

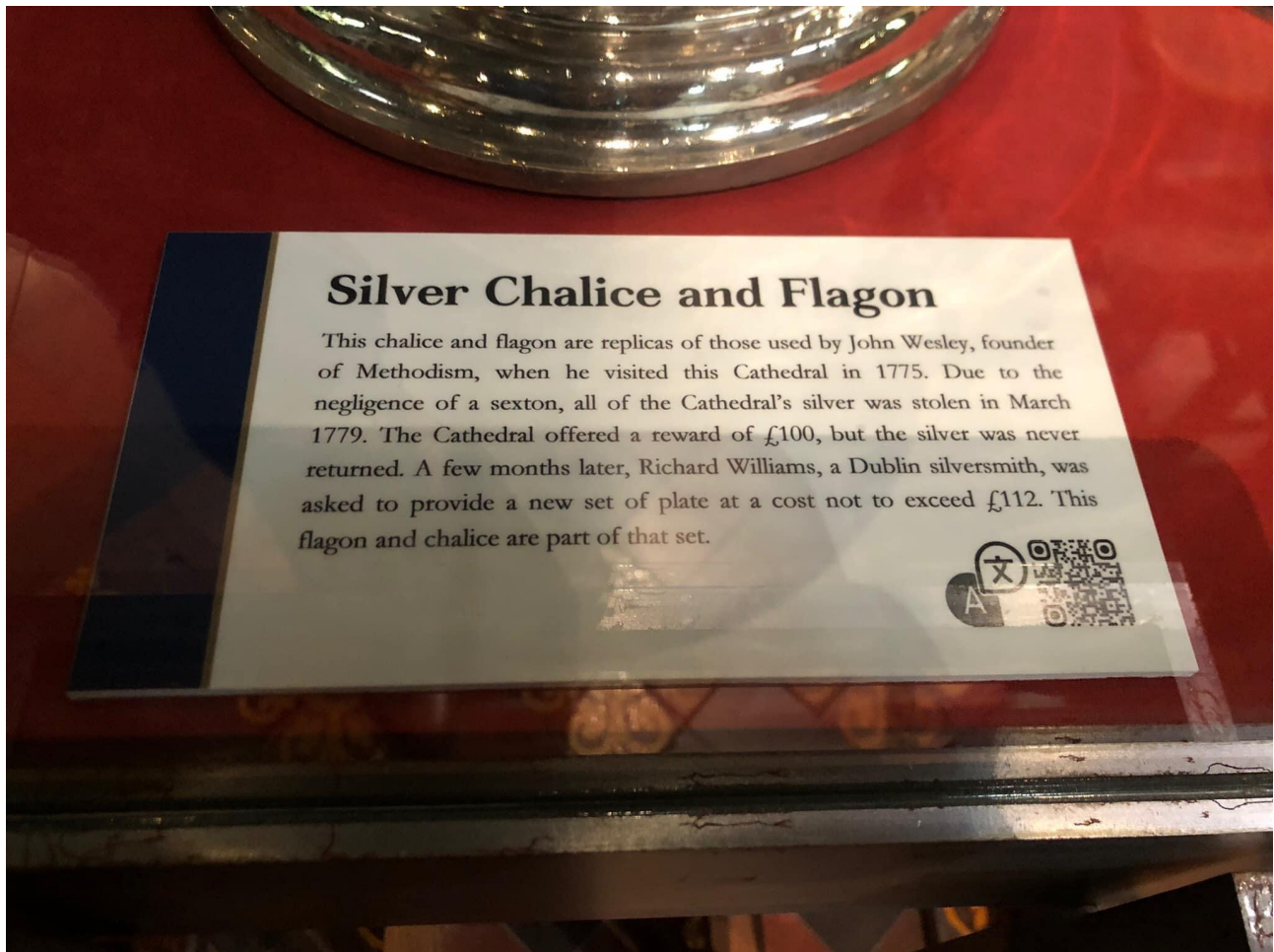
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Image of the day – response to Heritage Week

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Variety in response to Heritage Week



The Silver Flagon and Chalice replicas of those used by John Wesley, a founding father of Methodism, when he visited St Patrick's Cathedral in 1775.

There has been a strong ongoing responses to Heritage Week this year throughout the island of Ireland.

This year **St Patrick's cathedral, Dublin**, had a particularly strong programme of events with bespoke tours throughout the week, belfry tours on Saturday and Sunday, churchyard tours led by Adrian Le Harivel on Wednesday, music at midday and organ recitals at 6.30pm. Beginning on Monday



there was a series of lunchtime talks culminating on Friday with a talk by the Dean, Dr William Morton.

A highlighted talk on Monday did not disappoint when Cathedral Board member, Albert Fenton, discussed

the portraits in St Patrick's Deanery. There are some thirty portraits of deans and other eminent churchmen, dating from the eighteenth century up to the present time.

Patrick Hugh Lynch, MLitt, former government archivist, gave an interesting lecture on the Decade of Anniversaries.

In **Christ Church Cathedral Dublin**, there were tours, lectures, a stained glass workshop and bell ringing, although such was the popularity of the belfry tours that they are

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already sold out before the first tour finished. Two lectures were of particular interest. On Monday Kelly Tivolassi talked about Christ Church, Brazil and Portugal, and on Wednesday the cathedral's Head of Learning, Dr Ruth Kenny, discussed the Lost



Alleys of Christ Church focussing on the lost geography of Christ Church Yard and the Cathedral Crypt.

On Saturday there was a programme of events in **Zion Church, Rathgar**, from featuring tours, music and talks. David Caron spoke about the stained glass and Ged Walsh, talked on Rathgar in the 1870s. Not to be missed was a recital by the celebrated Rathmines & Rathgar Musical Society.

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Among the heritage presentations in **St Nicholas' Collegiate, Galway**, there was an exhibition of the Book of Common Prayer as Gaeilge, first produced in 1608, and translated by Uilliam O'Donnnaill, the then Archbishop of Tuam. This 1712 manuscript is on loan from the RCB Library in Dublin and is from the collection of the former Archbishop of Dublin, Donald Caird.

On Thursday evening in **St Mary's Collegiate church, Youghal**, a talk by architectural historian, Dr Michael O'Neill, considered the architecture of St Mary's in the medieval context, its elevation to a secular collegiate church, and the internal changes in the post-Reformation period.

News

Hello from St Christopher's Church in the Philippines

St Christopher's Church Choir says - we are, we believe, the only church in the Philippines, singing weekly Sunday 1662 BCP evensong.

We have a Boys choir, a girls choir and adults too.

We sing a wide range of music from Stanford, Bryd, Wesley etc. We use the KJV bible. All services are in English.

The big difference with our choir is that the choristers come from very genuinely poor backgrounds. Despite many living in the homeless resettlement where they have no electric or



water, the children are keen, turn up early, they clean their shoes and sing their hearts out.

Our church welcomes visitors. Please like our FB page.

CofE dismisses claims of dropping the word 'church' as 'complete nonsense'

The Church of England has described as "nonsense" reports that it has plans to drop the word 'church'.

It was responding to an independent report by the Centre for Church Planting Theology and Research at Cranmer Hall, Durham entitled 'New Things: A Theological Investigation

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into the Work of Starting New Churches Across 11 Dioceses in the Church of England’.

The report found that around 900 “new things” have been started in the past decade, with none of the eleven dioceses using “church” as the primary descriptor.

Report author Rev Will Foulger, Vicar of St Nicholas’s, Durham said it raised concerns about the impact of “new ecclesial language” on the Church of England’s theology.

However in a statement to a press source a Church of England spokesperson said:

“It is complete nonsense to suggest that the Church of England has plans to drop the word ‘church’ or that it is rebranding itself.

“This claim seems to have stemmed from a recent report from an external body looking at new initiatives mostly created by parish churches – ranging from new youth groups or sport outreaches, right up to new congregations, with some of these not meeting in a church building - and noted that they do not always refer to what is happening as new churches but are using a variety of terms.

“Some people have claimed this means the Church of England has plans to drop the word ‘church’ or is rebranding itself. It does not.”

Cathedral Calls



Cotton Library at St Carthage's Lismore

Bishop Adrian Wilkinson - This week I visited the Cotton Library at St Carthage's Cathedral in Lismore.

It has a very interesting and historic collection of books which deserves to be better known. Thanks to the Revd Daniel Fleming for showing me around. While





there I spotted bound volumes of the Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette from the 1850s. The many advertisements in it looking for curates are interesting, particularly the one which states 'clerical duties very light'!

Clergy and ministry

Rector of Banbridge & Seapatrick instituted

The Revd Willie Nixon was instituted as rector of BChurch, Banbridge & Seapatrick on Tuesday 20 August.



The preacher was Revd Trevor Johnston (left), a ministry colleague and fellow student at the Theological College in Dublin. Trevor is

rector of All Saints Church and minister of St Nicholas Church in the Diocese of Connor. He preached on Acts 20.

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Rain did not dampen duet at First Church Belfast Summer Recital Series

It was a damp, nay wet day more typical of autumn than late summer. That did not prevent people from coming out to hear William and Justine.

We were welcomed by William Des Mckeown, Church Officer of First Church and Treasurer of the Recitals Committee.





The opening piece, *Hommage À Manuel De Falla* By Béla Kovács was notable for the sheer range of sounds and melodies to represent the diversity of De Falla folk and dance music. It's clearly a challenging piece to play for any clarinettist, but William accompanied by Justine flawlessly performed it.

Those of us of a certain age will remember Arthur Bliss for his time as the late Queen's Master of Music.

The major piece during this recital was the *Sonata in F Major* by Dublin born composer Charles Villiers Stanford better known for his composition of choral music for the Church of England.

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This was followed by Rossini's Introduction, Theme and Variations.

William introduced each piece of music, something which the audience appreciated.

The final recital will be next Wednesday 27th August at 1.15pm when Royal Irish Academy of Music String Quartet will perform.

Lough Derg service on RTE

The Lough Derg team says - Friends, we are looking forward to celebrating Mass this Sunday from RTÉ Studios in Dublin @11am.

Broadcast on RTÉ One and RTÉ Radio 1 Extra.
Mass will also be available on RTÉ Player

Unusual production of Handel's Messiah at St John's Malone

“An unusual production” of Handel's Messiah by the Merry Opera Company will take place at St John's Malone on Friday November 8th 2024.

All are welcome to attend. Twelve professional singers play characters from everyday life who find themselves in a church. Some of them carry the concept of a Messiah in their hearts; some lack that and may feel an absence; some are not religious at all. As they sing through this traditional work, they engage with each other and themselves,



ultimately experiencing the transformation from need and despair to understanding and hope.

This production was created in the UK in 2011 by the Merry Opera Company. It has been brought back by request almost every year since. Audiences report that it gives Handel's Messiah 'new meaning', 'new invigoration'. For this year's tour, half the professional cast and the organist are Northern Irish musicians.

Performances will take place at venues around Northern Ireland in November and December 2024.

Tickets (£20 for adults, £10 for under 16s) are available through www.merryopera.com or by phone 03336 664466. "



The Divine Right of Transformation with John Bell

A compelling weekend retreat at Minsteracres Retreat Centre that explores how God calls us to be agents of change.

Dive deep into the ways God effects change and challenges us to liberate others—just as Jesus did—from illness, misconceptions, discrimination, and restrictive faith practices.

Together, we'll explore scriptures, learn from the lives of the saints, and reflect on our role in the world God loves.

Featuring John Bell, renowned writer, broadcaster, and member of the Iona Community, known for his insightful teachings across the globe.

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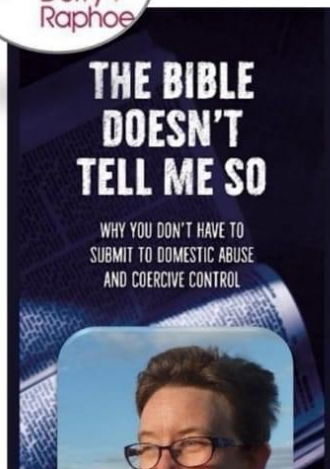
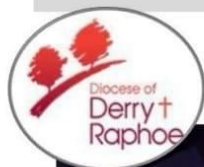
Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your spiritual journey and make meaningful changes in your personal and social choices. Click here to register now!



Dates: Friday, October 11th, 6:30 PM - Sunday, October 13th, 2:00 PM - £190

<https://minsteracres.org/product/the-divine-right-of-transformation-with-john-bell/>

The Bible Doesn't Tell Me So



With 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men affected, an opportunity to explore supports in Derry & Raphoe

And a special invitation to hear renowned theologian, Rev. Dr. Helen Paynter

as she unpacks the biblical narrative in relation to domestic violence and abuse.

OPEN TO ALL -Not to be missed
Save the date in your diary today!

Glendermott Church Hall

10 Church Brae, Altnagelvin, Londonderry BT47 2LS

Saturday 7th SEPTEMBER 2024

10.00am – 1pm

Revd Dr. Helen Paynter PhD is a Tutor in Biblical Studies and Coordinator of Theological Education, and Director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, Bristol Baptist College.





Refreshments being served in the Ramoan Parish Centre



beside the Co-op



Monday during **Lammas Fair**

10am till 4pm

Sandwiches

Tea/Coffee

Tray Bakes

Soup

Scones



Ramoan and Culfeightrin

Holy Communion Service in St Columba's Church of Ireland Glencolmcille, F94 AC92



The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev
Andrew Forster will be in attendance

**Sunday 25th August 2024
at 12 noon**



Poem for today



I Am Of Ireland by William Butler Yeats

'I am of Ireland,
And the Holy Land of Ireland,
And time runs on,' cried she.
'Come out of charity,
Come dance with me in Ireland.'

One man, one man alone
In that outlandish gear,
One solitary man
Of all that rambled there
Had turned his stately head.
That is a long way off,

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And time runs on,' he said,
'And the night grows rough.'

'I am of Ireland,
And the Holy Land of Ireland,
And time runs on,' cried she.
'Come out of charity
And dance with me in Ireland.'

'The fiddlers are all thumbs,
Or the fiddle-string accursed,
The drums and the kettledrums
And the trumpets all are burst,
And the trombone,' cried he,
'The trumpet and trombone,'
And cocked a malicious eye,
'But time runs on, runs on.'

I am of Ireland,
And the Holy Land of Ireland,
And time runs on,' cried she.
"Come out of charity
And dance with me in Ireland.'

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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