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Daniel Fleming is preparing for his ordination as Deacon to serve in Cashel Union and is currently on retreat at the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield in West Yorkshire.

Joining him there are the Very Revd Paul Draper, Dean of Lismore. Lismore is Daniel's home parish. Also on retreat is the Very Revd James Mulhall. Daniel is to serve as deacon in Cashel Union with Dean Mulhall.

Leading part of the retreat is Fr John Gribben CR, who is known to many in the Church of Ireland as he is a native of Belfast, a former curate-assistant in Dunmurry parish and a friend and contemporary in his own studies in preparation for ordination of Archbishop Richard Clarke.

Daniel was born in Cork and for many years worked in engineering, IT and project management in Ireland and abroad. In his younger years he felt a spiritual calling but did not pursue it. However, the feeling that he should follow this calling never left him and six years ago at the prompting of a trusted friend he began the process of discernment. 'It was not an easy path' he says, 'it held its challenges but now I'm very much looking forward to serving in Cashel Union where the mentorship and guidance of Dean James will be invaluable in this formative year of my ministry.'

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Daniel is involved in Interfaith work, and in 2022, he spent four weeks on placement at the Anglican cathedral in Cairo where he worked at the coalface of Christian-Muslim relations. He recently presented papers on Interfaith topics at conferences in Germany.

Additionally, he is the Curator of the Cotton Library in St Carthage's Cathedral in Lismore. In 2019 with the Dean of Lismore, Daniel began an ambitious conservation and preservation project for the collection. He also led a successful fundraising campaign to buy a rare Bedell Irish language Bible for the library in 2020.

As someone who is a member of the Royal Society of Antiquarians of Ireland he says, 'as might be expected I am passionate about books and have far too many. Returning to full-time study has not helped with the book problem!' Daniel will be ordained Deacon in St Canice's Cathedral this Sunday afternoon 10th September at 3.30. All are most welcome to attend this service as Daniel takes this next step in his ministry.

People and places

"From Eden to Paradise" this weekend

The Aghadowey Parish Church Flower Festival is taking place between Friday 8th September and Sunday 10th September 2023.

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Visitors will be able to come to the Church and see it decorated with a stunning array of flowers from renowned local florist Lena Rose.

The Church will be open on:

Friday 8th September - 10am - 5pm

Saturday 9th September - 10am - 6pm

Sunday 10th September - 12pm - 5pm

Worship Services will be held on Friday 8th September at 11am as well as Sunday 10th September at both 11am and 6pm.

Gold Chief Scout Awards for 1st Ards



Congratulations to Harvey, Isla, Kyle and Ben from 1st Ards Scouts who completed their Gold Chief Scout Award.

The final section was undertaking their expedition from Newtownards to Orlock, camping overnight at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre.



At the end they were presented with their badges by Scout Leader, Kelly Thompson, at Donaghadee.

Well done to all of them for achieving this top award. They celebrated with well deserved ice creams...

Minister-in-Charge of Loughbrickland plus

Congratulations to Revd Rodney Magennis whom Bishop David McClay of Down & Dromore has introduced as Minister-in-Charge of the Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva.



Mr Magennis is no stranger to the grouped parishes having served as their Diocesan Curate since August 2020. The service took place this evening in St Mellan's in Loughbrickland, and the preacher was the Ven Roderic West, Archdeacon of Dromore. A small band of friends and colleagues led the worship

Open doors at Sinclair Seamen's this weekend

On Saturday 9 September and Sunday 10 September, Sinclair Seamen's Presbyterian Church in Belfast will open its doors as part of European Heritage Open Days; the annual event celebrating local architecture, history and culture.

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There will be guided talk tours, demonstrations of seaman's skills and participation activities including tying knots and morse code and also your chance to steer the church! Self-guided tours also available.

Visit Sinclair Seamen's Presbyterian Church, 5 – 7 Corporation Square, Belfast from 9.30am

-5.00pm on Saturday and noon - 5.00pm on Sunday. All welcome.



Looking forward to Christmas in West Winds Newtownards

Over the weekend Friday 8th through to Sunday 10th December, West Winds Community Church family, in partnership with West Winds Primary School and Nursery Unit will be hosting a spectacular Christmas



Tree Festival in the School Assembly Hall to raise funds for the church and the school.

The school will be lit up with approximately 50 Trees.

We will be planning a Children's Lantern Parade on the Friday to open the Festival, then a Christmas Market all day on Saturday and finally three Carol Services on the Sunday - morning, afternoon and evening.

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The team are at the planning stage and are on the lookout for a minimum of 10 local businesses who would like to sponsor a tree...

For a donation, each business will receive:

- 🎄 a Christmas Tree with lights
- 🎄 an advertisement in the brochure
- 🎄 a special invitation to the Launch Event

For further info contact West Winds please.



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THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 7.30PM
St Saviour's Church, Dollingstown

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.
ISAIAH 61:1 (NLT)


St John's Church
470 Falls Road
Belfast BT12 6EN

World Suicide Prevention Day
Creating *Hope*
Through *Action*

7pm Sunday 10th September 2023

ST JOHN'S PARISH
Falls Road Belfast

St John's parish will host a short ecumenical service on Sunday 10th September at 7pm to mark World Suicide Prevention Day 2023. An open invitation is extended to everyone to come and spend some time in prayer and quiet reflection as we remember together all those who have died by suicide. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of those who have died and to pray with and for those grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have been affected by suicide in any way, know that you are most welcome. Please feel free to bring along a framed photo of a loved one lost to suicide to place on the table in front of the altar. A member of the suicide awareness charity Papyrus will be on hand to provide support and resources. Refreshments will be available.

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Rugby - The Terrible Eight in Belfast

Born this week in 1885 in Aberaeron, Reverend Jenkin Alban Davies, former Wales rugby captain.

Davies served during World War I and was later appointed vicar of Hook in 1924. But he is best remembered as captain of the 'Terrible Eight', the Welsh forwards that got the better of their Irish opponents in an extremely physical encounter in Belfast in 1914.

This match is remembered as 'The Roughest Ever' and the niggling had started the evening before the match when the Irish came to the Welsh hotel and their pack leader, Doctor William Tyrell told Welsh forward Percy Jones: 'It's you and me for it tomorrow.' Jones, a miner replied 'I shall be with

"THE TERRIBLE EIGHT."



The Welsh forwards of 1914 who, at Belfast, fought the Irish pack to a standstill in the roughest, fiercest game of the last fifty years.
Standing : Percy Jones (*Newport*), Edgar Morgan (*Swansea*), Harry Uzzell (*Newport*), T. C. Lloyd (*Neath*), D. Watts (*Martleg*).
Sated : Tom Williams (*Swansea*), Rev. J. Alban Davies (*Swansea*), W. E. Rees (*Sec. W.F.U.*), J. Bedwellty Jones (*Abertillery*).

you, doing the best I can.' Another Wales forward asked: 'Can anyone join in?'

And so they did! It was one of the all-time best punch-ups, with players continually fighting during the match and the referee, a Mr. Tulloch, from Scotland, taking little notice.

Ater the match Jones and Tyrell signed each other's menu-card and then in 1951, the two sat together to watch the

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match in Cardiff. Tyrell at that time, being president of the IRU and Jones a hotelier.

News reports



Jesus calls us all to be reconciled so that we may live in unity - Archbishop of Canterbury

Commenting on the event, the Archbishop said - “It was a privilege to speak at St Martin-in-the-Fields (photo above) on this evening for the annual Embrace the Middle East lecture. I discussed the reconciling work of



Christ, demonstrated in the Middle East by churches in the region.

“Being part of God’s reconciliation ministry means finding partners to work for the common good, sometimes when and where we least expect it.

“When considering how we can better reconcile with others, let us be guided by three principles:

- \- Be curious about the work of the church;
- \- Be present to stories of hope, resilience, forgiveness and unity; and
- \- Reimagine a world built on the justice of God’s reconciling love.

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“Learn more about these principles in the Difference Course at <https://difference.rln.global/>

In the media

The Troubles legacy



The image is a screenshot of a BBC News article. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for a person, a bell, the BBC logo, a hamburger menu, and a search icon. Below this is a red banner with the word "NEWS" in white and a "Menu" button. Underneath the banner, there are links for "N. Ireland", "N. Ireland Politics", and "Local News". The main headline of the article is "Northern Ireland Troubles: Controversy Legacy Bill passes through Commons". Below the headline, it says "2 hours ago". There is a red share button with a white share icon and a grey button labeled "The Troubles". Below these buttons is a black and white photograph of a severely damaged car with its hood crumpled and debris scattered around. A small "PACEMAKER" logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo. Below the photo, there is a text box that reads: "The Troubles was a period of conflict which lasted for 30 years and cost the lives of more than 3,500 people".

WAVE Trauma Centre - No right thinking person should support this perverse & deeply hurtful approach. Without recourse to a justice system we are left with frustration, hurt

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& the often misinformed court of public opinion. It's just not right.

Jim Deeds - Without recourse to courts or a credible truth recovery process, victims of the conflict here - whether it came from Loyalist, Republican or States killers - we see a Govt abandoning the most hurt in our society. This is a shameful day. Solidarity with all who suffer.

Emma Little-Pengelly - Another dark day for justice. Remember that because of Good Friday Agreement, the offences covered by this Legacy Bill were already subject to
#early prisoner release
#maximum of 2 year sentence
#if convicted blind eye to "on the runs" guilty of these same offences

Irish Sea Border

Hilary Benn asks the SoS **Chris Heaton-Harris** when's does he intend to Bring forward the legislation to allay the fears of the unionist community. ? Chris says very soon

Jim Allister - Sorry, it's about much more than NI to GB trade. The issue of GB to NI trade is key, because it is the surrender of control over this to the EU which has established the Irish Sea border and suspended Art 6 of Acts of Union. So, underwriting NI to GB trade does not remove or solve the Protocol problem, which fundamentally is one of sovereignty.

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Brian O'Dowd - Accept responsibility Mr.Allister. The Brexit which you promoted is responsible for this result. A misstep at every turn. A completely failed strategy.

The image shows the cover of the September 8, 2023 issue of Private Eye magazine. The cover features a political cartoon with four panels. The top left panel shows a man in a yellow high-visibility vest and white hard hat saying, "Hi, kids! This is your new school uniform". The top right panel shows a man in a suit sitting on a bench, saying "Everything is collapsing and we're not learning any lessons" to a group of children, with one child replying "I know how you feel". The bottom left panel shows two children with backpacks running away, with one saying "It's crumble for lunch again" and the other replying "It's all going to RAAC and ruin". The bottom right panel shows a man in a white shirt and blue tie asking "Any ideas, Education Secretary?" to a woman in a black dress who replies "Nothing concrete". The magazine title "PRIVATE EYE" is at the top, and the main headline "SCHOOLS BREAKING UP!" is in large red letters. At the bottom of the cover, it says "ON SHELVES NOW!".

Private Eye - Everything is collapsing and we're not learning any lessons! The new Private Eye is out now.



Federation votes 'no confidence' in Deputy Chief Constable

Police Federation NI - Our Federation votes no confidence in the Dep Chief Constable, the Chief Operating Officer and Asst Chief Officer of People & Organisational Dev.
[https://
www.policefed-
ni.org.uk/](https://www.policefed-ni.org.uk/)

Brian Rowan - "Is nobody thinking?" one source asks, as he describes policing as "leaderless and rudderless". He's talking about the Board and the PSNI, and the political mess in which there is no Justice Minister.

'Hugh Orde is the only person who can lead PSNI out of current crisis'

Belfast Telegraph - Ex-deputy backs his former boss to take over police force and believes he would take post. Former chief constable Sir Hugh Orde is the only policing figure who can rescue the PSNI from its current crisis, according to a colleague who served with him in the force.

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<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/hugh-orde-is-the-only-person-who-can-lead-psni-out-of-current-crisis/a2077903578.html>

Jim Gamble - As an interim Orde could do it, but so could Hamilton, or one of the best Chiefs we never had, Judith Gillespie. This was a misjudged appointment and the Board has its finger prints all over this problem from day one. Their incompetence must be addressed.



People divided as Wolfe Tone revellers chant 'Up The Ra' at Electric Picnic

Limerick Leader - The band attracted the largest crowd ever seen as the Electric Arena at Electric Picnic in Stradbally, Co Laois

Revellers chanting 'Ooh, Ah, Up The Ra' during the Wolfe Tones gig at Electric Picnic at the weekend has divided the

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nation with some suggesting they were 'romanticising' the IRA and the Troubles.

The Irish rebel band attracted the largest crowd ever at the Electric Arena at the festival in Co Laois with many saying the venue wasn't big enough. Link below.

David Quinn - While we were worrying about the rise of the tiny 'far-right' in Ireland, the IRA were being successfully glamourised which seems a hell of a lot more worrying to me.

<https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/national-news/1288820/people-divided-as-wolfe-tone-revellers-chant-up-the-ra-at-electric-picnic.html>

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Move More Live More online programme

A new 6 week online Move More Live More programme is starting soon!

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