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Image of the day – Cathedral holiday

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Cathedral holiday

When you grow up around a cathedral and then when you go on holiday you know how to put them in to perspective. You bring your daddy and his camera.



News

Dessertmartin prepares for Poppy Festival

“Our Poppy Festival will be held the first weekend of November. Today the Sunday school children were very busy (and very messy) working on their exhibition.”



Dessertmartin prepares for its Poppy Festival

Heifer won in Castle Archdale parish draw

A Prize Draw and Social Event in aid of the Castle Archdale 'Parish Room' building project - raised came to £8000.00.



Congratulations to Susan Johnston who won the prize of a heifer or £1000.00. The draw was made at the evening in Drumard Hall.

Special thank were expressed to Derek Anderson for donating the prize and thank you also to he and Florence for their organising of the very enjoyable social event with a meal, music and dancing on Friday 23rd August in Drumard Hall. Participants greatly appreciated the use of the Hall

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and thank the members of the Lodge for the use of the premises.

There was an additional raffle on the evening of the social event. Thank you to the local businesses (Tulanna, Millar Meats, Mahons' Hotel, Coalters' Home & Hardware, Jeweldeane, SuperValu) and individuals who donated prizes for the raffle. Thank you also to all those who gave donations towards the evening and the final total.

Derek Evans made the wonderful meal and the desserts were by Florence Anderson. We were very grateful to Zoe, Halle and Brooke who very kindly and efficiently helped in the serving of the food.

The great music was by Country Features - it was very enjoyable to have Robbie and Florence with us.

GCSE Religious Education still popular despite teacher shortages in GB

The Religious Education Council is once more calling for a national plan for RE, after GCSE results were published.

They show that 223,034 students took RS GCSE (full course) in England, an increase of 0.3 per cent. The RE short course rose in England by 9.5 per cent to 20,627. Overall, 72.7 per cent passed above grade 4, and 31.4 per cent above grade 7, remarkably similar grades to the previous year.

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The high success rate and increase in numbers, comes despite a shortage of specialist teachers, with the National Association for Teachers of RE saying 51 per cent of those teaching RE mainly teach another subject.

ST JOHN'S MALONE

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plus some additional services at Christmas and Easter

Friendly Team



Choir Visit to sing at Southwark Cathedral, London (July 2024)

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Deborah Weston, chair of the RE Policy Unit, said: “Poor quality, tokenistic RE taught by non-specialists without subject training, has a knock-on effect on not just our communities, but the depth and quality of a young person’s education.



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Music Concert

Live Jewish and Israeli music performed by one of the UK's leading Jewish singers together with local artists

Venue: Belfast City
To be advised on registration

Thursday 26 September 2024, 7.30pm
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All friends of Israel welcome!

In these dangerous and challenging times, we want to make a difference. The evening will support the life-saving work of Magen David Adom, Israel's outstanding national medical emergency service.

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Properly taught, GCSE RS provides invaluable academic and life skills that enables young people to think meaningfully about life's big questions in relation to their own beliefs and those of others". There were more dramatic results for Wales, where 10,254 students took the full course, a rise of 6.4 per cent. But short course entries fell by 27.1 per cent to 2,201.

Bishop “hugely disquieted” by custodial sentences on young people involved in riots

The Bishop leading on prisons for the Church of England, Rachel Treweek, has told the Church Times that she is “hugely” disquieted by the sentencing of

SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL



FESTIVAL *of* CLOAKS

Now running until 14th September
Monday to Saturday 10am - 3.00pm

EXHIBITION OF CEREMONIAL CLOAKS

including St Brigid's Commemorative Cloaks

young people involved in the summer's riots across the country.

She said rioters “need to bear the consequences” of their actions, but expressed concern about whether custodial sentences were helpful in the long term. And she called for a more creative and effective approach to criminal justice, as Britain's prisons were already overcrowded even before severe custodial sentences were passed after the riots.

Heritage

Lord Lieutenants in UK

Lord Lieutenant always takes precedence in UK: with uniform similar to British Army General.

This is because Lord Lieutenants once commanded the county militia, so they have silver braid, where a General wears gold, they are also represent the authority of the reigning monarch within their county, or lieutenancy area.

A lord-lieutenant is the British monarch's personal representative in each lieutenancy area of the United Kingdom. Historically, each lieutenant was responsible for organising the county's militia. In 1871, the lieutenant's responsibility over the local militia was removed. However, it was not until 1921 that they formally lost the right to call upon able-bodied men to fight when needed.

Lord-lieutenant is now an honorary titular position usually awarded to a retired notable person in the county, and in

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recent times has been opened to female candidates. During the Cold War, the Lord Lieutenants also played a role in Civil contingencies and were part of "War Plan UK" where ceremonial responsibilities such as liaising with the local military, law enforcement, magistrates etc could have become actual responsibilities as such they had priority communications and phone lines and could have been deployed to a county HQ.

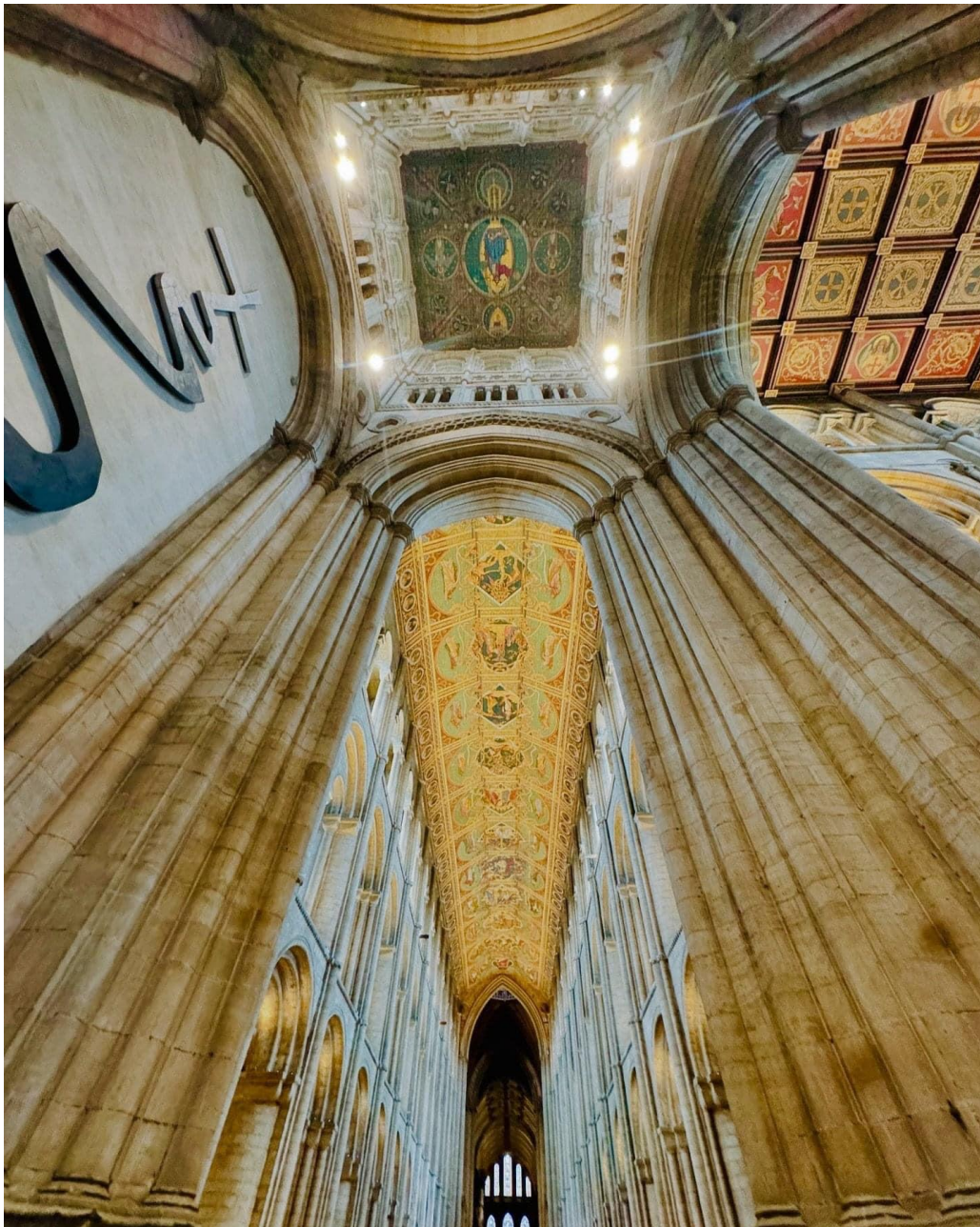
Cathedral Calls

High level tour of Ely

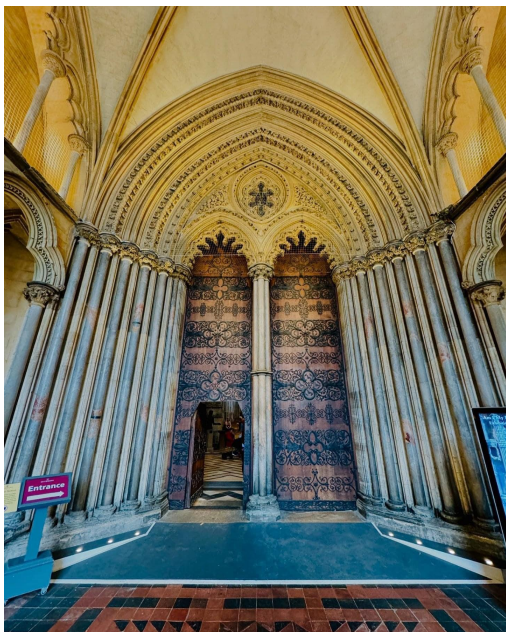
Have a glimpse at a new "High Level" tour at Ely Cathedral which is due to start later this month.

This tour





combines bits of the Octagon and West Tower tours, plus walking along the top of the nave between the two, and visiting the Belfry in the West Tower, things rarely seen.





Canadian Primate's last Sunday at St James Cathedral, Toronto

The Primate's (Archbishop Linda Nicholls') last Sunday at the Cathedral before her retirement.

“We wish her every blessing in the days and years ahead” the Cathedral community posted.



Clergy and ministry



Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster returns to his ancestral Kilmore home parish

On Sunday 25th August 2024, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster Rt Rev'd James Curry, KC HS returned to his ancestral home parish of Kinawley and Killesher, County Fermanagh in the Diocese of Kilmore, to celebrate Holy Mass in St Naile's Church, Kinawley for family members and parishioners following his recent Episcopal ordination.



Members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of

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Jerusalem -
Lieutenancy of Ireland
were invited to attend
cloaked to participate
with the local
parishioners in the
celebration of Holy
Mass, in recognition
of Bishop Curry's role
as Order Prior of the
Westminster Section -
Lieutenancy of
England and Wales.

Holy Mass was
concelebrated by
Bishop Curry,
assisted by Fr
Maurice McMorrow,
P.P., Kinawley and
Killesher; Fr Gerry
Comiskey, P.P.,
Drumlane and Mgr
Martin Hayes,
KC*HS, Vicar
General of the
Diocese of
Westminster who
travelled over
especially for the
occasion.

In recognition of his
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links to the Parish of Kinawley and Killesher, the Parish Pastoral Council presented Bishop Curry with a bespoke hand made gift of a Turf Cross and Oak Chalice crafted by talented local craftspersons.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



Meet the soloist - Katy Treharne

Katy Treharne is a soprano from Wales who trained at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

In addition to her large number of professional theatre credits, including Christine in The

Phantom of the Opera (Her Majesty's Theatre), Katy regularly appears in concert with the Welsh Musical Theatre Orchestra and the All Souls Orchestra. Katy has also appeared on BBC's Songs of Praise and recorded her debut album 'Think of me' in 2014. Katy co-founded West End Has Faith (westendhasfaith.com), who regularly tour the UK sharing their love of Jesus and the gospel through musical theatre songs and their own personal stories and testimonies.

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Tickets: <https://www.waterfront.co.uk/what-s-on/new-irish-arts-30th-birthday/>

St Ann's Dawson Street recital on Thursday

On Thursday, 29th August at 1:20 pm. Luke Lally Maguire and Keith Matthews will perform the following programme:

Giulio Caccini - Amarilli Mia Bella Richard Wagner - from Die Walküre, Winterstürme wichen den Wonnemond
Édouard Lalo - from Le Roi D'ys, Vainement, ma bien aimée
Johannes Brahms - Intermezzo in B Minor, Op. 119, No. 1
John Gibson - Moladh go deo le Dia Robert Schumann - 12 Gedichte, Op. 35: No.1, Lust der Sturmnacht Gabriel Fauré - 5 Melodies, Op. 58: No.2, En Sourdine Gabriel Faure - 2 Melodies, Op. 46: No.2, Clair de Lune Benjamin Britten -



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TO CELEBRATE THE
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MONDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2024, 7.30PM

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle

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Down by the Salley Gardens Frank Lambert - She is Far from the Land

More information at <https://www.stannsrecitals.com/events/keith-matthews-and-luke-lally-maguire> This is the final Thursday recital for 2024. Thursday recitals will start again in February 2025.

In the media

Church in Wales clergy told to keep breakaway bishop at arm's length - Church Times

The consecration of the Revd Stuart Bell as a bishop in the breakaway Anglican Convocation in Europe (ACiE) last week (News, 10 March), has prompted the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Revd Andrew John, to instruct his clergy not to receive communion at ACiE services. - Church Times 28 March 2023

ACiE, the umbrella group for the Anglican Mission in England and the Anglican Convocation in Europe, is allied to Gafcon. Bishop Bell was appointed bishop-elect in October last year, with primary responsibility for Wales, where he had been a cleric in Aberystwyth. His consecration was delayed while he honoured a previous commitment.

The Church in Wales passed a Bill in 2021 to allow same-sex couples to have their civil partnership or marriage blessed in church (News, 6 September 2021). In a

statement following the Church of England's General Synod meeting last month, the Anglican Network in Europe (ANiE) described as "lamentable" the C of E's decision to allow the blessing of same-sex marriages, characterising it as "the abandonment of the sufficiency and supremacy of scripture which has until now been the bedrock and rule of the Church of England."

The statement went on: "We especially feel the pain of those who continue to make costly stands for godliness and have been abandoned by those who were meant to shepherd and protect them."

Archbishop John told his clergy last week: "While many of us have held Stuart in enormous respect for his ministry, the Bench of Bishops cannot receive or accept his episcopal ministry, founded, as it is, on a repudiation of the Bishops' own ministry and a breaking of communion with the Church in Wales.

"In these difficult circumstances, sadly there now exists some distance, not sought nor desired by the bishops of the Church in Wales, between us and the Anglican Convocation in Europe [ACiE], which is a group to which Stuart is now affiliated."

The characterisation of same-sex blessings as a repudiation of biblical authority was not an interpretation which the bishops of the Church in Wales could accept, he said, "although we have been clear that clergy, leaders, and members of the Church in Wales have a diversity of opinions on this matter, and have sought to provide space in our common life for freedom of conscience and difference".

The Archbishop makes the change in relationship clear. “A decision by members of ACiE to stand apart from the oversight of the bishops of the Church in Wales, and of the churches of the Anglican Communion in communion with us, means that Church in Wales clergy should stand back from receiving communion at services held under the auspices of the ACiE.”

Similarly, he says: “No ministers affiliated with the Anglican Convocation in Europe should exercise ministry or leadership in a Church in Wales context, unless the explicit written permission of the appropriate Church in Wales diocesan bishop has been given.”

The letter concludes: “We would like to be as generous and open in our relationship with former colleagues and brothers and sisters in Christ in the future but we have to recognise the reality of the step which has been taken. We will be happy to address any further questions or perspectives that arise in people’s minds.”

A press release issued last Friday by the bishops of the Anglican Network quotes Bishop Bell’s description, at his consecration, of the emergence of ACiE in Wales as “a tragic necessity in the face of the false teaching of the national Church”. The release says: “The Archbishop and his Bishops may sincerely believe that all Anglicans in Wales should simply accept what has happened and live with difference. But this is not the view of the vast majority of the Anglican Communion. . .

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“Contrary to what Archbishop John and his Bishops have said, it is the Church in Wales which has placed itself out of communion with the majority of Anglicans worldwide by departing the historic, orthodox, biblical faith. . . As ACiE develops in Wales under Bishop Bell’s leadership, its members will continue to make plans for the future together.”

Archbishop John declined to comment further when approached on Monday.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2023/31-march/news/uk/church-in-wales-clergy-told-to-keep-breakaway-bishop-at-arm-s-length>

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Comments in an independent Facebook site of C of I clergy and laity

I wonder what the Church in Wales thinks about Bp Stuart Bell being invited to speak in Down & Dromore?

GAFCON members describe themselves as "authentic Anglicans". The unavoidable corollary of that assertion is that there are inauthentic Anglicans. Rather sad.

Do you think Stuart Bell is an authentic Anglican? Or otherwise?...

The Church in Wales would think not. My point was the Church of Ireland’s relationship with Wales.

I don't know the Bishop, but if he affirms GAFCON's self-description of itself as the voice of 'authentic' Anglicanism, then he is part of the elect and I, as a dissenter, am an inauthentic Anglican.

Poem for today

Digging

by Seamus Heaney

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests; snug as a gun.

Under my window, a clean rasping sound
When the spade sinks into gravelly ground:
My father, digging. I look down

Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds
Bends low, comes up twenty years away
Stooping in rhythm through potato drills
Where he was digging.

The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft
Against the inside knee was levered firmly.
He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep
To scatter new potatoes that we picked,
Loving their cool hardness in our hands.

By God, the old man could handle a spade.

Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day
Than any other man on Toner's bog.
Once I carried him milk in a bottle
Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up
To drink it, then fell to right away
Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods
Over his shoulder, going down and down
For the good turf. Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.

Between my finger and my thumb
The squat pen rests.
I'll dig with it.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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