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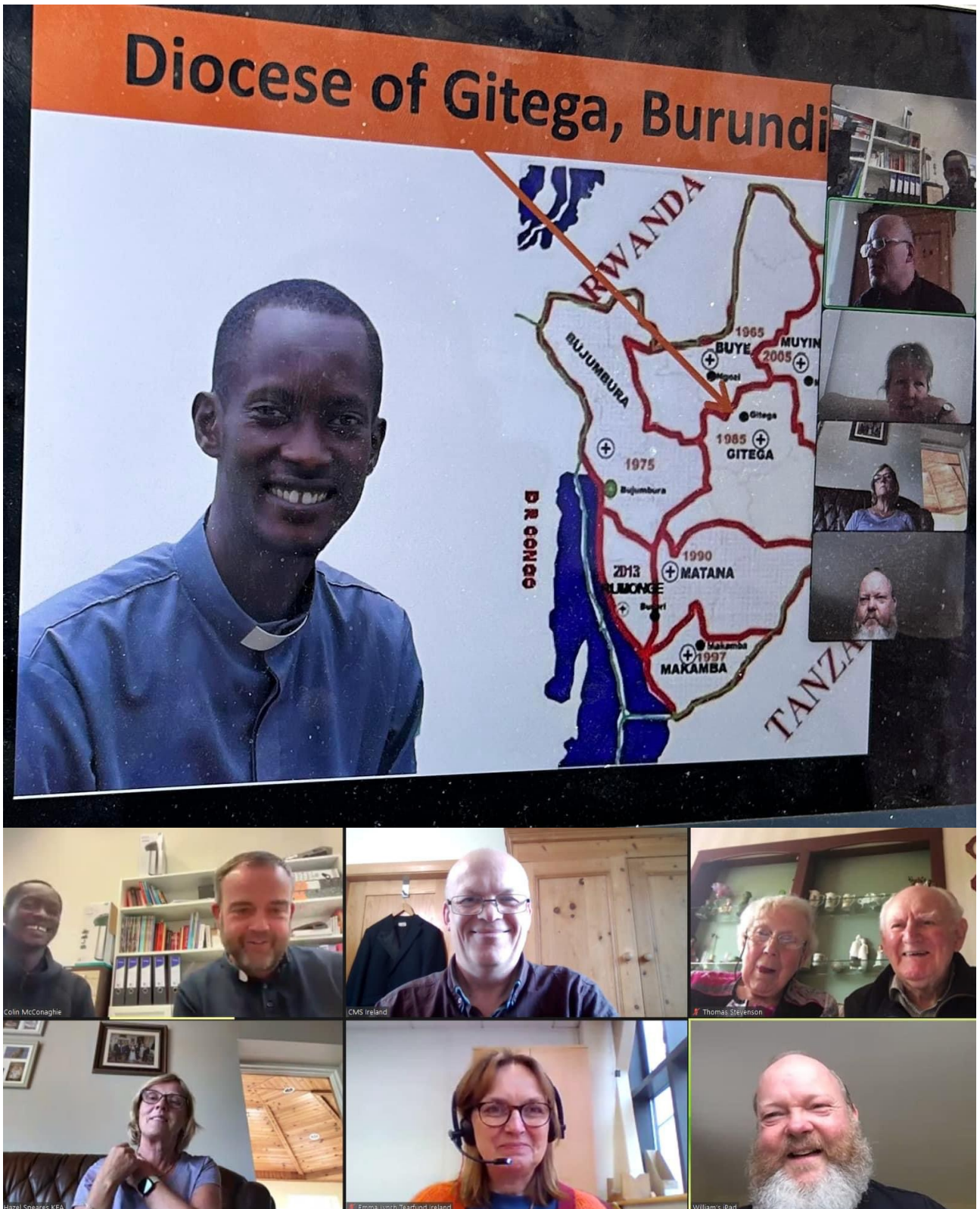
Yesterday marked the 80th Anniversary of D Day. On this truly historic day the Royal Ulster Rifles was the only UK army regiment to have a battalion on the Normandy beaches and a battalion airborne overhead. Men from all Ireland were serving in both battalions. Today's image is of the memorial to paratroops at the National Arboretum.

News

Council for Mission listens to Burundi overseas mission partner share his experiences in Ireland

As the church prepares to say goodbye to Rev Arsene as he returns to Burundi following his visit to Ireland members of the Council for Mission met him over Zoom to hear of his time with us and the churches and places he has visited in Ireland.

Rev Arsene was the first person to be involved in a new initiative of the Council for Mission to facilitate an overseas mission partner to share their experience of mission and outreach to churches across the Church of Ireland. The 6 week programme was facilitated by CMS Ireland and has proven to be both fruitful for Arsene and those he has visited.



Rev Arsene (above) reflected on what he described as a very worthwhile project on which he learned much about the Church in Ireland as well as sharing his own experiences. He was taken aback by the generosity of people here in supporting overseas mission and he encouraged us to focus

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on bringing more young people into our church communities.

The Council said, “We wish Arsene safe travel and every blessing as he shares his experience with churches back home in Burundi”.

Ballycastle rector’s ministry recognised

The parish said on social media -

“We celebrated 20 years since Rev David Ferguson was ordained to the ministry and 13 years of his service to Ballycastle Church of Ireland, Parishes of Ramoan and Culfeightrin.



“The congregation surprised him with a generous gift and flowers for his wife Margaret. Two of our young people made the presentations.

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“The service was followed by the annual barbecue which was enjoyed by around 140 parishioners and guests. All of David’s family and grandchildren joined in the celebrations”.

Trory Mothers Union celebrate 120 years



Mrs Heather Ellis (Diocesan President) with Muriel Henderson who has been a member of MU for 51 years.

Trory Branch of MU have celebrated 120 years since formation. Two new members were admitted into the branch and long service certificates have been presented to three members.

Rev Mark Gallagher led the service and Liane Armstrong read the Old Testament reading.

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Heather Ellis
(Diocesan
President),
Barbara
Somerville
(Branch
Leader), Rev
Mark
Gallagher,
Archdeacon
Paul
Thompson,
and Rev
Charles Eames (MU Diocesan Chaplain).



Heather
Ellis
presenting
a long
service
certificate
(43years) to
Joan
Nelson.

Archdeacon
Thompson
read the
Epistle and

Rev Charles Eames read the Gospel. Heather Ellis, Diocesan President, gave a very interesting talk on the history of the branch and diocese. Prayers were led by

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Helen Davis, Muriel Henderson, Iris Chambers and Barbara Somerville. The choir sang a beautiful version of Psalm 23.

A beautiful afternoon tea was served after the service.

Engage well with the democratic processes available to us, outgoing President of the Methodist Church

The outgoing President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev David Turtle issued a statement ahead of the upcoming elections taking place this week in the Republic of Ireland, and in the coming weeks in Northern Ireland.

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“As a Church we are clear about our ongoing commitment to engaging well with our politicians and wider society in both jurisdictions.”

The statement reads - “With elections taking place this week in the Republic of Ireland, and in the coming weeks in Northern Ireland, I want to take this opportunity to highlight our Church's commitment to engage well with the democratic processes available to us.



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“On Friday, voters will have the opportunity to help elect members for local Councils across the Republic and Irish Members of the European Parliament, as well those in Limerick to elect a new mayor. I would encourage those who have a vote to use it well.

“A month ago, we issued an Election Document to help us think through some issues and responsibilities that we have. One of those responsibilities, and privilege, that we have is to pray; and I would ask that Methodists pray for our candidates and all those who will be elected during their time in office. As a Church we are clear about our ongoing commitment to engaging well with our politicians and wider society in both jurisdictions.

“Rev David Turtle
President of the Methodist Church in Ireland”

Arab Hospital supported by Dublin diocese will continue to be a beacon of light in Gaza

Al Ahli Arab Hospital will continue to be a beacon of light in Gaza no matter what happens, the Archbishop of Jerusalem, the Most Revd Hosam Naoum, said last week.

The Archbishop was speaking at a service in St. Ann's Church, Dawson St. to honour Dublin and Glendalough's Shine a Light for the Diocese of Jerusalem appeal. In thanking the people of the dioceses and the wider community throughout Ireland for their generosity, he said



that the people of the Diocese of Jerusalem have felt the love and light of Christ shine for them as the “whole body of Christ” has prayed for them since the outbreak of the current war in October 2023.

The service on Monday May 27 commended the work of the Shine a Light appeal which has raised €216,000 so far for the ministry of the The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem which covers Palestine (including Gaza), Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. The particular focus of the appeal has been the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City which is run by the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Taking place on the eve of Ireland’s formal recognition of the State of Palestine, the service was attended by the Palestinian Ambassador, Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, who is



from Gaza and whose children were born in Al Ahli Hospital. Archbishop Naoum was in attendance with a number of his clergy from the Diocese of Jerusalem who were in Dublin for a joint retreat with clergy of these dioceses.

The service was led by the Vicar, Canon Paul Arbuthnot, and opened with a lament 'Cumha na Marbh (Lament for the Lost) written and performed on the pipes by Professor Ciaran MacMurchaidh, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge at Dublin City University. You can read all about it and watch Archbishop Naoum's address on the Dublin & Glendalough website here:

<https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/06/04/gaza-hospital-will-continue-to>

Cathedral Calls

D-Day 80: Remembering the Normandy Landings



D-Day Service in Down Cathedral

The 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings was commemorated in Down Cathedral yesterday 6 June.

The Cathedral's midweek Eucharist, which took place at 10.00am, included hymns, poetry and readings drawn from

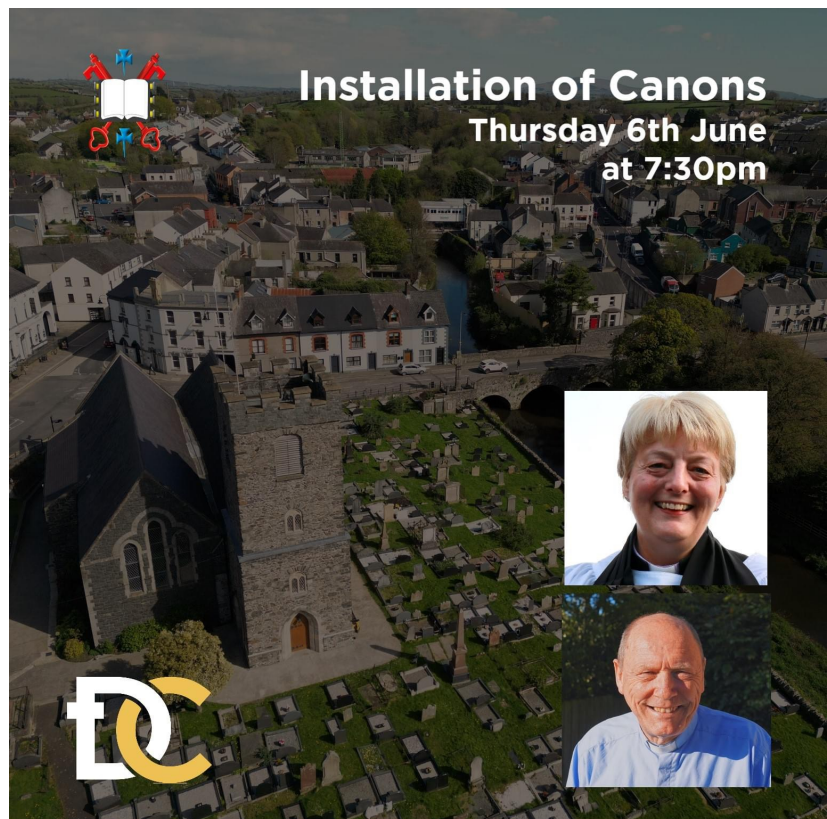
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the experiences of D Day veterans. Revd Adrian Dorrian, a Minor Canon of the Cathedral and the Area Dean of Lecale, gave a short address.

He said of the service: "It is right and proper that we take time during our worship to remember the significance of the Normandy landings. The events of that day set the Second World War on a new course which would ultimately pave the way for peace. The landings took place against a backdrop of violence and sacrifice; therefore, we will take time to remember those who fell and to pray for peace in our world today. At 6.30pm we joined Cathedrals around the UK by ringing the Cathedral Bell."

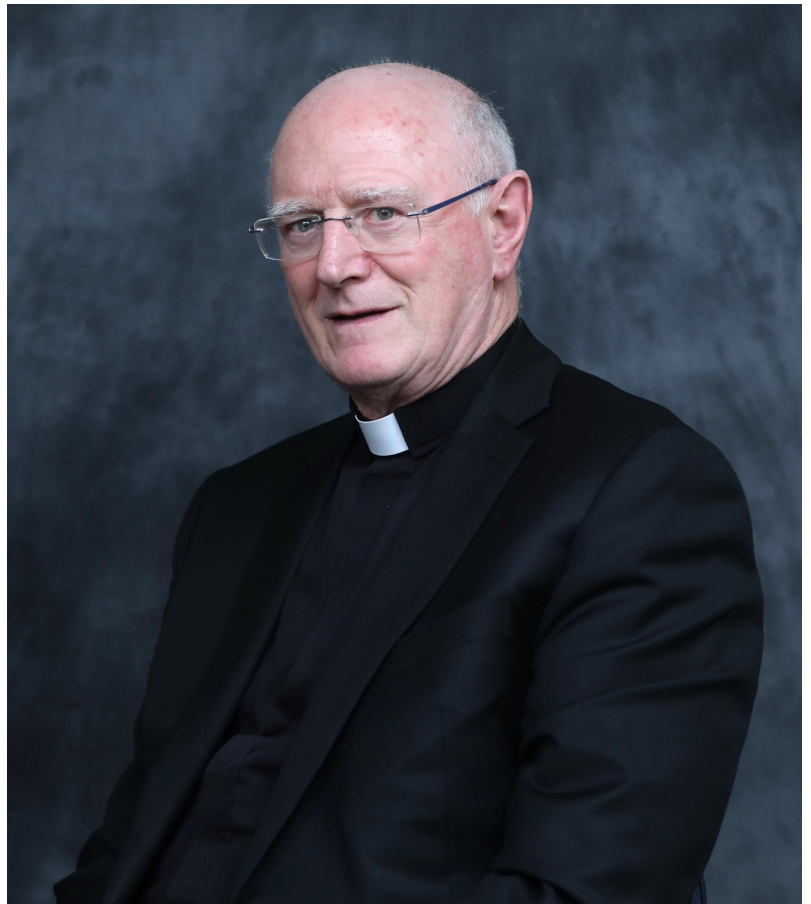
Down Cathedral installations

This Thursday evening, at 7:30pm, the Rev Myrtle Morrison and the Rev Scott McDonald were installed as Canons in Down Cathedral. Myrtle is Rector of St John's Newcastle and Scott is Rector in St. Patrick's & St. Mary's Newry.



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Archbishop Farrell to ask Pope to designate new cathedral and basilica in Dublin city centre



Dublin does not currently have a Catholic cathedral in practice. The Catholic Archbishop of Dublin intends to ask the Pope to designate a new cathedral and basilica in the city centre.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell announced plans today to ask Pope Francis to make St Mary's Pro Cathedral on Marlborough Street the Cathedral of the Archdiocese and to designate St Andrew's Church on Westland Row a Minor Basilica.

The Archbishop is setting up an implementation group to oversee a renewed pastoral and missionary strategy as he seeks the new designation at the two places of worship.

Dublin does not currently have a Catholic cathedral in practice; Christ Church Cathedral was designated a cathedral by the Pope in the 12th century but has been



under the ownership of the Church of Ireland for around five centuries.

St Mary's status as a "Pro Cathedral" indicates its role as an "acting" or provisional cathedral, a designation it has held since 1886.

Delivering a homily on Sunday, Archbishop Farrell said that St Mary's and St Andrew's would be well placed to be developed as "twin pillars" of the faith in the Dublin diocese. "Across these islands we see cities are being hollowed out. There is a call to work actively towards restoring a 'centre of gravity' to our cities. There is so much more to a living city-centre than being a 'commercial centre'," he said.

"The centre of a city—its heart—needs people, and people need worthy spaces to live and to be—to be with each other,

and to be with ‘the Other’—our God who constantly creates us and re-creates us, who brings us to life.”

He said that he expressed a year ago that he believed there was a need for the Church in Dublin to strengthen its capacity for outreach “to the many people with no established links with the Church or an individual parish”.

“For that purpose, I expressed my desire that our Diocese and this City should have a cathedral both in name and in fact,” the archbishop said.

“I also began to see that such a cathedral would need to be complemented by a church on the other side of the Liffey whose status and dignity would be formally recognised and supported. I expressed the view that St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral and St Andrew’s Westland Row were well placed to be developed as twin pillars of a renewed pastoral and missionary strategy.

“A decision of this nature is not to be made lightly. Having consulted widely, and have brought the questions before the Lord in prayer, I have discerned that it would be appropriate to seek the approval of the Holy Father for the designation of St Mary’s as the Cathedral of the Archdiocese.

“It is also my intention to initiate the process for the recognition of the special tradition and role of St Andrew’s in the life of the Archdiocese by its designation as a Minor Basilica. I am now inviting St Mary’s and St Andrew’s to begin to implement the proposals they presented to develop their liturgical and pastoral ministries.”

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CALL

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Thinking Courageously about Science and Faith'.

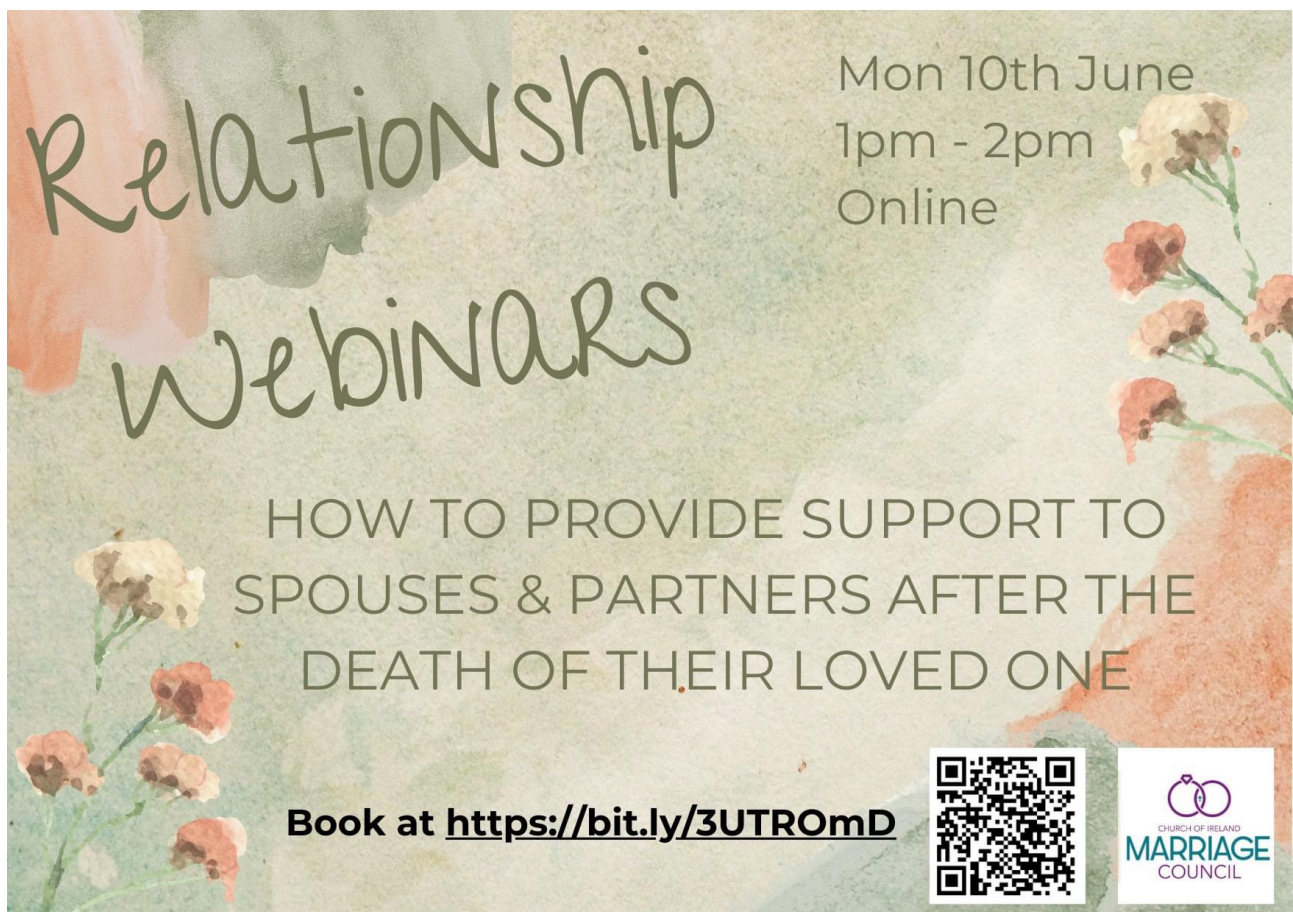
The next theme in the Lambeth Conference Phase 3 'Add Your Voice to the Call' series will be 'Thinking Courageously about Science and Faith'.

Scheduled for July, this webinar will explore how faith and science communities can engage in dialogue and

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collaborate on issues affecting people and the planet. These include the climate crisis, health needs, and the growing influence of artificial intelligence.

The Right Revd Dr. Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, is a Co-Chair of the Anglican Communion Science Commission. He is a leading voice on science, faith, and ethical debate, and will be one of the webinar speakers. He expressed his anticipation for the event “I am excited that the Anglican Communion Office will be hosting this very important webinar. It is indeed vital that the Church thinks courageously about science and faith. We have a crucial role to play in educating our congregations about the positive and constructive use of science and technology for peace and justice. My hope is that the more empowered churches become, the more they will collaborate with the





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Wed 5th June	10.00 a.m	Mass - with refreshments after	Manor House Library & Museum open to visitors
	8:00 p.m	O'Neill Country Historical Society Talk on the Battle of Benburb	
Thur 6th June	2:00 p.m	Castle / Manor House / Library & Museum Tours	Bookable via Facebook
	7:00 p.m	Benburb from the archives NI Screen present archive film footage of Benburb	Free admission to events - donations welcome for upkeep of The Priory
	8:00 p.m	US Forces in Northern Ireland Remembering the American Forces in Northern Ireland - Talk By Dr. Simon Topping	
Fri 7th June	6:30 p.m	75th Anniversary Celebration Banquet	Tickets available from Priory Reception - £60
Sun 9th June	1pm - 5pm	Benburb Sunday Vintage Vehicle display, Live Country & Western Music, Assortment of Stalls, food & refreshments. Oireas Historical Services presents The Battle of Benburb	Admission - £5 family ticket
Tue 11th June	11:00 am	Benburb Game Angling Club Dr. Richard Kennedy - Salmon & Dollaghan within Lough Neagh	Talks by Benburb Angling Club in The Bruce Room.
	6:00 pm	Alan McCabe - The work of the Blackwater Catchment Area Trust	
Sat 15th June	9:30 am - 12:30pm	Mary's Meals Coffee Morning Charity Fundraising coffee morning for Mary's Meals.	
		Benburb Priory Summer Barbecue BBQ & Live Music in the Courtyard Music by Deja Vu	Admission - £10
Sun 16th June	12 - 7pm daily	Art Gallery Exhibition week	Art by local artists for sale
Fri 21st June	7:00 pm	Art Gallery week closing event Wine & Cheese evening	£10 admission
Sat 22nd June	9pm-12am	Ceili at The Priory	Admission - £8 / £4 teenagers

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scientific community responding to human need, bringing the ethical voice of faith to scientific discovery.”

Read the full story here: <https://bit.ly/3R8ttlz>

Learn more about the Lambeth Call on Science and Faith: <https://bit.ly/4bJZX48>

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