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Guided tour of Earl Bishop Hervey's Estate

**National Trust and
Hervey Heritage
Society invite -
Join us on a
guided tour of one
of the jewels of the
North Coast as we
take you round the
Earl Bishop
Hervey's estate at
Downhill.**



Alongside a Hervey Heritage Society guide, you'll be taken on a journey through time and history. Discover the history behind the Earl Bishop's gardens and his 'castle', and you'll also enjoy exclusive access inside the iconic Mussenden Temple - view out above.

This walk and talk is run in partnership between the Hervey Heritage Society and the National Trust.

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Booking essential.

[<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/northern-ireland/mussenden-temple-and-downhill-demesne/events/4ea3cf06-8d81-4dbc-bcc0-8d61be42761e>]

Downhill Demesne

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Mussenden Temple and Downhill Demesne guided tour
location Castlerock, County Londonderry
on Mon 27 May 2024 and 11 more dates at
10:00 - 12:00

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News



Non-Subscribing Presbyterian dogs join Walking Tour

On Saturday, 25th May around 30 people, plus two dog friends, joined in a tour of sites connected with Non-Subscribing Presbyterian history.

“Starting from Rosemary Street we took a look at the Assembly Hall and the Northern Whig offices, then walked along Donegall Street to make a pilgrimage to the site of York Street Church, destroyed in the blitz of 1941.

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“From there we walked back into town stopping to look at St Patrick’s RC Church (where Henry Montgomery spoke in favour of Catholic Emancipation on two occasions in the 1820s), passed the site of the very first Presbyterian church in Belfast on Royal Avenue, and went on to the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and the statue of Henry Cooke.

“From there we came back to the Linen Hall Library and the City Hall before returning to Rosemary Street to share in refreshments kindly provided by the congregation”.

Preparing for the General Assembly



There are a number of changes to the format of the 2024 General Assembly taking place from 20-22 June, including when the new Moderator is installed.

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The installation of Rev Richard Murray as Moderator is on Friday 21 June. This is open to everyone to attend and begins at 4.30pm.



Award for Derriaghy parish funeral team

Congratulations to the ladies of Christ Church, Derriaghy, who attended the funeral awards last week.

They represented a larger parish funeral team who provide not only food and drink after a service but a vital ministry in itself.

The parish says - Thank you to everyone who voted for them.



Legacy of Liberation - Norway

102 Commonwealth soldiers who died in Norway during WW2 are buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission plot at Oslo Western Civil Cemetery

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Last week the CWGC President HRH The Princess Royal visited and laid a wreath at the graves.
Photos - British Embassy Oslo

MU Members Diocesan Dedication Service in Ballinasloe

**Tuam, Limerick
and Killaloe
Diocesan
Dedication
Service and
Get Together
for MU
Members took
place today,
Saturday 25th
May at
Ballinasloe
Christian
Fellowship.**



A morning service of worship was led by the Revd Canon Jane Galbraith and the Ven John Godfrey, followed by a talk by Mrs Jean Butler, MU All-Ireland President.



Lunch, and a flower arranging demo by Marie and painting demo by Jackie were enjoyed by all. Ms Lucy Kavanagh, retired Diocesan President for L&K and Mrs Myrtle Nairn, Diocesan President for TKA were present with old and new friends from across TLK.

Concern at head of theology appointment in Limerick

Dr Catherine Swift, a senior lecturer in Mary Immaculate College, has written a letter of protest to the Irish bishops over the apparent appointment of a senior priest in Limerick to the head of the theology department of Mary Immaculate College.

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<https://www.irishcatholic.com/mic-lecturer-calls-theology-appointment-unconscionable/>

Cathedral Calls



New bus for St Patrick's Dublin

St Patrick's Cathedral Education Officer, Clark, and its Administrator, Gavan, recently took delivery of a 17-seater minibus, which has opened up a whole new world of possibilities for the Cathedral community and education programmes.

Not only are shorter trips, like chorister outreach and staff training, much safer and easier to organise, but also we now

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have an opportunity to bring groups to us which would otherwise be unable to visit due to distance or cost. Furthermore, we can develop our own staff and volunteer community with team building trips away to other cultural institutions.

Schools, churches, and any other community groups from across the island of Ireland are able to avail of a free educational visit to Saint Patrick's Cathedral and now we can assist with transport to and from the Cathedral.

If you see the Cathedral minibus around with its striking stained glass branding, do say hello!

For more information, visit www.spcd.ie/visit



Girls' Friendly Society at St. Canice's

Annual Service and Prize Giving St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny Saturday, 25th May 2024.



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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



Safe Church Commission webinar

A Safe Church Commission webinar, exploring the Lambeth Call on Safe Church and the work of the Safe Church Commission, is available to view.

The webinar was hosted by Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells, Deputy Secretary General at the Anglican Communion, and Bishop Julio Murray.

“We were pleased to welcome guests from the Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission. Garth Blake, Chair of the Safe Church Commission offered an introductory overview of Safe Church. He said, “Safe Church is the

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commitment of the Anglican Communion to do our best to make our churches safe or become safer.”

The Lambeth Call on Safe Church affirms the importance of churches in the Anglican Communion being safe places for everyone, and we have created resources to help support Anglicans across the communion as they discuss this Call.

To watch the full Safe Church Webinar visit:
<https://bit.ly/4bs3sfp>

An evening with Michael Longley at Seamus Heaney's Home Place

Join Home Place for a special screening of "Where The Poems Come From," an intimate film profile of renowned Belfast poet Michael Longley.

Following the film, he will be joined by his wife Edna and filmmakers Adam Low and Michael Rosenbaum to discuss inspiration behind the poems and process making this remarkable film!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to gain insights into the workings of one of Northern Ireland's most esteemed literary figures as we embark on a fascinating journey through some of the places that have inspired him throughout his life.

www.SeamusHeaneyHome.com



GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING

ONE-YEAR PROGRAMME BY ZOOM FOR THOSE WHO WANT A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course will give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour.



Over twenty Monday evenings via Zoom, commencing on Monday, 16 September 2024 from 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm. For further details on booking, dates and fees, phone 028 28272196/28276455 (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm) or email drumalis@btconnect.com

In the media

Daily Telegraph - Ireland's 'progressive' elite has fallen for a lie

Its unilateral recognition of Palestine shows the extent to which the country's leaders now believe total bunkum, writes Jake Wallis Simons.

For decades, Dublin has been vindictively hostile to Jerusalem. Now the Emerald Isle, which has long boasted one of the most progressive leaderships in Europe, has taken its Israelophobic fetish to a new level.

On Wednesday – little more than seven months after the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust – it joined Norway and Spain in unilaterally recognising a Palestinian state.

The Taoiseach, Simon Harris, insisted rather feebly that “ Hamas is not the Palestinian people”. The terror group itself, however, which enjoys majority Palestinian support, had no time for such subtleties, praising the “brave resistance” for winning such international legitimacy with kidnap, murder, mutilation and rape.

In truth, without a credible plan for Israeli security, the two-state solution is currently simply a staging-post for the final solution. Given the absence of a single meaningful democracy in the Arab world, the chances of a democratic State of Palestine are not good.

If a future Palestinian state turned into an Iranian-sponsored terroristan – a second Gaza, if you will – would the Taoiseach support Israel Defense Forces counter-terror operations? Or would he accuse Israel of ethnic cleansing and genocide (until the Jews succumbed to ethnic cleansing and genocide themselves)?

‘In the 1940s, Ireland supported the Jewish insurgency in Palestine, viewing it as a struggle for indigenous self-determination against imperial Britain’

When Ursula von der Leyen visited Israel to show solidarity a week after Oct 7, the Irish president, Michael Higgins, reacted with anger. “We need a better performance in relation to European Union diplomacy,” he ranted. This surely suggests an answer to that question.

Such boneheaded Irish Israelophobia is the end-point of the journey of progressive radicalisation that commenced during the Cold War. In the 1940s, during the movement for Israeli independence, Ireland supported the Jewish insurgency in Palestine, viewing it as a struggle for indigenous self-determination against imperial Britain.

In 1946, when members of the Jewish underground retaliated against whippings by the British army – a classic colonial punishment – by subjecting two officers to the same humiliation, former colonies celebrated. “We received congratulations from Irishmen,” the Israeli leader Menachem Begin wrote in his memoirs. “They had witnessed an episode which restored their dignity and self respect.”

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In the late 1960s, however, Soviet ideological infiltration, combined with the rise of radical academics like Michel Foucault, Edward Said and Frantz Fanon, led to the spread of a new “anti-colonial” theory on the Left. This forcibly reinvented the identity of the Jews of Israel, replacing a persecuted, non-Caucasian people rooted in the Middle East with a fantasy of Aryan imperialist invaders.

Such obvious bunkum is credible only in a world of Israelophobia. Which, shamefully enough, returns us to Ireland today.

There remains some distinction, however, between the Irish people and the Irish elites. How we laughed in March, when the absurd attempt to push through anti-motherhood language in the country’s constitution was rejected at the ballot box. How we laughed during Eurovision, when



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Ireland's jury awarded Israel "nul points", but the Irish public gave it 10, the second highest score.

This may not be much but it's something. The green shoots of sanity are there.

Jake Wallis Simons is editor of 'The Jewish Chronicle' and author of 'Israelophobia'

Poem For Today

Advice from a Tree

By Ilan Shamir

Dear Friend,
Stand Tall and Proud
Sink your roots deeply into
the Earth

Reflect the light of a
greater source

Think long term

Go out on a limb

Remember your place
among all living beings

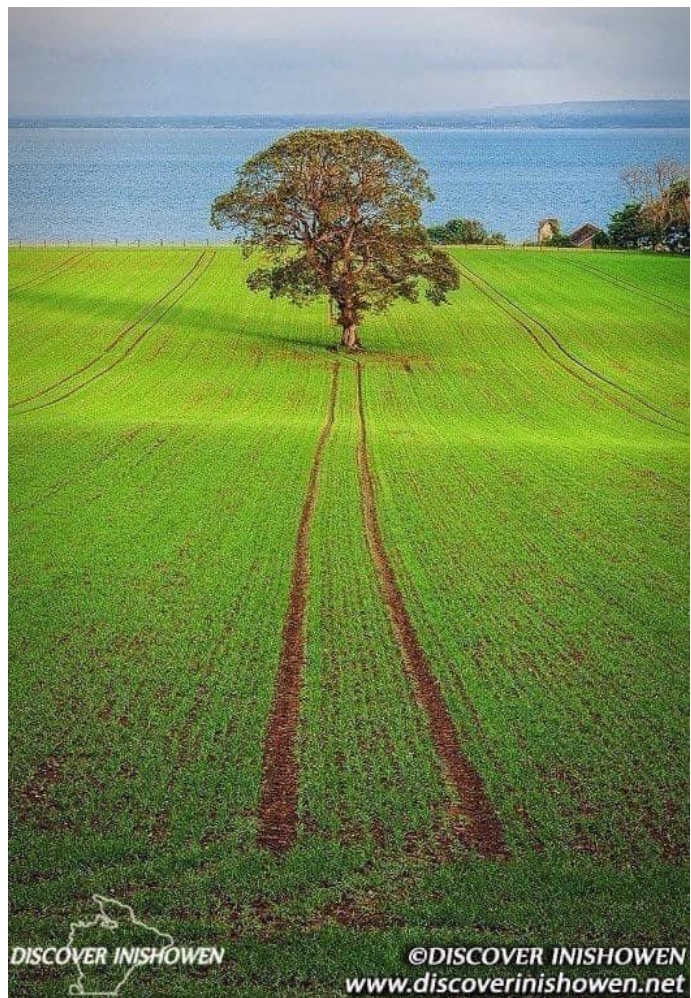
Embrace with joy the
changing seasons

For each yields its own
abundance

The Energy and Birth of Spring

The Growth and Contentment of Summer

The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall



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The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter
Feel the wind and the sun
And delight in their presence
Look up at the moon that shines down upon you
And the mystery of the stars at night.
Seek nourishment from the good things in life
Simple pleasures
Earth, fresh air, light
Be content with your natural beauty
Drink plenty of water
Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes
Be flexible
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view!

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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