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Kilbride Parish Poppy Display

**Wonderful to see
Kilbride Parish
Church's
beautiful Poppy
Display featuring
850 poppies**





knitted and crocheted by parishioners and friends.

Also including amazing displays by Kilbride Central Primary School KCPS, Doagh Primary School and First Kilbride Cubs.

The church will be open again for viewing from Tuesday 5 November, plus an extra evening viewing on Tuesday 5



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November from 6.30-8.30pm. Everyone welcome.

News

Heartfelt Thank You from Lisburn Foodbank to local churches



Lisburn Foodbank writes - Wow, what an amazing Harvest Season it's been! We want to give a HUGE shoutout to all the fantastic churches, schools and individuals that gathered food donations to support us!

“Your generous donations will make a significant impact



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on our community, and we couldn't be more thankful.

“Thank you for embodying the spirit of generosity and kindness and let's continue to spread love and compassion together! Together, we are making Lisburn a better place for everyone”.

Cashel, Ferns and Ossory Mothers Union presentation

Cashel, Ferns and Ossory Mothers Union held their Autumn Council in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel in Carlow.

At the end of the meeting a presentation was made to Lesley Bayley who has completed six years as Diocesan President. Lesley is pictured below with the Diocesan Chaplain, Revd. Ger James and the Diocesan Secretary, Cecily Jones.





Methodist Church link with Derry's Choir Festival

Carlisle Road Methodist Church in Londonderry hosted the Inishowen Gospel Choir on Sunday morning part of a choir festival in the city and part of the congregation's increasing involvement in the life of the city.

First opened on Magazine Street in 1769, where the first choir in Irish Methodism was founded, the church moved to Linenhall Street 18 years later.

In 1835, it moved again to East Wall and as the congregation grew a competition was held to design a new

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church for Carlisle Road. The foundation stone for the present church was laid in 1901 by the Duchess of Abercorn and it took two years before the building was completed.



Archbishop of Canterbury welcomes Anglican Communion Youth Network to Lambeth Palace

It was a true delight to welcome the leaders of the Anglican Communion Youth Network to Lambeth Palace recently. The discussion highlighted the importance of Reverse Mentoring—a humbling reminder of how vital it is to listen to the wisdom of the younger generation.

Young people aren't just the future of the church; they are the church today. The exchange of questions, insights, and

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hope was inspiring as both sides encouraged each other in the shared journey of faith. The role young leaders play in the life of the Communion is critical, and their passion and commitment shine brightly.

May we continue to listen, learn, and grow together.

Cathedral Calls

*The Holy Eucharist
and the Investiture of
The Right Reverend Sean Rowe
as Twenty-Eighth Presiding Bishop
of The Episcopal Church*

The Chapel of Christ the Lord
815 Second Avenue, New York

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 11am



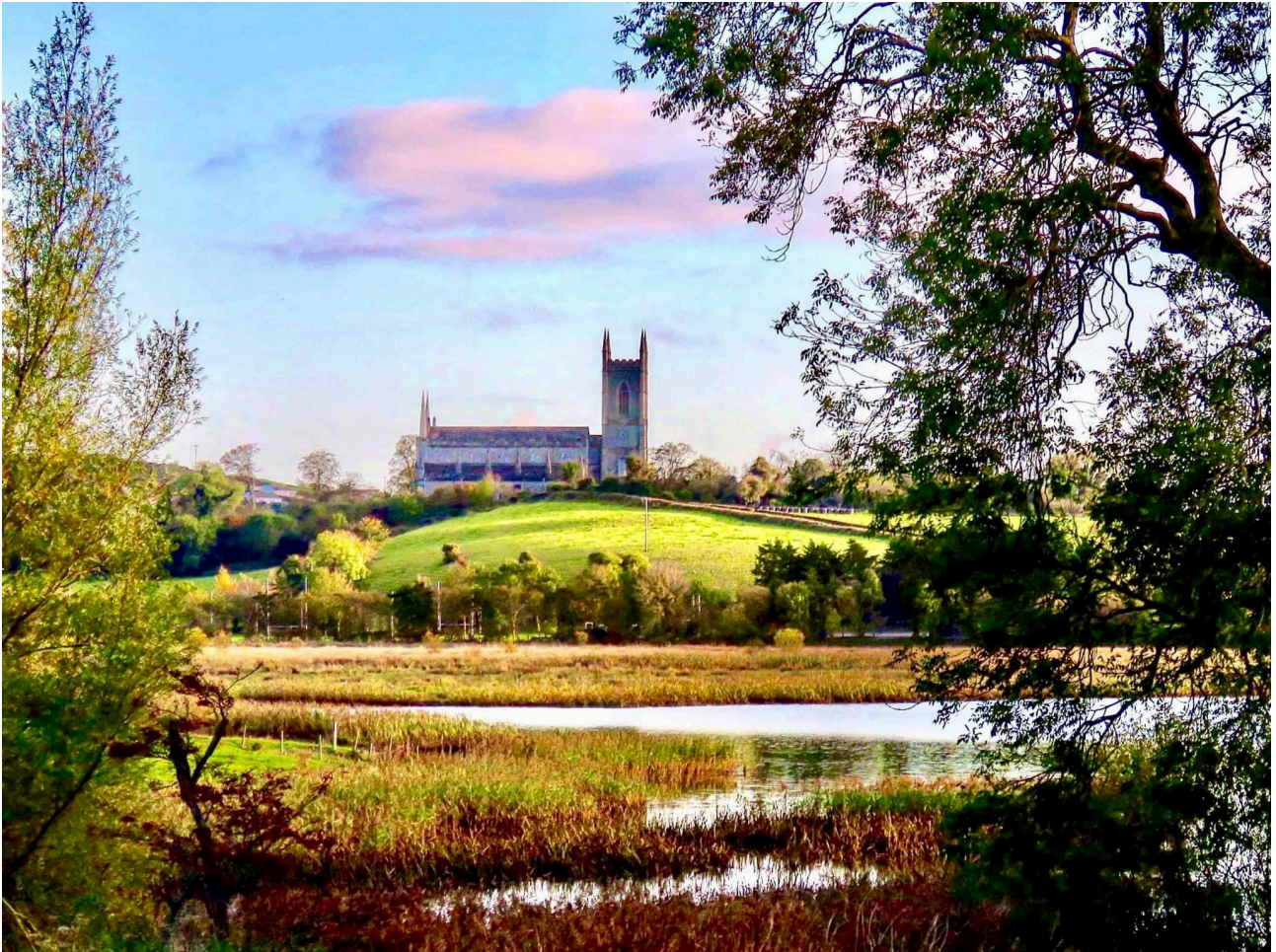
Join roll call of Episcopal Church Dioceses welcome to Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as its 28th presiding bishop on November 2nd with a prelude featuring a “roll call” of dioceses starting at 9:30 a.m. The service itself starts at 11 a.m.

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Watch the service here: <https://shorturl.at/wT7Py>

Or watch on The Episcopal Church's Facebook page:
<facebook.com/episcopalian>



Down Cathedral from Inch Abbey

A sunny view of Down Cathedral looking over the Quoile River from the grounds of Inch Abbey near Downpatrick in Co Down

Cork Diocesan Come and Sing Choral Evensong

There was a Diocesan Come and Sing Choral Evensong on Saturday 19th October in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.



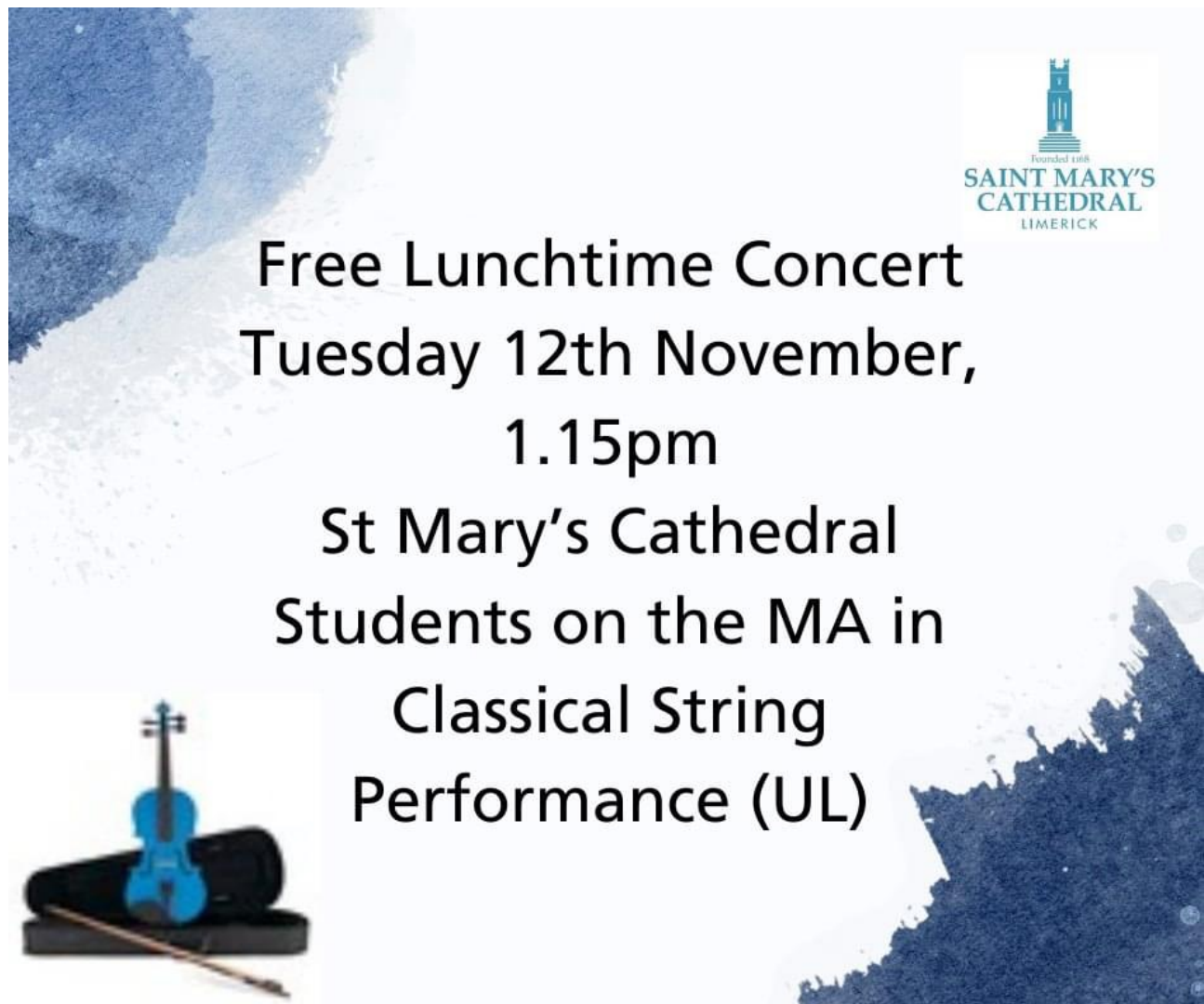
Around forty people took part, travelling from across the Diocese as well as from Limerick, and even Leicester in the UK! The event was led by Cathedral Director of Music, Peter Stobart with Matthew Breen, Assistant Director of Music, at the organ.

The music included Wood's anthem Never weather-beaten sail and the canticles were Stanford in C, remembering him 100 years after his death. Peter Stobart said:

Once again we had a very enthusiastic group of singers this year. People enjoy the opportunity to sing with the cathedral organ in a larger building than they might normally be used to. For this reason I try to make sure that the hymns are popular, and we sang 'Love divine' and 'Praise to the Lord, the almighty', which both did the job magnificently. I think part of the attraction is also that the singers make new

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friends on the day and a cup of tea between the rehearsal and service helps this along!



Free Lunchtime Concert
Tuesday 12th November,
1.15pm
St Mary's Cathedral
Students on the MA in
Classical String
Performance (UL)

News

Moderator's next Presbytery tour of South Belfast

Presbyterian church's international meeting point fulfils Biblical command to reach out to 'strangers among us'

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Rev Dr Richard Murray will next month be welcomed by the presbytery of South Belfast on the second of his four presbytery tours.

One of his visits will be to the Presbyterian church's international meeting point (IMP), which is reaching out to asylum seekers and refugees who have come to make their home in the city.

As well as the South Belfast base, Presbyterian congregations across Ireland have been welcoming foreign worshippers in different ways.

On his recent tour of Carrickfergus presbytery, Dr Murray saw how two special ministries of Woodlands' church were fulfilling the Biblical command to "love those who are strangers, among us", in support for refugees and asylum seekers. Dr Murray also heard from those who had benefitted from them.

Presbytery tours are primarily opportunities for the moderator to see the work congregations do on the ground in their local communities, encouraging their ministers and visiting schools and local businesses, foodbanks, elected representatives and various statutory agencies over the course of a week.

Looking ahead to his South Belfast presbytery tour next month, Dr Murray explained that while the IMP is supported by the church's Council for Mission in Ireland, congregations across the country have been "welcoming the stranger" for many years.

Dr Murray said: “In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, we read that ‘God defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are strangers, among us’. That command is being faithfully carried on at our international meeting points in Belfast, but also in congregations outside the city”.

During his visit to Carrickfergus, the moderator met volunteers of both the ‘Grapevine’ and ‘The Olive Tree’ ministries and a group of men and women from Iran, Ukraine, and Costa Rica who had benefitted from them.

‘Grapevine’ offers English lessons for beginners and intermediate level, but supports people in other ways. The ‘Olive Tree’ project is a group for women from overseas who want to make new friends in a relaxed environment and feel comfortable practising English. With different activity every week, their children can also attend.

Jo Thompson, of ‘Grapevine’, explained: “It is about the Biblical command to be welcoming. We began in 2017, but it was the summer of 2021 that asylum seekers were moved to a local hotel, which resulted in protests.

“We were disappointed by the response of some in our community to people so vulnerable, and we felt the need to act differently, so we offered support in various ways.”

“Some of those we have supported now attend church. Not everyone has had to leave their country either, many who come to work here as care assistants, for example, come to

‘Grapevine’ to improve their English – and everyone receives the same welcome.” she added.

One young man told the Presbyterian moderator of his experiences in Iran, how he had come to leave, and how ‘Grapevine’ had helped him. He said: “It is very hard if your country wants to kill you, prosecute you for your faith. Being



Termoneeny Parish
Festival of Poppies

November 2024

Friday 1st 10am - 6pm	Saturday 2nd 10am - 6pm	Sunday 3rd 1pm - 4pm
Monday 4th 10am - 6pm	Tuesday 5th 10am - 6pm	

A breathtaking display of handmade poppies, crafts and displays of wartime memorabilia, featuring a beautiful crochet poppy cascade. (Refreshments available)

Proceeds in aid of parish funds with donation to the Royal British Legion.

St Conlus' Church of Ireland
341 Hillhead Road,
Knockloughrim, BT45 8QT

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www.dtparishes.com

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a refugee isn't easy. Without the help of our friends here, we could not do anything. I had no belonging, no peace, but this church has helped me, these brilliant people help us.”

Speaking about his Carrickfergus visit, Dr Murray said, :
“Meeting and hearing from those who benefit from these two special Presbyterian church ministries has really opened my eyes to what life is like for a refugee, or someone who is seeking asylum here, as they are often cut off from family, unable to work, while having to navigate the immigration and asylum system. I commend everyone across our denomination, who are faithful to the command of scripture to welcome the stranger, supporting refugees and asylum seekers, so they become strangers no more.”

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Vespers by Candlelight

Looking for an unforgettable musical experience? Join Capella Caeciliana, at the vibrant Banana Block for an evening of awe-inspiring choral music as they perform Rachmaninov's Vespers by candlelight.

Vespers by Candlelight. Sunday 17 November
Banana Block, Belfast. 7.30pm
<https://caeciliana.org/events>


This masterpiece is a hauntingly beautiful journey through Russian Orthodox chant, blending harmonies that will take



your breath away. Whether you're a seasoned classical fan or just curious, this is a perfect chance to experience something truly unique, right in the heart of Belfast.

Bring a friend, grab a drink at Banana Block, and let the music transport you. Don't miss out on an atmospheric night you won't forget!



St Patrick's Pontifical University
presents the 2024 Devlin Lecture:




East of Eden: A Critique of Nostalgia

Presented by:

Professor M. Cathleen Kaveny,
*The Darald and Juliet Libby Millennium Professor at Boston
College, in both the Theology Department and the Law School*



Thursday, November 21st 2024, 19:00
Renehan Hall, St Patrick's Pontifical University



To reserve your place for this free event, visit [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

East of Eden: A Critique of Nostalgia

Join us at the 2024 Devlin Lecture, "East of Eden: A Critique of Nostalgia", presented by Professor M. Cathleen Kaveny, The Darald and Juliet Libby Millennium Professor at Boston College, in both the Theology Department and the Law School.

21st November, 7:00pm, Renehan Hall

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Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/devlin-lecture-east-of-eden-a-critique-of-nostalgia-tickets-1058163418269?aff=oddtcreator>

Plainsong workshop

Church Music Dublin on Saturday 9th November 2024, 1.45 to 4.30 pm. at St Pappan's Church, Santry, D09 W597. Bus Routes: 16, 41, 41C

This workshop will be led by **Dr David O'Shea**, Director of Music, Sandford and St Philip's parishes. _

Plainsong (also called plainchant or Gregorian chant) is the most ancient form of Christian music. It is simple, easy to sing and devotional in character. While open to all interested, this event is primarily for organists and singers from Church of Ireland parishes and will introduce participants to a variety of accessible music that can be used in a parish setting with small groups of singers. A booklet containing music used will be available for each participant.

The workshop will take place in the beautiful surroundings of St Pappan's Church, Church Lane, Santry, Dublin, D09 W597 (off the Swords Road, near to Santry Demesne). _

Following the workshop, at 3.30pm, the participants will sing as a choir for a celebration of the Eucharist, led by the **Rev'd Canon David Oxley**, Rector of Santry group of parishes

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Saturday 9th November

Registration: 1.45pm

Workshop: 2pm (fee: €15, payable on the day)

Service: 3.30pm

St Pappan's Church, Santry

D09 W597

Please register by emailing info@churchmusicdublin.org to receive a music booklet on the day.

If you would like to learn more in advance, you will find some useful resources on our [\[_ Plainsong page _\]](#)

<https://www.churchmusicdublin.org/play-and-sing/plainsong> on the Church Music Dublin website

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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