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What did the beaver say to the other beaver? I love you like no otter!

The last of our new stone faces is still being perfected by the resident Stonemasons at Canterbury Cathedral.

Charlie, pictured here, has to use various tools, techniques and precision to carve out the design, working from the scale maquette (model).

These new stone carvings, known as grotesques, will be added to the Cathedral this year - created to celebrate the



hard work that is being done to reintroduce animals that had become extinct in Kent back into the local landscape.

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Did you know? Kent Wildlife Trust were the first organisation to introduce beavers back into Britain and they are now an established species in the River Stour in Canterbury.

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Presbyterian focus on Paris Olympics

Caledonian and Minterburn Presbyterian Church posted - Best wishes for Paris 2024 Olympics, to our very own Rebecca Edwards from Minterburn.

“We can’t wait to see you take part, we will be thinking and praying for you as you compete as an Olympic Rower in team GB! We are all very proud of your achievements”.

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Friends Ireland Yearly Meeting in Cork

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There was a great buzz in Cork as Ireland Yearly Meeting got underway with Quakers from across Ireland and overseas, as well as friends from other churches enjoyed a sense of fellowship and #UbuntuSpirit

A stimulating day for all ages at Ireland Yearly Meeting.

The children enjoyed making Zen gardens while the adults considered the health of the Yearly Meeting and Preparative Meetings, discussed #UbuntuSpirit, and heard updates from Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), Irish Quaker Faith in Action, and EcoQuakers Ireland.

They also heard about Dublin Area Quaker Community - DAQC's vision and strategy initiative, and from a Dublin Friend befriending international protection applicants ...



Eglantine Gift Day raises £82,000

A Gift Day at All Saints' Parish Church, Eglantine, has raised £82,000 towards the rebuilding and refurbishment of the church's 100-year-old pipe organ.



Mallow 200th anniversary with oak tree and cake

The Bishop of Cork, RT Rev Paul Colton will preside and preach at the celebration of The Eucharist to mark the 200th

anniversary of the consecration of St James's Church, Mallow. Sunday 21st July 3.00pm



He will also plant an Irish Oak Tree in the grounds of the church to mark the occasion - as well as the 25th anniversary of his own consecration in 1999 as Bishop.

All are very welcome to

come to the service and afterwards, to enjoy the refreshments and the special celebration cake that the Bishop will be cutting.

Celebrate 210 years of Methodist missionaries landing in Sri Lanka

211 years ago a 65 year servant of God with a burning spirit stood up in the British Methodist Conference to ask permission to journey thousands of miles to spread the good news of God to a tiny Island called Sri Lanka.

The Conference said they don't have money, but this Man sold everything he owned and along with few other men set out to Sri Lanka.. and thousands of people heard the Good

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news of the Lord. Today we celebrate 210 years of Methodist missionaries landing in Sri Lanka.

Their journey was a journey of faith. They travelled by a Ship for 6 months. Dr Thomas Coke who was the leader who sold everything died onboard the vessel, after which rest of the missionaries didnt have access to Funds, but God provided for them. Many of them who were in the 20's died within few years after reaching the Country, but the flame they brought is still changing lifes of people in Sri Lanka.

God used the British Methodist Church to bring Salvation to many nations, May you always have that flame and remember the journeys your ancestors took on faith rooted in Word of God.

Holocaust survivor educator receives Council for Christians and Jews Bridge Award 2024

CCJ announced that the Bridge Award 2024 winner is Mala Tribich MBE.

Mala is a Holocaust survivor who has educated tens of thousands of people about the Holocaust through sharing her testimony; bridging the past and the present and bringing communities together.

CCJ celebrated Mala's accomplishments in the River Room at the House of Lords. "We were graciously hosted by Lord Kevin Shinkwin, with kind permission from the Lord Speaker



who joined us to congratulate Mala. Mala was introduced by Olivia Marks-Woldman OBE, CEO of the Holocaust



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Memorial Day Trust”.

Mala survived both Ravensbrück and Bergen-Belsen concentration camps. During the Holocaust, the majority of her family were murdered. After the war, Mala rebuilt her life in England alongside her brother Ben, who also survived. Many of Mala's children, grandchildren and friends attended today's ceremony.

CCJ are committed to never forgetting the Holocaust and to educating younger generations. We were delighted that two of our Campus Leadership Programme alumni (emerging interfaith leaders in their own right) Noah and Ella presented Mala with the Bridge Award - a powerful symbol of the continuing need for education and bridge building.

To read more about this event and the Bridge Award, please see our website here:

<https://ccj.org.uk/news/bridge-award-2024>

Anglican–Old Catholic council meets in Germany

The Anglican–Old Catholic International Coordinating Council (AOCICC) met in Bonn, Germany from 7 to 10 July 2024, hosted by the Union of Utrecht at St Cyprian’s Old Catholic Church.

The Council discussed a draft questionnaire on how churches respond to crises like refugees and climate change, planning a pilot survey for 2024 and a main questionnaire for early 2025.

They also reviewed ecumenical agreements, focusing on those in Europe. They distinguished between full communion relationships, such as between the Anglican Communion and the Union of Utrecht, and agreements for mutual eucharistic hospitality.

Download the communique here: <https://bit.ly/46akU6m>

Read more about the work of ecumenical dialogues that are supported by the ACO here: <https://bit.ly/2koVaR2>

Cathedral calls

Cathedral Organ Scholar move

Congratulations to Peterborough Cathedral Organ Scholar, Harvey Stansfield, on his new appointment at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh.

Harvey leaves after a fantastic year as Organ Scholar at Peterborough Cathedral. He will be taking up the position of Assistant Organist at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh starting September 2024.

Here on the North American side of the pond...

The Anglican Singers, Artists-in-Residence at historic St. James Episcopal Church, New London, CT, welcome interested singers to audition to join us.



Free Lunchtime Concert
Tuesday 23rd July 1.15pm
St Mary's Cathedral
Keith Matthews (tenor) and Luke
Lally Maguire (piano)
Music by Faure, Wagner, Lalo,
Lambert, Britten and Schumann

The Anglican Singers is an independently organized performing arts organization dedicated to perpetuating and presenting the English choral tradition as found in the Anglican service of Choral Evensong. No affiliation with any church is required for membership.

Rehearsals are each Tuesday evening from late August through May at 7:00 - 8:30 pm. We present Evensong monthly at St. James and additional venues in Connecticut during each season, as well as an Advent Lessons & Carols service and a holiday concert.

Every other year, we visit the UK for a week-long choir residency; in the summer of 2025, we will visit Worcester Cathedral (travel dates: July 19 – July 27). In addition to singing daily Evensong and a Sunday morning Eucharist, we enjoy close-knit comradery and wonderfully planned excursions.

More information, including our repertoire, at our home page: (<https://www.anglicansingers.org/>)

Detailed information about membership and auditions: (<https://www.anglicansingers.org/auditions/>)

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Presbyterian Pilot Course - Sharing God's Word

A new resource that is aimed at helping people grow in their ability to understand the Bible and then communicate it to others.


Whether you are a Small Group leader, teach in one of the children's or youth ministries or have opportunities to preach, then this is a course for you. If you are exploring a sense of call towards being accredited preacher or an ordained minister, then this course could also be very helpful.

Produced by the Council for Training in Ministry, some of the topics covered are:

 What is the Bible?

 Understanding a text



 Preparing to be a messenger

Each evening will consist of teaching from the front and interactive Bible study. A participant's guide will be provided to help you make the most of each session.



Starting Monday 16 September 2024 (for six weeks)



7.30pm-9pm



Lowe Memorial Presbyterian Church, Finaghy

Cost: £20 per participant and booking is essential as places are limited.

For more information or to book your space, email:
admin@union.co.uk



Ceoltóirí Kilkenny at the Cathedral



Every Tuesday Evening
18th June-30th July @8pm €10
Tickets on the Door or on Eventbrite

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CATHEDRAL
AND ROUND TOWER



Night Time Economy
Gheilleagar Oíche



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media



Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh
Kilkenny County Council

Fantastic workshops at Neartu in November

Take a look at some of the fantastic workshops the C of I Family and Children's Ministry team have for you to choose from at Neartu in November.

Following on from an inspiring morning with Rachel Turner, you will be able to choose two workshops run by gifted and experienced practitioners.

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Book your place now: <https://bit.ly/neartu>
<https://www.facebook.com/239169528439033/posts/521674750188508>

Book now to get your earlybird discount!
If you book now using the code earlybird you will get your ticket for just €20/£17! Click here to book:
<https://bit.ly/neartu> or scan the QR code in the image.

Have a brand new American History Tour at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens

Learn all about the castle's historic connection with the USA and follow in the footsteps of presidents and peacemakers who used Hillsborough Castle as a vital backdrop to their discussions

Find out more 🖱️ <https://bit.ly/HCGSpecialInterestTour>



Afternoon Tea

in aid of

Breast Cancer Now

(the research & support charity)

Saturday 10th August
from 2:30pm
in Soldierstown Church Hall

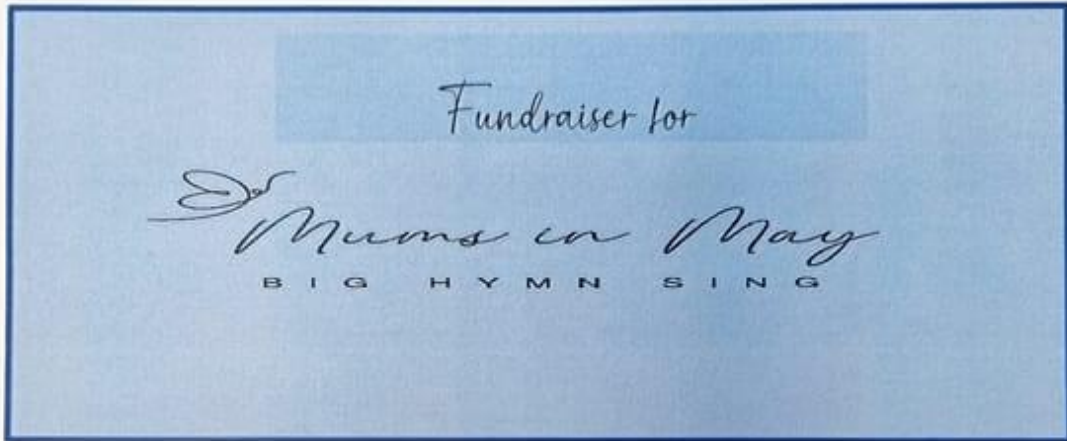
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*please show your support by
attending & inviting others!*

Suggested donation £10pp



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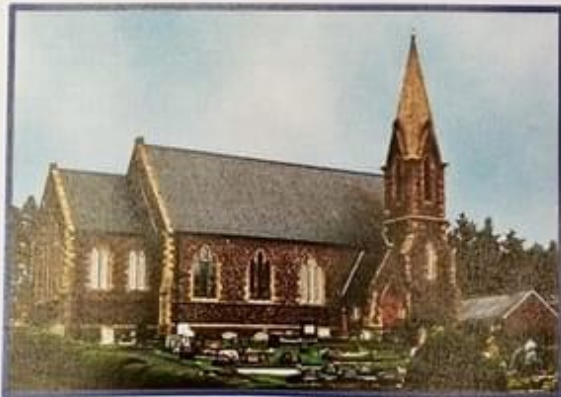


IN BRACKAVILLE PARISH CHURCH

DUNGANNON ROAD, COALISLAND, BT71 4HT

ON FRIDAY

9TH AUGUST, 2024 AT 7PM



MAKE A *Joyful* NOISE

Charity No: 102965

Poem For Today

Inniskeen Road, July Evening

By Patrick Kavanagh

The bicycles go by in twos and threes –
There's a dance in Billy Brennan's barn tonight,
And there's the half-talk code of mysteries
And the wink-and-elbow language of delight.
Half-past eight and there is not a spot
Upon a mile of road, no shadow thrown
That might turn out a man or woman, not
A footfall tapping secrecies of stone.

I have what every poet hates in spite
Of all the solemn talk of contemplation.
Oh, Alexander Selkirk knew the plight
Of being king and government and nation.
A road, a mile of kingdom. I am king
Of banks and stones and every blooming thing.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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