



***The Bible  
Comes to  
Life***  
**interactive  
exhibition at  
Ballyholme**



At the end of November St Columbanus, Ballyholme will be the venue for a unique interactive exhibition exploring the life and culture of the world's bestselling book.

*The Bible Comes to Life* will bring together a rich collection of historic artefacts and models with a spectacular 3 metre by 2 metre recreation of the Jewish Temple at its centre.

Other exhibits will include a scale model of the Desert Tabernacle with illustrative coverings, ritual furniture and animals and an array of Middle Eastern Clothing.

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The exhibition will be brought to life by costumed guides who will give in-character talks at each of six stations. Visitors will meet, among others, a shepherd, a tribal leader and a Middle Eastern bride.

*The Bible Comes to Life* is a pre-Christmas treat for all ages and offers an opportunity to learn about Jewish life, culture and religion from the Hebrew Scriptures. It also places the roots of Christianity in their original and spiritual context.

Hundreds of local school children will be visiting the exhibition during the day and members of the public can enjoy the experience free of charge from Wednesday 28 – Friday 30 November from 6.30 pm–9.30 pm and on Saturday 1 December from 1.30 pm–5.00 pm.

For further information please feel free to contact The St Columbanus Parish office on (028) 9127 4912.

## **Enniskillen Cathedral clock to be lit to mark end of WW1**

A familiar landmark to many on the tower of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, the clock-face, is to be further enhanced.

The Cathedral clock will be lit for the first time on Sunday, 11th November, at 7pm to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War.

The brightness of the clock, shining in the darkness, is to reflect light, hope, peace and reconciliation.

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The first clock in the tower of St. Macartin's Cathedral was presented by the Miss Halls in 1841. Since then a chiming clock has been maintained in the tower to inform the people of the town the hour of the day and the chimes as a reminder of the passing of time.

The old clock became worn and in 1934 Mr Alfred Weaver, a newsagent and book seller in Darling Street, presented a new chiming clock, then a most generous gift to the parish and town. The clock which chimed on eight bells, cost £256. In 1971 Smith of Derby valued the clock at £2,500.

A major overhaul of the clock, costing £3,432, was carried out in spring 1993 and again this was the generous gift of an anonymous donor. Further upgrading of the clock took place in 2016 when an automatic winding system was installed by Smith of Derby costing £9,800 and again the cost was met by the same generous benefactor who funded the major overhaul in 1993.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War, the clock has been back-lit using a light emitting diode system. This provision of this back-lighting which was installed by Smith of Derby cost £1,188 – again the gift of the generous sponsor of the clock.

## **Shock and disappointment at attack on Tullamore church**

Bishop Pat Storey (Dioceses of Meath and Kildare) has expressed her shock and disappointment at the attack on St Catherine's Church, in Tullamore.

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Over 100 panes of glass were broken in the church windows. It is believed that the windows were damaged sometime between the evening of Monday 30th October and the following morning. Initial estimates suggest that repairing the damage, and installing security precautions, will run into many thousands of euro.

Bishop Storey said, “St Catherine’s and the Charleville Centre do great work across the community in Tullamore. It is a very upsetting event for parishioners as they assess the damage. We want to assure the parish of the prayers of the rest of our diocesan family. The support from the wider community is a source of encouragement at this difficult time. We also pray for those who caused this needless damage.”

The rector of St Catherine’s, the Revd Isaac Delamere, expressed the shock and sadness felt by his parish community. He said, “The scale of the damage has taken us aback.” He also talked of being “heartened by the tremendous support that the parishioners of St Catherine’s were receiving from every part of the wider community.” He said that support is something “they will take strength from as they carry out the task of repairs in the aftermath”.

## **Flooding damages St Mark’s Basilica in Venice**

Saint Mark’s Basilica in Venice flooded with nearly three feet of water this week, damaging part of the 1,000 year old marble mosaic floor inside.

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The basilica “aged 20 years in one day,” St. Mark’s procurator Carlo Alberto Tesserin said.

Flood waters kept parts of the Madonna Nicopeia chapel’s intricately designed floor under three feet of water for 16 hours, Tesserin said. The chapel, located in the cathedral’s left transept, contains a 9th century Byzantine icon of Mary.

The baptistry and the Zen Chapel, named for Cardinal Giambattista Zen, who died in 1501, were completely flooded. The basilica’s bronze doors and columns also sustained damage.

In St. Mark’s Basilica’s 926 year history, there have been only five floods as severe. The high water mark in Venice reached over 5 feet on Monday with an “acqua alta,” or high tide, covering 75 percent of the city.

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Storms in Italy this week left at least 11 people dead throughout the country as 110 mph winds caused trees to fall upon cars and pedestrians. The Liguria region in northwest Italy experienced dangerous landslides.

The Italian Civil Protection Agency said that the Liguria, Veneto, Trentino, and Friuli-Venezia Giulia regions were most affected by the heavy rainfall and high winds.

Museums in Venice reopened Wednesday as the flood waters subsided.

## **Archbishop praises 'principled' minister for resigning over gambling rules**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called on God to bless Tracey Crouch **after she quit as Sports Minister** in protest at delays in cutting the maximum stake for fixed-odds betting terminals (FOBTs).

Justin Welby again waded into political controversy by praising the Tory MP's commitment to "doing right".

Ms Crouch resigned from her ministerial post as she insisted that not reducing the maximum wager on FOBTs from £100 to £2 until October 2019 was "unjustifiable", and indicated it could cost lives.

Dr Welby tweeted: "@tracey\_crouch who resigned as Sports Minister over the delay to reducing the maximum stake on fixed odds betting machines, is principled and

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courageous. May God bless her commitment to doing right."

Announcing her departure from Government, Ms Crouch tweeted: "Politicians come and go but principles stay with us forever.

"Unfortunately, implementation of these changes are now being delayed until October 2019 due to commitments made by others to those with registered interests.

"From the time of the announcement to reduce stakes and its implementation, over £1.6 billion will be lost on these machines.

"In addition, two people will tragically take their lives every day due to gambling-related problems and, for that reason as much as any other, I believe this delay is unjustifiable.

"I know there is never a good time to resign and appreciate that this will be an unwelcome distraction, but as the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport said in the House this morning, it is a fact of Government that

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ministers must adhere to collective responsibility and cannot disagree with policy, let alone when it is policy made against your wishes relating to your own portfolio."

Theresa May said she was "disappointed" by Ms Crouch's move and insisted there had been no delay.

The Prime Minister wrote: "There has been no delay in bringing forward this important measure.



"Indeed, as you know from your work as the minister responsible, we listened to those who wanted it to come into effect sooner than April 2020 and have agreed that the changes should be in place within the year - October 2019.

"Having taken the decision to make this very significant cut in maximum stakes, we must ensure that this change can



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be implemented in an orderly and effective manner to make sure it delivers on the results we all want to see."

Ms Crouch's stance drew support across the political spectrum.

Former foreign secretary Boris Johnson tweeted:

"Congratulations to @tracey\_crouch who deserves huge credit not just for her campaign but for sticking up for her principles."

Shadow culture secretary Tom Watson tweeted praise for Ms Crouch saying: "She poured her heart and soul into a significant review of these destructive machines, faced down a systematic lobbying attempt by the gambling industry and took the right decision for those suffering from



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problem gambling, their families and communities."

Mr Watson blamed Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Secretary Jeremy Wright for the delay, saying: "The new Secretary of State has threatened all of this good work. He has prioritised corporate interests over victims, profits over public health and greed over good. He should be thoroughly ashamed."

The resignation came after the Government made it clear it was standing firm when Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss failed to give ground during the Budget debate in the Commons.

Dr Welby provoked controversy among some Conservatives in September when he called for the rollout of Universal Credit to be halted, an increase in the living wage and tax reforms, and raised concerns about the increased use of food banks.

After Dr Welby's criticism, the PM said: "We will sometimes disagree on things just as I will disagree with other members of the Church of England on things."

## **Final preparations underway for inauguration of Chile as 40th Anglican Communion Province**

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby is travelling to Santiago to officially inaugurate the newest Province of the Anglican Communion. The *Iglesia Anglicana de Chile* – the

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Anglican Church of Chile – will become the 40th Anglican Communion Province when it is inaugurated on Sunday.

Archbishop Justin will preside over the ceremony, which will be held at the Grange School in the city of Santiago. Usual Sunday services in local churches have been suspended to enable people to take part. The service will also be available to watch via the *Facebook Live* facility.

“The birth of a new province of the Anglican Communion is moment to rejoice and give thanks and praise to God”, Archbishop Justin said. “It is a hope-filled reminder that God’s vision for the Church is always bigger than we can imagine.

“As followers of Jesus we are called to be part of this ongoing revolution of love that transforms lives and changes the world through dealing with sin and opening the way to salvation. Especially at a time when there is so much in our world that needs healing, here is a sign that the Spirit of God points towards Jesus in his obedience to the Father.

“The Anglican Communion is a global family of churches, united by the call to worship and obey God as revealed in Jesus Christ. It exists in more than 160 countries from England to Sudan, and Melanesia to Pakistan. This new province – the 40th of the Communion – is a young, vibrant, Spirit-filled Church that has seen huge growth. It is leading people to Christ in Chile and living out His call to serve others.

“We marvel and delight in the ways that God’s love is being seen through the creativity, passion and faithfulness of

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Chilean Anglicans. In all this, we give thanks for the visionary leadership of Archbishop Tito.”

Bishop Tito – Héctor Zavala Muñoz – was the Bishop of Chile, a diocese of the Anglican Church of South America. Recently, he became Bishop of Santiago when the diocese was split into four dioceses in preparation for its move towards Provincial status. The other new dioceses are Valparaíso, Concepción, and Temuco. As part of Sunday’s inauguration, he will be installed as Archbishop and Primate of the new Anglican Province.

“It is one of the great joys and privileges of my time as Archbishop to be visiting Chile to be with the Archbishop, bishops, clergy and all the people of this new province this weekend”, Archbishop Justin said. “I am looking forward to it immensely, and I invite Anglicans everywhere to hold the new province, and the whole Anglican Communion, in their prayers at this exciting time.”

More than 800 people will participate in the inauguration service, including diocesan and auxiliary bishops, pastors, leaders and lay members from the four dioceses of the new Province. In addition, priests, bishops and archbishops, academics and missionary societies from many Anglican Communion provinces, as well as local religious and governmental authorities, will also participate.

The *Iglesia Anglicana de Chile* is streaming the service using [the Facebook Live service](#) from 10 am CLST (1 pm GMT) on Sunday 4 November, an hour before the formal start of the service at 11 am CLST.

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## News briefs

### Mary Robinson appointed new Chair of The Elders

The former President of Ireland and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights will become The Elders' third Chair.

### Tearfund reports

“Christians are more likely to donate to charity (73 per cent of Christians against 63 per cent of all other UK adults) and to give food, clothing, furniture or other resources to someone in need.”

### Changing Attitude Ireland new www address

CAI state - “We are delighted to announce that we have a new domain (.com) and our website is back on the web. We were unable to utilise our old domain which required the purchase of a new domain:

<http://changingattitudeireland.com/>

### Ards Presbytery life and witness event

An event on 6 November in Ards Presbytery will bring together congregations to be envisioned and equipped for their life and witness.

Pray that key leaders in congregations will reflect on how to develop discipleship in a variety of areas.

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## Linen art exhibition

Starting Monday in the Linen Hall library, Belfast is 'Coast and Hedgerow', an art exhibition created on Irish linen by Ruth Osborne. Runs until 30 Nov. free entry

## Age NI are hiring

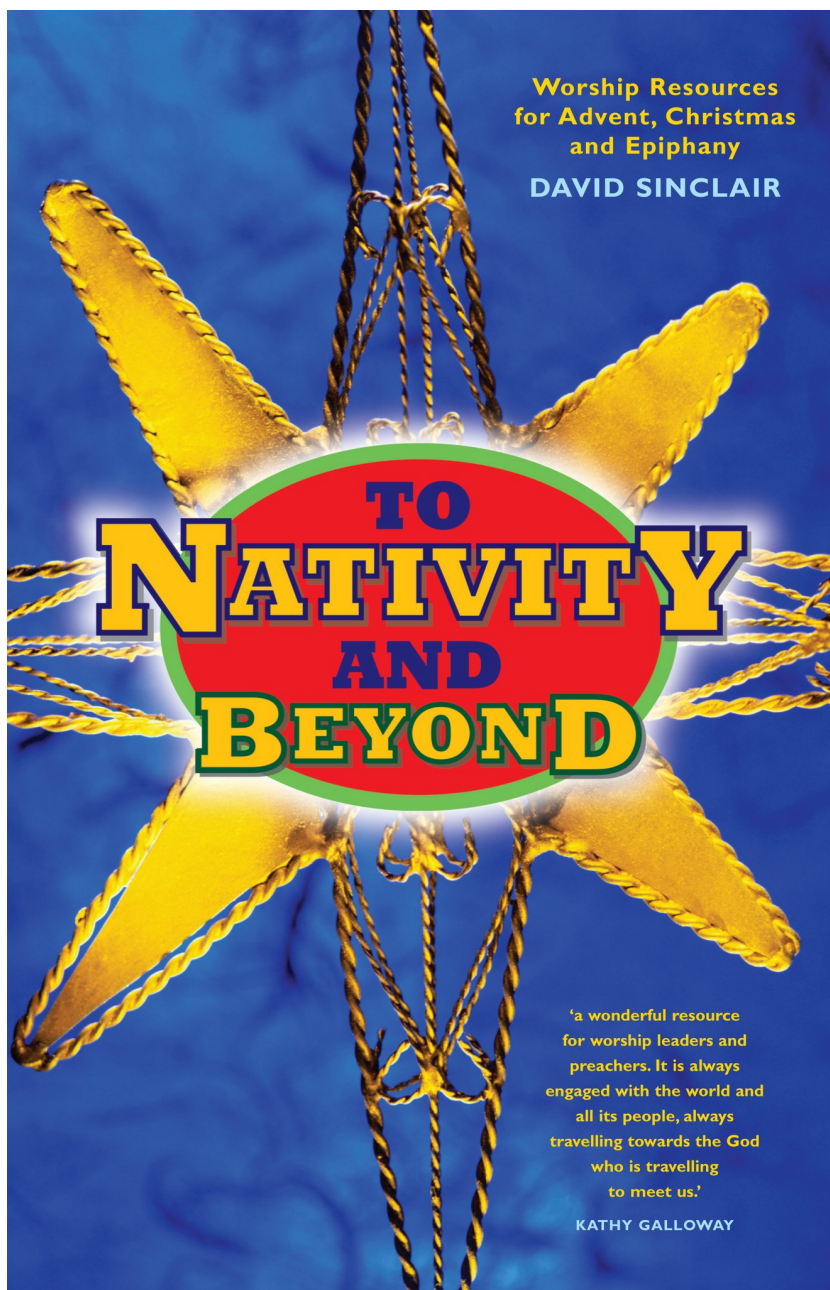
Age NI are hiring! We are currently recruiting for an Advice and Advocacy Officer to join our team, providing support and advice to older

people on a range of issues including care, health, housing and money. To find out more and to apply go to <https://bit.ly/2wTNwjS> #AgeNI #jobs

## To Nativity and Beyond - new resource

Packed with practical ideas and original, ready-to-use seasonal material, 'To Nativity and Beyond' published

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by St Andrew's Press, is perfect resource for hard-pressed ministers and worship leaders looking for fresh inspiration. <https://bit.ly/2cGGylg>



## **Connor readers commissioned**

The Rev Kevin Graham, Diocesan Warden of Readers, commissioned three new Parish Readers for parishes in Connor Diocese at two services on Sunday October 28. Mr Michael Ogilby was commissioned for the Parish of Ballynure and Ballyeaston and Mr David Holmes for the Parish of Kilbride during Evening Prayer at St Bride's Church, Kilbride Parish.

Later that evening, Mr Richard Cotter, was commissioned to serve in the Parish of Ballymena (Kilconriola) and

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Ballyclug during a service of Holy Communion in St Patrick's, Ballymena. Richard is Finance and Administration Manager with the Diocese of Connor.

Mr Graham, said: "It is a real joy and privilege as Warden to commission Parish Readers and to travel throughout the diocese and join in the variety of worship in the parishes I have visited.

"It is also a chance to get to know many more people in the diocese as they seek to serve God as Readers and perhaps also explore further how God is calling them"



## **Fireman Sam and Paw Patrol to help switch on Belfast's Lights**

Tickets for this year's Christmas lights switch-on in Belfast on November 17 will go on release on Monday..



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## Prayer focus

Pray for Gareth Parker, a community outreach worker in Ballyloughan, and for the visitation work, youth ministries, Bible study, discipleship programme and monthly community lunch that he is involved in. <http://bit.ly/2cgVbSa>

## Celebration and Praise Service to mark the 190th anniversary of Drum Parish Church

Sunday 4th November – Celebration and Praise Service in Drum Parish Church at 3.30 pm to mark the 190th anniversary of the church. Special preacher will be Archdeacon Brian Harper with the guest choir, Kilmore Cathedral Choir. All are welcome.

## Clogher Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service

Sunday 4th November – Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service in St. Patrick's Parish Church, Castle Archdale at 7.30pm

