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## Built in Belfast

**In a week of negative events making the headlines Harland and Wolff's major positive progress is literally a Godsend.**

H & W stated - We are very pleased to share the completion of the 14th Cory barge, named Heron, at our Belfast site 🛠️

Our contract with Cory, one of the UK's leading waste management and recycling businesses, involves delivering a total of 33 barges. This ongoing project highlights our

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commitment to supporting UK industries and contributing to environmental sustainability.

Heron, named after the graceful bird, was successfully loaded out and launched in the Belfast sunshine. This barge will play a crucial role in Cory's operations, transporting non-recyclable waste

via river and removing around 100,000 truck journeys from London's roads each year.

Director of Shipbuilding Allan Smith notes:

"Another successful load out and launched in the Belfast sunshine. Job well done as we continue to deliver.

"A big thank you to our dedicated team at Belfast for their hard work. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to deliver on this significant project".

# News



## Lighting up the LAMP

Young folk in the Downpatrick parish group share some of their week long activities with their parents and friends.





... A LAMP leader lit up...

## 90 Miles for 90 Years

**Meet Pam Brooks, Mothers' Union champion... To celebrate her 90th birthday, Pam walked 90 miles along the Sussex coastline over just 12 days.**

Every step supported the Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education programmes in Burundi, where Pam



lived for over 25 years, a nation close to her heart. She's seen first-hand the impact these programmes make, empowering women to lift themselves and their families out of poverty for good.

She's raised nearly £10,000 through this adventure - that's something to celebrate.

## Mission and service in Hungary



**A parish Exodus Team from Holy Trinity Ballylesson recently returned from an eleven- day mission service project in Miskolc, Hungary.**

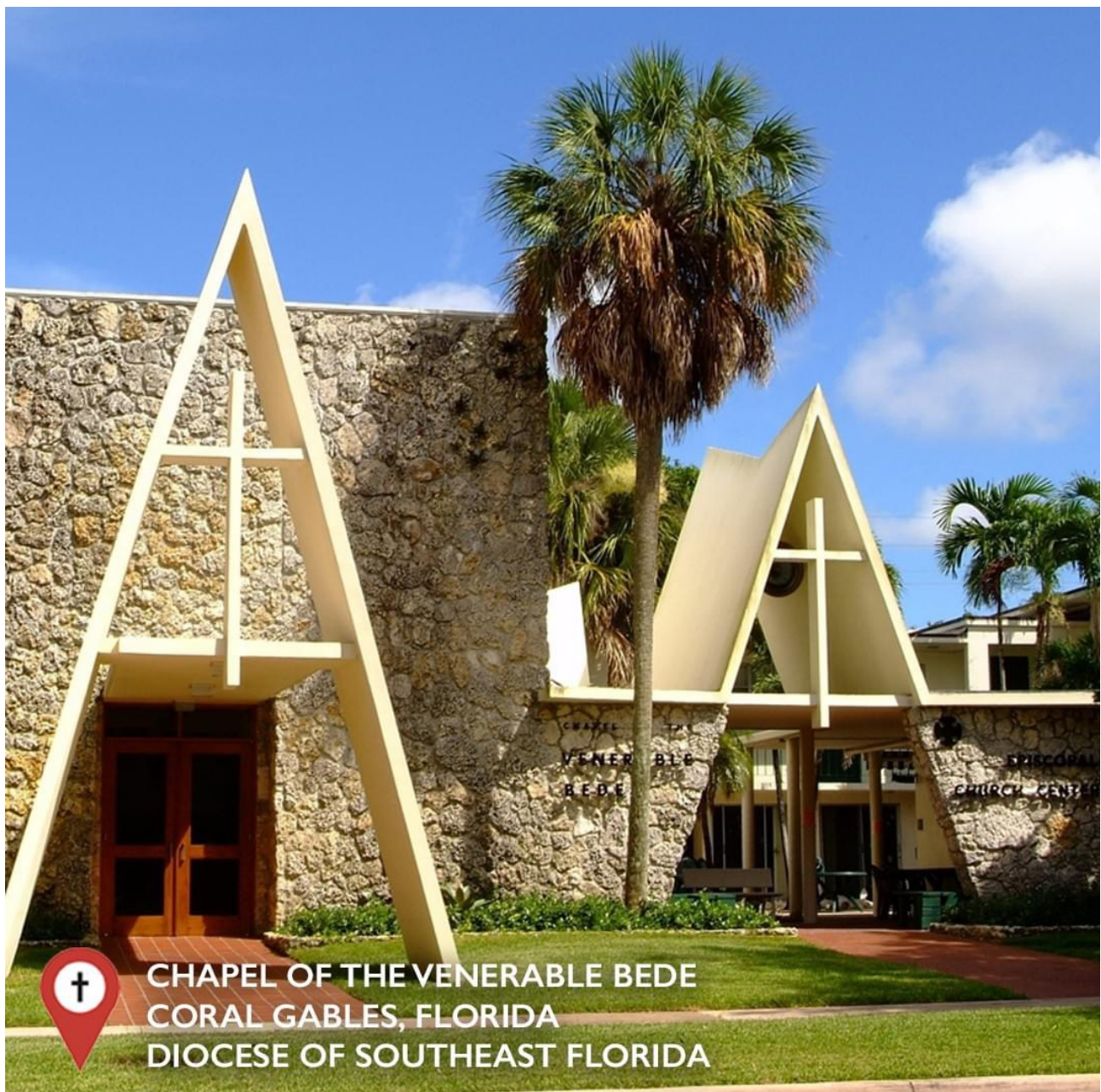
The team of six young ladies was led by community, youth, and families pastor Ryan, and his wife Sarah. The team began meeting for weekly ‘family dinners’ on Sunday evenings back in February to look at the Gospel of Matthew together and consider what it means to love God and love neighbour.

After fundraisers, gatherings, commissioning services, and loads of prayer and support from friends and family, the group headed to Hungary to help with a Children’s Bible camp put on by Tirek-ifi, a youth church organization of the Reformed Church in Hungary. Before arriving in Miskolc, they took part in the infamous ‘bush camp’ that is a team building, faith encouraging, unplug, unwind, digital detox,

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with a few of the other Exodus Teams from Northern Ireland that were also serving placements in Hungary and Slovakia.

From Monday-Friday, the team helped run a Bible camp alongside teachers and other Hungarian youth volunteers for sixty-four kids. The theme of the week was 'Superheroes in the Service of God' while also considering Sola Gratia, Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide, Sola Christus, and Soli Deo Gloria. They played games, taught songs, did crafts, did Bible work with the kids in small groups after the lessons,





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and even took the kids on a field trip to two important historical villages that were part of the Hungarian reformation in the 1500's!

The group also took part in two different Sunday services with churches that were supporters of the camp. The Hungarian hosts took exceptionally great care of them with generous hospitality and making sure they were well fed and experienced as many cultural things as they could fit in the schedule after the long days of Bible Camp. The team



even managed to walk seven miles in Budapest, seeing all that was possible on the night before travel back to Belfast.

Each morning the team would gather for breakfast and begin with the prayer, 'the night has passed and the day lies open before us, let us pray with one heart and one mind, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.' After each full day, they would gather for team meeting before bedtime and talk through the highs and lows of the day, asking what gave joy, or what took joy away. Thankfully, the joy giving far outweighed things that took joy away. Through the heat, language differences, sixty-four brilliant and bouncing children, new foods, and missing home, each night ended with the Lord's Prayer as an act of hope; a manifesto reminding and calling them to love God and love neighbour.

## **Every British citizen has a right to be respected and a responsibility to respect others - GB faith leaders**

**In a letter to the press, the leaders wrote -**

Over the last few days we have watched in horror as a small minority has brought hatred, violence and vandalism to towns and cities across the country. We have seen anti-Muslim hatred and the targeting of mosques; asylum seekers and refugees attacked; violence directed towards the police and private property, all of which are a stain on our national moral conscience.



In a letter to *The Times*,  
faith leaders unite against hatred and violence.

Every British citizen  
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respect others.

Every British citizen has a right to be respected and a responsibility to respect others, so that together we can build a cohesive and harmonious society for all.

As faith leaders, we salute the many people who have stepped forward to repair damage and restore their neighbourhoods. We pledge to work with government and all sections of society towards a constructive and compassionate dialogue on immigration and social cohesion.

The Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis

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The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Imam Dr Sayed Razawi, Chief Imam and director general of Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society

Imam Qari Asim, chairman of Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

## Cathedral Calls

### Southwark Cathedral sadness

**The Dean writes - It is with great sadness that today we learned of the sad news of our Organist and Director of Music, Ian Keatley's, death.**

As a Cathedral community we are so deeply shocked and are finding it hard to believe. Our hearts go out to Ian's family, who were all here at the Cathedral with him just a couple of weeks ago, as proud of him as he of them.

Funeral arrangements will be communicated when they have been decided. In the meantime, please join us in praying for Ian's loved ones in these difficult days.

Ian was an incredibly talented musician, and he loved his work here at the Cathedral and had many friends. Whilst an Organ Scholar here, from 2002-2004, he founded the Merbecke Choir. After then working at Westminster Abbey



Choir School, the Chapel Royal in the Tower of London, and Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, he returned to Southwark five years ago. He absolutely loved choral music and was a passionate

and skilled director, as well as a guide and mentor to the choristers. None of us will forget him recently conducting lots of choirs from all over the Diocese for a special diocesan Evensong, filling the nave with beauty and joy. His passion for church music was infectious, and it was a true gift and blessing to our community.

Ian was also a lover of life, a bon vivant, a man whose laughter filled a room, and whose hospitality was legendary. Colourful, stylish, a person of substance and reflection, he loved wine, good food, travel, and his many friends. He also took his faith seriously and understood his choral direction as a vocation, translating our faith into sound. We are all the better for him and all that he gave us. We will miss him deeply.

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May Ian rest in peace and love, and rise in glory.

Mark Oakley

Dean

## **Travelling with rich memories**

**Houston McKelvey writes - Ian's mother is a member of the Entwhistle family - a family who have been part of my life's journey.**

They were the teaching family in my primary school during both my parents and my time. The school and the very close by parish church at Muckamore were provided by the Thompson family of the local abbey and they worked as a unit.

Music was part of our being and my first memory of singing a hymn in church was to the accompaniment on the two manual pipe organ of Mr Keatley's great aunt Miss Rita E.

Ian's late grandfather Norman was very much in my mind over the past week. It is the 150th anniversary of Muckamore Cricket Club - and yes after 50+ years we won the NCU Senior Cup for only the second time.

Norman like his father before him and his uncle John were more than stalwarts in the establishment and ongoing development of the Moylena club.

For the present and for the future, prayer is the only response despite the all too unavoidable thoughts at the loss of such talent which opened the doors of heaven to so

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many and so often. Pray especially for those who loved Ian the most.

Further tributes to Mr Keatley will be included in later issues of CNI.

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**Steam Train  
Rides this  
Saturday,  
including  
entry to  
Whitehead  
Railway  
Museum.**



Cups & Carriages Tea Room onsite and open from 10am - 4pm. Steam Trains operating every half hour from 11am until 3pm. Your conductor might well be Church Lads Brigade leader John Williams (above).

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Book your tickets in advance at [www.steamtrainsireland.com/trainsevents](http://www.steamtrainsireland.com/trainsevents) or pop along and pay on the day (however time slot cannot be guaranteed on the day). Railway Preservation Society of Ireland



## Join the March Past the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday 2024

**Are you a veteran without a service or unit association? Register now through the Royal British Legion to proudly march alongside fellow veterans.**



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Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss this chance. Please note, this invitation is open exclusively to UK and Commonwealth veterans from the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, and the Merchant Navy.

Together, we remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

Sign up today to secure your place -  
<http://spklr.io/CenotaphReg2024FB>

## Perspective

### Remembering John Mason Neale

**John Mason Neale (24 January 1818 – 6 August 1866) was an English Anglican priest, scholar and hymnwriter.**

He worked and wrote on a wide range of holy Christian texts, including obscure medieval hymns, both Western and Eastern. Among his most famous hymns is the 1853 Good King Wenceslas, set on Boxing Day.

Neale was strongly high church in his sympathies, and had to endure a good deal of opposition, including a fourteen years' inhibition by his bishop. Neale translated the Eastern liturgies into English, and wrote a mystical and devotional commentary on the Psalms.



However, he is best known as a hymnwriter and, especially, translator, having enriched English hymnody with many ancient and mediaeval hymns translated from Latin and Greek. More than anyone else, he made English-speaking congregations aware of the centuries-old tradition of Latin, Greek,

Russian, and Syrian hymns.

The 1875 edition of the Hymns Ancient and Modern contains 58 of his translated hymns; The English Hymnal (1906) contains 63 of his translated hymns and six original hymns by Neale.

His translations include:

"All Glory, Laud and Honour"

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"

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"O Blest Creator of the Light"  
"O come, O come, Emmanuel"  
"Of the Father's Heart Begotten"  
"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"  
"To Thee Before the Close of Day"  
"Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"

Since Neale died on 6 August 1866, the Feast of the Transfiguration, he is commemorated by the Anglican churches on the following day, 7 August. Neale is honored in the Church of England and in the Episcopal Church that day.

## Poem for today

### By The Seaside

By William Wordsworth

The sun is couched, the sea-fowl gone to rest,  
And the wild storm hath somewhere found a nest;  
Air slumbers--wave with wave no longer strives,  
Only a heaving of the deep survives,  
A tell-tale motion! soon will it be laid,  
And by the tide alone the water swayed.  
Stealthy withdrawals, interminglings mild  
Of light with shade in beauty reconciled--  
Such is the prospect far as sight can range,  
The soothing recompence, the welcome change.  
Where, now, the ships that drove before the blast,  
Threatened by angry breakers as they passed;  
And by a train of flying clouds bemocked;  
Or, in the hollow surge, at anchor rocked

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As on a bed of death? Some lodge in peace,  
Saved by His care who bade the tempest cease;  
And some, too heedless of past danger, court  
Fresh gales to waft them to the far-off port  
But near, or hanging sea and sky between,  
Not one of all those winged powers is seen,  
Seen in her course, nor 'mid this quiet heard;  
Yet oh! how gladly would the air be stirred  
By some acknowledgment of thanks and praise,  
Soft in its temper as those vesper lays  
Sung to the Virgin while accordant oars  
Urge the slow bark along Calabrian shores;  
A sea-born service through the mountains felt  
Till into one loved vision all things melt:  
Or like those hymns that soothe with graver sound  
The gulfy coast of Norway iron-bound;  
And, from the wide and open Baltic, rise  
With punctual care, Lutheran harmonies.  
Hush, not a voice is here! but why repine,  
Now when the star of eve comes forth to shine  
On British waters with that look benign?  
Ye mariners, that plough your onward way,  
Or in the haven rest, or sheltering bay,  
May silent thanks at least to God be given  
With a full heart; "our thoughts are 'heard' in heaven."

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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