often being overwhelmed and unable to hold the line. Although the fighting in Nigeria has ceased to grab headlines, the killings are running at a high level, and are every bit as savage as in Iraq or Syria. Kenya is constantly under attack. The ancient Christian communities of the Levant are more threatened with extinction than at any time since the Mongol invasions of the 13th century. And the list could go on.

Read the full article at <http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/world/justin-welby-what-should-we-do-about-isis>