

Church News Ireland

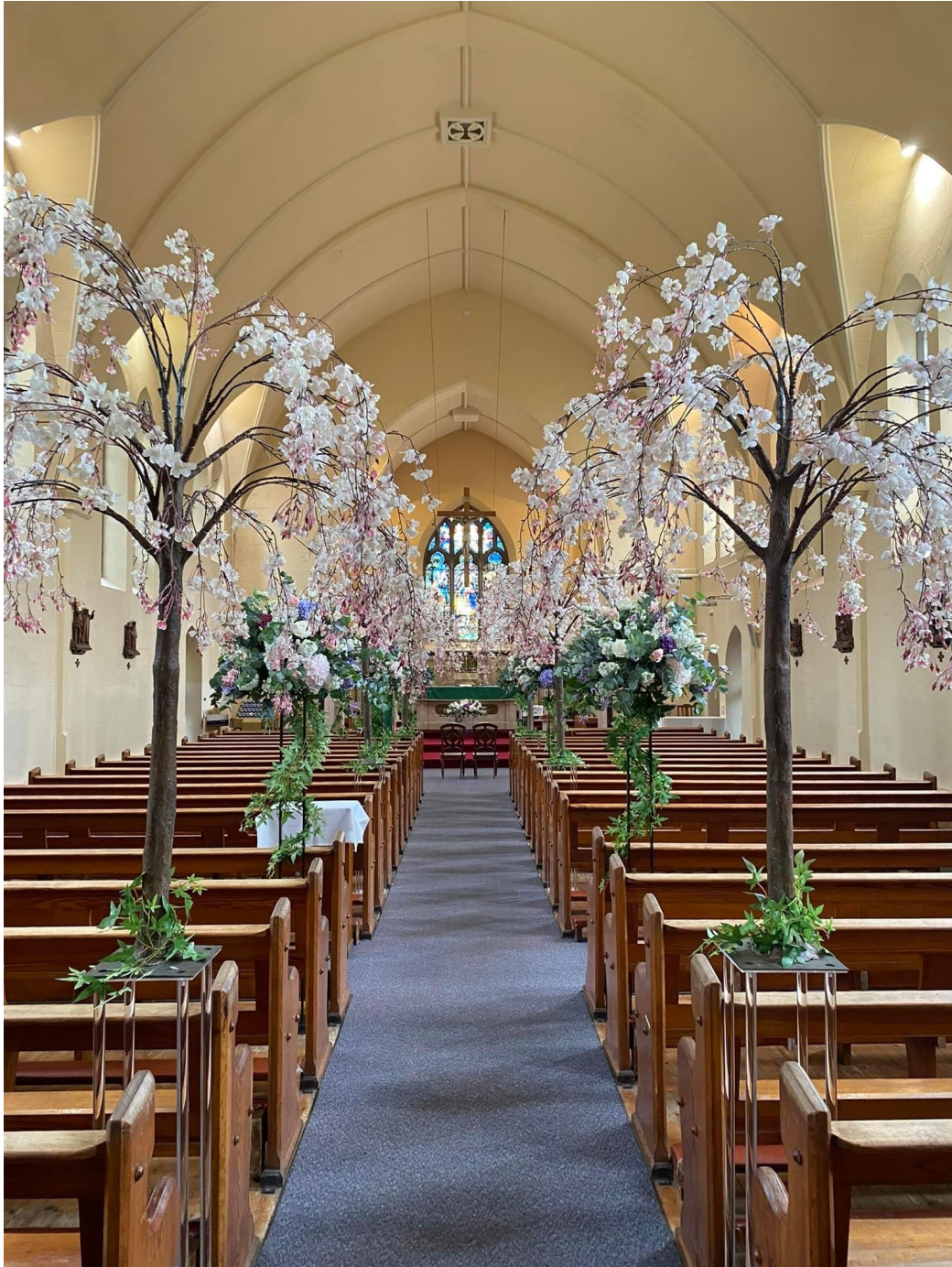


Image of the day – Wedding flowers

January 6, 2024

Image of the day

Wedding flowers

At a Belfast
church last
week.



News

C of I Commission to assess how housing crisis impacts throughout Ireland on church and its people

**A C of I Commission will assess how housing crisis in
the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland affecting
the people and community**



HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

A Place for Love and Shelter and Community

Church and Society Commission
Housing Needs and Community
Assessment Survey

The Church and Society Commission is looking to hear from people throughout the Church of Ireland on the subject of housing

The survey seeks to assess and highlight how the housing crisis in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland is affecting the people and community of the Church of Ireland

January 6, 2024

and what the implications are for the future of the Church of Ireland.

The responses will help to inform the Church and Society Commission in its advocacy and will identify potential targeted improvement strategies or actions.

“Home is where the heart is ... it may seem predictable, it may look obvious,” comments the Archbishop of Dublin and chairperson of CASC, Archbishop Michael Jackson. “But what if you or a member of your family or your neighbour has no home? Their life is fractured and so is yours.”

He adds: “Homelessness; property; housing are on the agenda for us all. Inadequate housing provision affects everyone in society by the domino effect of exclusion, alienation, anger and injustice. This survey is timely as the housing crisis in every part of Ireland – North, South, East and West – is acute and it is deepening. Please participate in it. Let us hear your voice and learn your ideas please. We all need your help”.

The Survey will be launched at the end of August with responses collected until early October.

Rededication service for Londonderry WW1 officer

A rededication service was held last week at the grave of Capt. Gilliland at the Commonwealth War Graves Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery and Extension, on the outskirts of Ypres, Belgium.



Pipe Major William Mitchell plays the lament during the rededication service for Captain Gilliland.

The service was attended by members of the extended Gilliland family who had come to pay their respects.

Read more here: <https://ow.ly/VY0w50SAjuQ>

Anglican Communion Youth Network inaugural meeting of the Emerging Leaders Academy

The Anglican Communion Youth Network has partnered with USPG for the inaugural meeting of the Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) in Japan.



Young leaders from Bangladesh, Brazil, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Japan, and the UK are embarking on a transformative three-week residential program. This unique year-long initiative offers cross-cultural learning, discipleship, prayer, and spiritual reflection.

Ella Sibley of USPG said, "We are delighted to be working with the ACYN to provide this exciting new programme for young people across the Anglican Communion in a way that is respectful to the many different cultural contexts within the Communion. The programme seeks to engage with the incredible talent that exists among young people and USPG believes that investment in emerging leaders forms a vital part of mission in the 21st century."

January 6, 2024

Together, they are exploring servant leadership, contextual theology, and communication skills. A visit to an elementary school near Fukushima, impacted by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami, has inspired initiatives for early warning systems for cyclones back home.

We look forward to seeing how this program will grow and continue to empower young Anglicans worldwide.

Read the full story: <https://bit.ly/4cKAHeF>

Cathedral Calls

St John's Malone sing in Southwark

Choir members from St John's sang the services at Southwark Cathedral this past weekend.

They sang choral evensong at four o'clock on Saturday 20th July, Eucharist at 11am and choral evensong at 3pm on Sunday 21st. Their music included Stanford, Wood and Parry.

The Director of Music at Southwark hails from not too far away from Malone. He has an impressive and justifiable track record.

Ian Keatley is Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral. He is responsible for the direction of the Cathedral's music, both at the daily choral services and the diocesan and national



Some of the choir members en route to London to sing the services at Southwark Cathedral this past weekend.

occasions which take place. He directs the men and boys of the Cathedral Choir in its programme of concerts, broadcasts, recordings and tours. Before returning to London, Ian was Organist and Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, from 2012 – 2019.

Before moving to Dublin in January 2012, Ian was Director of Music at Westminster Abbey Choir School and was previously Deputy Master of Music at the Chapels Royal, Her Majesty's Tower of London. From 2004 - 2006 he was Organ Scholar at Westminster Abbey where he played at a number of royal and state occasions including the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II, broadcast live on

January 6, 2024

BBC television, and state memorial services for former Prime Minister, Lord Callaghan and comedian Ronnie Barker.

Ian was Assistant Organist at Croydon Minster from 2000-2002. Whilst Organ Scholar at Southwark Cathedral from 2002 - 2004, Ian founded and directed the Cathedral Merbecke Choir which performed services, concerts and recitals for City of London livery companies. In 2004 he graduated from the Royal College of Music where he was a prize winner for organ performance. Before moving to London in 2000, Ian was a Vicar Choral at Wells Cathedral and studied singing with Ashley Stafford in Oxford.

Recently Ian has performed organ recitals at Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral, Liverpool Cathedral, St Alban's Abbey and Truro Cathedral. In 2009, Ian performed an organ and bagpipe duet recital with Pipe Major Jim Motherwell (Personal Piper to HM The Queen) at Westminster Abbey. Ian is a trustee of the Charles Wood Festival and Founding Director of the New Charles Wood Girls' Choir.

More about Southwark music at -
(<https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/worship-and-music/music/the-choir/music-staff/>)

Church News Ireland

January 6, 2024

Clergy and ministry

A big first in Mississippi

Saturday was a great day in The Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi when it elected its first Female and first African American Bishop.

16 bishops gathered for the historic Ordination and Consecration of The Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells as the first woman and first African American bishop of the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells joined the American Succession as the One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Seventh bishop.

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry was Chief Consecrator, along with 15 bishops.





Service for Claire Trueman 'true ambassador' of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Claire Trueman, one of longest-serving Irish Presbyterian Church missionaries has taken place in Jamaica in the West Indies, Billy Kennedy writes.



Retiring in 1998 after nearly 40 years of service, Claire was once described by the synod of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (United Church) as “a true ambassador” of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

In November 1962, the 24-year-old teacher from Rostrevor, Co Down, arrived in Jamaica on a steamer from Southampton, as a missionary to work alongside the then Presbyterian Church in Jamaica.

For the next 36 years, Miss Trueman served the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) as it became in 1992, retiring six years later.

January 6, 2024

Unlike most mission workers, she decided to remain where she had served, and was very much involved in the life and work of United Church, passing away, last month, on June 21, aged 86.

Representing the Presbyterian council for global mission at the service of thanksgiving, secretary the Rev Uel Marrs said: “This is a tremendously symbolic occasion, and a wonderful testimony to the impact of Claire’s life and ministry, to the love and esteem in which she was held, to the fellowship and sense of belonging that she enjoyed with her ‘Jamaican family’ and the valued and the historic missional relationship between Presbyterians in Ireland and in Jamaica.

“I met Claire on numerous occasions, the first time when I was in Jamaica for the 2003 UCJCI synod, and then when she was home visiting family and friends.

“During her time on the island, she served faithfully, and it was a lifetime of service to Jamaica, and the island’s children, young people and adults, who she served for over four decades of ministry.”

Mr Marrs added:, “Claire spent a very happy retirement in Mandeville with her ‘Jamaican family’ and remained active in her local congregation, Andrews Memorial United Church.”

In her autobiography, ‘Wonderful Years’, published in 2022, she wrote: “From the moment I set foot on Jamaican soil I knew I was at home””

January 6, 2024

Mr Marrs said it was an honour to be able to pass on our sincere condolences to those who knew her as she will be missed by many people in Jamaica and her other island home.

The service took place in Ridgemount church, Mandeville, and was organised by the denomination itself, the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands – the second time that the United Church had honoured her.

In a 2013 tribute, to “a lovely lady”, marking Miss Trueman’s 50 years of commissioned ministry, the United Church said: “This truly devoted servant of God has served our church for these past 50 years with utter faithfulness, and humility and has been a true ambassador for the PCI...We recall with thanksgiving the contribution of this wonderful human being, whose diligence, support, faithfulness, encouragement, and Godliness has made a difference in the lives of children, youth and adults.

“There is no doubt about the quality of Miss Trueman in the ministry and mission of the Church and we thank the Irish Presbyterian church for facilitating this partnership.”

While a number of Irish Presbyterians had served in Jamaica from the 19th century onwards, it was not until 1952 that PCI sent a missionary minister directly to the island.

Claire Trueman was one of around 35 men and women who went to Jamaica, the last mission partner, Heather Lennox, served from 2003 to 2009.



Included in this number was former Presbyterian moderator, Rev Dr John Dunlop, who served on the island from 1968 to 1978. He also shared in the editing of Miss Trueman’s book.

In a tribute written for the United Church, Dr Dunlop said: “Our first word must be one of thanks for the generous way in which you have made it possible for people from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to serve Christ alongside you; to be welcomed and greatly enriched and blessed by the experience.

“We owe more to you than you can possibly imagine. Among those fortunate and greatly blessed people we find Claire Trueman.”



Consecration at York Minster

Bishops from across the Northern Province at York Minster on Friday last for the Consecration of Rt Rev. Dr Joe Kennedy as Bishop of Burnley gathered at the West Door York Minster for a group picture with the Archbishop of York

**Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts,
and books**

Disc of music by Dan Locklair

January 6, 2024

"A brilliantly recorded, brilliantly performed disc of music by Dan Locklair, a composer of huge talent in the liturgical sphere."

Read the latest review of Dan Locklair's album of choral music in Fanfare Magazine.

From East to West is performed by The Choir of Royal Holloway, Onyx Brass and organist David Goode, directed by Rupert Gough .

Ex Cathedra Student Scholars 24-25



Alexandra Burstow
Sophie Henderson
Daniel Marles
Matt Pandya
&
Joshua Thompson



January 6, 2024

Read the full review at <https://conviviumrecords.co.uk/label-reviews/cr094-review-by-fanfare/>

Buy online at <https://conviviumrecords.co.uk/product/dan-locklair-from-east-to-west> on CD (with free UK shipping) or digital download from £5.99

Ex Cathedra Student Scholars

“This year we have FIVE Ex Cathedra Student Scholars joining the scholars pool...

Welcome, and welcome back, to Alexandra, Sophie, Dan, Matt, and Josh! ✨

Learn about all of our amazing 24-25 scholars here: <https://excathedra.co.uk/about-us/ex-cathedra-scholars/ex-cathedra-scholars-2024-25/>

Ceoltóirí Kilkenny performances

We only have two more Ceoltóirí Kilkenny performances left here at St Canices Cathedral- Tuesday the 23rd and 30th.

We have welcomed so many people through the doors over the past number of weeks for this amazing performance of Irish dance, music and storytelling! Don't miss out and book your tickets here:

<https://www.stcanicescathedral.ie/whats-on-events>



Shadow-giving miracle.

This is Malaga, Spain, where the women who lived there crocheted and put together this shadow-giving miracle. Below this is a pedestrian street with shops and cafés.

January 6, 2024

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

Church News Ireland

The publication of Church News Ireland is overseen by Very Rev Dr Houston McKelvey OBE, QVRM, TD. He may be contacted at houstonmckelvey@mac.com

Church News Ireland

www.churchnewsireland.org

Monday to Saturday posted early