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## Events review

**OCTOBER 19**

### **THEOLOGY IN ACTION**

Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action in partnership with CARE are hosting a number of talks on 19 October 2023 in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The topics



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that will be covered are the Cost of Living Crisis; helping families who are struggling at 11.30am; Abortion and Northern Ireland; the story so far at 3pm and Gambling; tackling Northern Ireland's gambling addiction at 7.30pm.

## **OCTOBER 21**

### **BOOK LAUNCH**

“THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN” Boy Church, Parish Hall at 1030 am

### **MINISTRY OF HEALING TRAINING**

Derry & Raphoe Diocese and CMHI. St Peter's Culmore 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. To register contact Rev Carmen Hayes.

### **COME AND SING EVENSONG**

Church Music Dublin invites you to come and sing Evensong with the renowned John Dexter in Sandford Parish Church on October 21. This is a wonderful opportunity for choirs and individual singers of all standards to join in the singing of Festival Evensong. 10.00 per participant. Enquiries [info@churchmusicdublin.org](mailto:info@churchmusicdublin.org) Book on <https://www.churchmusicdublin.org/>

## **OCTOBER 22**

**CHORAL EVENSONG** VISITING CHOIR St Columb's Derry Choir of St Polycarp, Finaghy

### **190th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

St Luke's Parish Church, Mullaghglass 0700 pm

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## **DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

Service of Dedication of Gifts donated to Crossduff Parish Church at 3.30pm. The service will be led by Revd Lorraine Capper (Rural Dean) and the dedication will be carried out by Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher who will also be the preacher. Everybody most welcome and refreshments will be provided after the service in the Old Stables.

## **OCTOBER 24**

### **THE PRIMACY OF PEACE**

Conference. Market Place Theatre, Armagh. Booking essential. Both Archbishops participating. See - [\[http://armagh.anglican.org/WhatsOn/ArmaghPeaceOct23.html\]](http://armagh.anglican.org/WhatsOn/ArmaghPeaceOct23.html)

### **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DOWN & DROMORE**

Online Child Safeguarding Training For volunteers and staff in Down and Dromore. As well as for new volunteers and staff this will be essential for those that need training refreshed (this is recommended every 3 years).

A separate link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to you the day before the training. Reserve a spot at - [\[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-726709576907?aff=ebdsoporgprofile\]](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/child-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-726709576907?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

### **DISCIPLESHPING CHURCH TODAY**

Presbyterian Church 10:30am-3pm

The world today can be overwhelming. Culture wars. Constant connectedness. Covid's impact. A changing

church landscape. Crisis after crisis. The list of challenges impacting how people faithfully follow Jesus today goes on.

A disciple shaped life isn't crafted overnight. It takes hours, days, weeks, months, and even years of commitment. It requires sustained scriptural focus. It takes intentional relationships. It needs the rhythms of worship, prayer and service found in the local church.

So, how can we shape aspects of local church life – worship, Bible engagement and fellowship – to effectively equip members to follow Jesus with courage, commitment and conviction in today's world?

As PCI congregations across Ireland hit the reset button on their discipleship practices following the impact of the last three years, the Council for Congregational Life and Witness invites you to 'Discipleshaping Church Today'.

The three discussion forums are as follows (please select one discussion forum when booking):

1. Discipleshaping Bible engagement – how we might shape forms of Bible engagement that grow disciples to follow Jesus in our present age.
2. Discipleshaping worship – how we might shape our corporate worship services to build disciples to go out and follow Jesus in our present age.
3. Discipleshaping community – how we might shape congregational community to support 'one another' to follow Jesus Monday-Sunday in our present age.

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TO BOOK:

£15 per person (light lunch included)

[<https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Events/Discipleshaping-Church-Today.aspx>]

## **OCTOBER 27**

### **DEDICATION AFTER TOWER CLOCK AND CHURCH REPAIRS**

Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication at 7.30pm in St. Dymphna's Church, Ballinode, Parish of Tydavnet, Diocese of Clogher, following the restoration of the tower clock and church repairs. Preacher: Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher. You are warmly invited to attend.

### **VARIETY CONCERT**

Parish Variety Concert hosted by Lisnaskea Parish Church featuring "The Silvertones" in The Archdale Centre.

## **OCTOBER 28**

**BIG BREAKFAST** Christ Church, Strabane is feeling hungry.

Saturday 28th October 2023. 8am - 12 noon. You are welcome to come along - bring your friends and neighbours, for the best feed in town.

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## **COFFEE MORNING & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

Inver & Mount Charles in Salthill Gardens 1030 am - 0200 pm

## **CHRIST CHURCH DERRY CONCERT SERIES**

### **Malachy Frame - baritone**

Belfast-born baritone Malachy Frame was Northern Ireland Opera's 'Voice of 2016,' having won the competition at the company's annual Festival of Voice, and is a Rising Star of the Enlightenment with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment for 2023-25.

Recent operatic roles have included Dandini in Rossini's *La Cenerentola*, Figaro and Fiorello in Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, Guglielmo in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Figaro in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*, March Hare/White Knight in Todd's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Slook in Rossini's *La Cambiale di Matrimonio*, Leporello and Masetto in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Count Ceprano in Verdi's *Rigoletto*, and Aeneas in Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*.

As a concert soloist, recent performances have included a Wigmore Hall debut singing Bach with the Gabrieli Consort, Purcell's *King Arthur* in the Laeiszhalle in Hamburg, Bach's *St John Passion* at the Barbican, Britten's *War Requiem*, Orff's *Carmina burana*, Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Mass in B minor, *Magnificat*, and *St Matthew Passion*, Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, Handel's *Messiah*, and Alexander's *Feast*, Vaughan-Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*, and Walton's *Belshazzar's Feast*. At 07:30 pm

## **NOVEMBER 1**

### **CHRIST CHURCH DERRY CONCERT SERIES**

#### **Ruth McGinley - Concert pianist**

Derry-born Ruth McGinley had already gained widespread recognition as one of Ireland's leading pianists by the age of 16, winning countless accolades including the piano final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year award. Since then, her career has been wide-ranging and daring, collaborating with some of the most acclaimed musicians working today, and straying from the typical classical-pianist journey.

Studying at the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Royal Academy in London before being awarded a Postgraduate in Solo Performance from the Royal College in London, Ruth has performed as soloist with many orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic, London Mozart Players, National Symphony Orchestra, RTE Concert Orchestra and Ulster Orchestra, and as a recitalist throughout the UK, Europe and the Middle East. Ruth broadcasts regularly for BBC Radio 3, Classic FM, BBC Radio Ulster and Lyric FM. She was invited to perform as soloist at the BBC Proms in the Park and to perform a solo concert at the Southbank Centre, London in the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Hall... both career highlights.

But it is perhaps the spaces between where Ruth's interests really lie. A determination to walk her own path, Ruth's love of music goes far beyond the classical world. A highly sought-after collaborator, Ruth works with musicians from many backgrounds including jazz, folk, electronic and film music.



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Ruth released her debut solo album 'Reconnection' to high acclaim in 2016. This marked the beginning of a new chapter in her career as a solo recording artist.

'Aura' is her latest solo piano release... a Classical Re-imagining of Traditional Irish Airs. It is a stunning collaboration with Belfast composer and musician, Neil Martin.

## **NOVEMBER 3**

### **CELEBRATION OF HYMNS**

Celebration of Hymns organised by Lisbellaw Parish Church in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen at 7.30pm with Lynda Lindsay and special guests; Living Praise, James Strange & Higher Praise Band, Revd William Jeffrey and William Kerr Memorial Pipe Band.

## **NOVEMBER 4**

### **Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert**



Venue: St Peter's Church of Ireland  
1 Coote Street, Portlaoise R32 A7PK

Date: Saturday, November 4th 2023  
Time: 7:30 pm



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**NOVEMBER 5**

**CHORAL EUCHARIST AND EVENSONG** VISITING  
CHOIR St Columb's Derry  
Choir of Agherton Parish, Portstewart

A poster for a concert featuring Stanford's Requiem. The background is a golden, ethereal light with rays of light filtering through a dark space. The text is white and centered. At the top, it says 'Belfast Philharmonic Choir presents'. Below that, 'STANFORD REQUIEM' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath, 'Sunday 5th November 2023, 7.00pm' is written in a smaller, white, italicized font. Further down, the venue 'Ulster Hall, Belfast' and address 'Bedford St, BT2 7FF' are listed. The performers are listed as 'Belfast Philharmonic Choir', 'Ulster Orchestra', and 'James Grossmith Conductor'. The soloists are 'Mary McCabe Soprano', 'Cicely Hé Mezzo-Soprano', 'Aaron O'Hare Tenor', and 'Brendan Collins Baritone'. At the bottom, the website 'www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk' is provided.

Belfast Philharmonic Choir presents

# STANFORD REQUIEM

*Sunday 5th November 2023, 7.00pm*

**Ulster Hall, Belfast**  
Bedford St, BT2 7FF

**Belfast Philharmonic Choir**  
**Ulster Orchestra**  
**James Grossmith** Conductor

**Mary McCabe** Soprano  
**Cicely Hé** Mezzo-Soprano  
**Aaron O'Hare** Tenor  
**Brendan Collins** Baritone

[www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk](http://www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk)



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**STANFORD'S REQUIEM** - Belfast Philharmonic Choir  
Belfast Philharmonic Choir are gearing up for the opening  
concert of the 2023-24 season. A rare performance of  
Stanford's Requiem, and perhaps an NI premiere!

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The Phil will be joined by the Ulster Orchestra and guest soloists supported by Northern Ireland Opera

Tickets: <https://www.ulsterhall.co.uk/what-s-on/belfast-philharmonic-society/>

## NOVEMBER 7

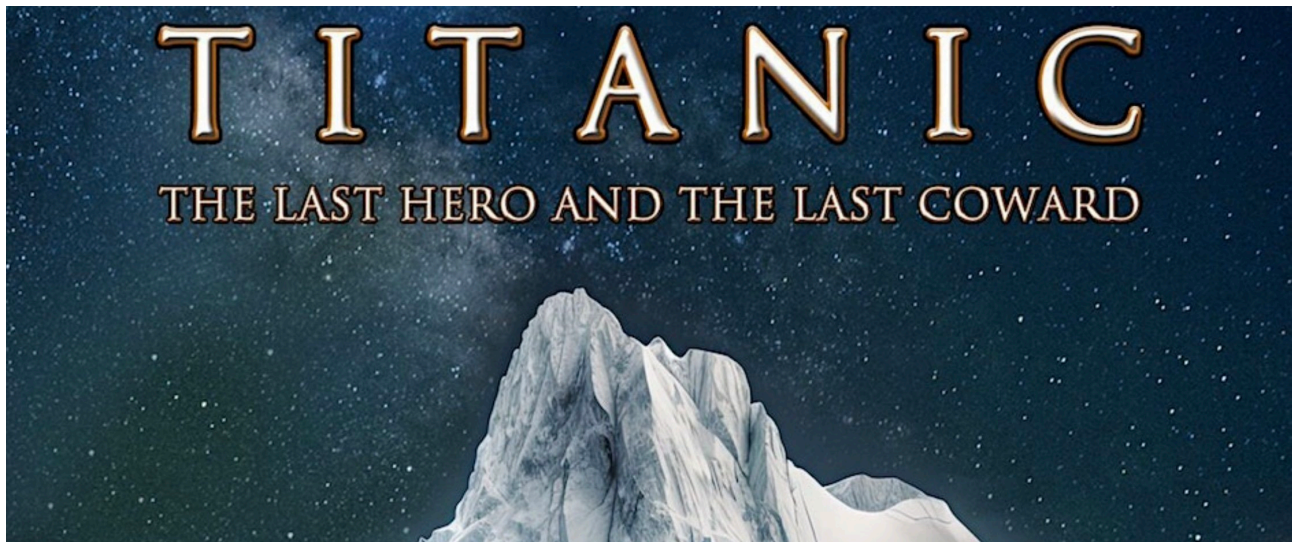
### TITANIC PLAY

Titanic: The Last Hero and the Last Coward . 0730PM

Holy Trinity Glencraig. Tickets 10.00

[<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-down-dromore-29095342637>]

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### TITANIC PLAY

Titanic: The Last Hero and the Last Coward . 0730 PM

The Gathering (St Martin's Church), Tickets 10.00

[<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-down-dromore-29095342637>]

## **The play**

John Harper and Joseph Ismay. Passengers on the Titanic. A church minister and an executive of the White Star Line. One a hero, one a coward. Both have a story to tell.

That ill-fated crossing generated many tales of heroism and in amongst them, one or two more questionable endeavours. First-class and third-class passengers seldom came eye to eye, but as the ship slowly sunk and the panic for a lifeboat space began, these two men were cast together in a devastating drama.

“A heartfelt and moving tribute to the heroism of the common man, and that the heart of even the richest men can be opened and brought into the light.”

★★★★ – British Theatre Guide

“I can hardly pay the author a higher compliment. My penultimate show at Fringe 2023 was an unexpected gem.”

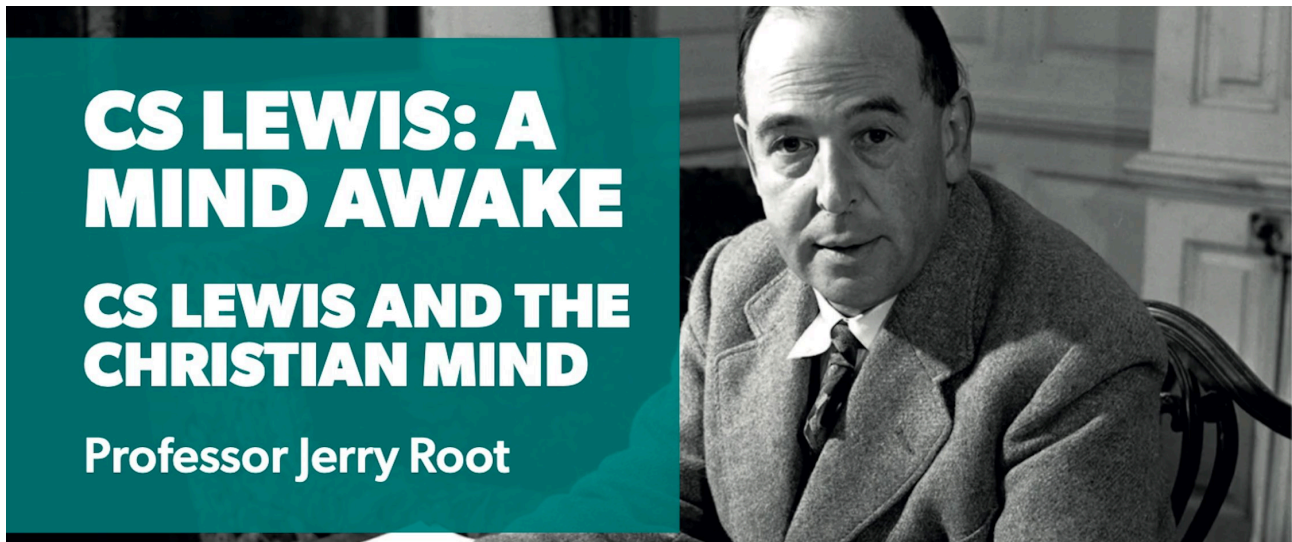
★★★★ – Plays International

## **INSTALLATION OF THE ARCHDEACON OF DOWN**

The Ven Jim Cheshire will be installed as Archdeacon of Down at 7.30pm in Down Cathedral on Wednesday 8 November 2023. The preacher will be Bishop Ken Clarke.

## **CS LEWIS LECTURE**

Professor Jerry Root will deliver a lecture entitled CS Lewis: A Mind Awake, CS Lewis and the Christian Mind on Wednesday 8 November at 7.30pm in the Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Fisherwick Place, Belfast.BT1 6DW



The lecture is for Reality 2024 in association with the CS Lewis Institute, Belfast. Admission is FREE and refreshments will be provided.

Book via Eventbrite at  
[\[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cs-lewis-a-mind-awake-cs-lewis-and-the-christian-mind-jerry-root-tickets-734669134157\]](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cs-lewis-a-mind-awake-cs-lewis-and-the-christian-mind-jerry-root-tickets-734669134157)

## **NOVEMBER 10**

**WOMENS NIGHT OF WORSHIP** Church of the Good Shepherd in Sion Mills  
Rev Danielle McCullagh, the Chaplain at The Hub, Belfast (the Church of Ireland / Methodist Chaplaincy at Queen's University and Stranmillis College) will be the guest speaker at a 'Women's Night of Worship' in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sion Mills on Friday 10th November at half past seven.





## **TOBAR MUIRE RETREAT**

A retreat will be given on the weekend of the 10th November Fr. Aidan will host the event. This retreat is open to all, especially those that have made or want to make the pilgrimage to Medjugorje

More information will follow soon... Accommodation is possible for those looking to stay overnight. For further information and booking please contact reception. 028 4483 0242

## **NOVEMBER 12 REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** St Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy  
12.30 - 3.00. Early booking advised for stall applications  
20.00. Text Claire - 07887 405964

**EVENSONG VISITING CHOIR** St Columb's Derry  
Cantemus

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## **NOVEMBER 14**

### **CANDLELIT CONCERT**

Featuring Bello Duo and Lauren Kells. Rotary Club of Enniskillen in St Macartin's Cathedral at 07.30 pm. 10.00 Proceeds to Rotary charities

### **THREE ADDRESSES BY CS LEWIS**

C.S. Lewis Symposium at Ulster University

'Hey, Jimmy! Did ya hear?! David Clare's play 'Three Addresses by CS Lewis' starring Sam Monaghan is on at the Riverside at 7:30pm on the 14th of November. Oh, and Jimmy, tickets are still available!'

[<https://riversidetheatre.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shop>]

## **NOVEMBER 15**

**RUN IN THE DARK BELFAST** – Stormont Estate 8 pm on 15 November

“Sometimes it’s hard to put one foot in front of the other - but when you have a reason to do it, nothing is impossible.” - Mark Pollock

As darkness sweeps around the globe on 15 November, 25,000 people worldwide will get up from their armchairs, slip on their red flashing armbands and pull on their running shoes to complete a 5k or 10k.

Some will run for fun, some to compete and others will run for those who dream to walk again after paralysis. Give yourself a reason to put one foot in front of the other by watching this video at [www.runinthedark.org/whyrunvideo](http://www.runinthedark.org/whyrunvideo) and register for your 5k or 10k Run in the Dark. It all kicks



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off in Dublin on Tuesday 14 November before 50 cities around the world take part on Wednesday 15 November. Register today at [www.runinthedark.org/register](http://www.runinthedark.org/register)

## **NOVEMBER 20**

### **CALARY PARISH CHURCH ARTS FESTIVAL**

Calary will hold an Art Exhibition in the Church on Friday 20, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October. To help launch this event, there will be a concert by Clare McCague (classical harp) and Catrina Scullion (soprano) starting at 8 pm on Friday 20th. As it is opening the Art Exhibition, there are no tickets for the concert, no charge and thus no need to book. Just turn up and enjoy the evening. The Exhibition of paintings, sculpture and wood turning starts at 7 pm on Friday 20th in the Church Room, continues between 11 am and 6 pm on Saturday 21st and between 12 noon and 5 pm on Sunday 22nd. There will also be plants and country produce on sale between 11 am and 4 pm on Saturday 21st. 20% commission on all art sales will go to local charities.

## **NOVEMBER 25**

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE**

St John's Newcastle. 12.00 - 04.00pm. Entrance 4.00 includes refreshments. Book a visit to Santa contact Ashleigh 07727660141

## **DECEMBER 3**

### **ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL**

Holy Trinity, Glencraif. 07.00pm Orly Watson and friends

## **DECEMBER 7 - 10**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

St Colman's Church, 82A Larne Rd, Kilroot BT38 7NA



HOLY TRINITY  
GLENCRAIG

**ADVENT  
IN SEAHILL**

Advent Organ  
Recital  
3rd December  
7pm.

Organist - Orly Watson & friends

Based on favourite Bible stories

[<https://connor.anglican.org/event/christmas-tree-festival-in-kilroot/>]

## **DECEMBER 11**

### **CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT**

The Miskelly Chorale at St Mary's Parish Church, Comber.  
At 07.30 pm. Suggested charity donation 10.00.

## **DECEMBER 15**

### **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Featuring Harmonic Sounds Concert Band. First Dunmurry NSPCI, 23 Glebe Road, Dunmurry BT 17 9 AN RSVP by Dec 10 to [firstdunmurrynsp@gmail.org](mailto:firstdunmurrynsp@gmail.org)

## **DECEMBER 20**

### **SILENT NIGHT**

Adoro. Hillsborough Parish 7.00pm. Tickets 15.00  
from the Church Office ([admin@hillsboroughparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@hillsboroughparish.org.uk))



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