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**Image of the day – Rathfriland Rector's runway run**

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## Rathfriland Rector's runway run for Air Ambulance

**The Reverend Ian Linton of Rathfriland and Ballyward completed a 5 K run at Belfast City Airport to support Air Ambulance Northern Ireland**

He said, "Well I managed to make it the length of Belfast City Airport runway, plus a bit further! It was a great experience. The weather conditions were perfect, and the atmosphere was buzzing, with 417 people running 5k to support Air Ambulance Northern Ireland.



“I had a slight panic when a plane passed overhead, but thankfully it must have been headed for Aldergrove and didn’t land on top of me!

“My time was 31:22, which I was happy with. I want to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who has sponsored me. The current total is £1280, with Gift Aid on top of that. That money will make a real difference for the charity, and more importantly for the people they help in situations of great need. And thank you for all the encouragement, which genuinely helped keep me going last night!  
[<https://www.justgiving.com/page/barry-ian-linton-1723027236660>]

Over 500 runners, including 20 members of staff from Belfast City Airport, took to the tarmac for Air Ambulance

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## Northern Ireland's first-ever Runway Run at Belfast City Airport

“Together, we raised over £35,000 (and counting) for a great cause!


“From the participants and race volunteers to our incredible staff, we would like to extend a big thank you to everyone that made this special event possible.

“We pride ourselves on being at the heart of the city and in the heart of the community, and are thrilled to support Air Ambulance NI as our Charity Partner of the Year.”

Find out more: [bit.ly/BCARunwayRun2024](https://bit.ly/BCARunwayRun2024)

## News

### Local Methodist Church support for Kings Park Primary and Nursery School Lurgan

“A huge thank you to Rev Andrew Gibson and Mark Hand from High Street Methodist Church  for their very kind donation of school bags and stationary.

These will be treasured by some of our pupils who don't have school bags and will be a blessing to both the children and their families “ Photo page 6



## Antrim Rural Deanery puts smiles on children's faces

**Antrim Rural Deanery has raised £2,307 for Operation Smile.**

This charity provides support and life changing surgery to children suffering with a cleft palate or cleft lip. Read more at <https://rb.gy/jt3lmz>

## Armoy Parishes fund-raising to drill well in East Africa

The Parishes of St Patrick's, Armoy, Drumtullagh & All Saints have raised an incredible £7,500 to fund the drilling of a well in East Africa. Read more at <https://rb.gy/w2vtrk>



High Street Methodist Church kind donation of school bags and stationery. See page 4

## MCI at the National Ploughing Championship

**MCI are once again looking forward to being present at the National Ploughing Championships in Ratheniska, Co. Laois, from the 17th-19th September, 2024.**

The National Ploughing Championships is Europe's largest outdoor event. It covers a vast amount of trade and exhibition while profiling the best of Irish community and culture, primarily, but not exclusively related to rural life.

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“Over the years our stand has become known as a place of refreshment and sanctuary. As before, we are located strategically at a key entrance to the Dome (Block 5, Row 13, St 242) Units 108-110.

“The team of Methodist volunteers will be joyfully serving tea and coffee to all who want it and provide a listening ear to anyone wanting to chat about the weather, the church, pastoral concerns or anything in between.

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“If you are at the NPC, do drop by at our area with the thousands of others who will do so next week and have a free cuppa and chat.

“The planning team still need more volunteers at the stand for Thursday. Do let us know if you can help...”

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## Pope weighs in on US election, branding Harris and Trump 'against life'

**The Pope has weighed in on the US presidential election, in a rare move for the pontiff, who is usually politically neutral.**

On a return flight from his 12-day tour of Southeast Asia, he urged American Catholics to “choose the lesser evil”.



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Pope Francis asserted that Trump's pledge to deport millions of immigrants was "a grave sin", whilst Harris' pro-choice stance on abortion amounted to "assassination".

## Cathedral Calls



**BBC Northern Ireland's 100th birthday is celebrated by a concert in St Anne's Cathedral**

**BBC Northern Ireland 100th Anniversary Concert, featuring The Ulster Orchestra was held last week and**

**transmitted yesterday.**

The service of music and readings took place at St Anne's Cathedral, hosted by John Toal.

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The Ulster Orchestra was conducted by James Burtron and the Cathedral Organist and Master of Music Jack Wilson. The Codetta Choir sang under the artistic director Donal Doherty.

The BBC presenters Tara Mills and Declan Harvey gave readings including poems from Seamus Heaney and Michael Longley, and excerpts of reports and speeches from the time the BBC locally was launched in 1924 in a converted building near to where the corporation is now based in Linenhall Street. The current headquarters opened during the war in 1941.

The concert was broadcast on Sunday evening on BBC Radio Ulster and Radio Foyle.



## Armagh Cathedrals' Partnership Ecclesiastical Trail

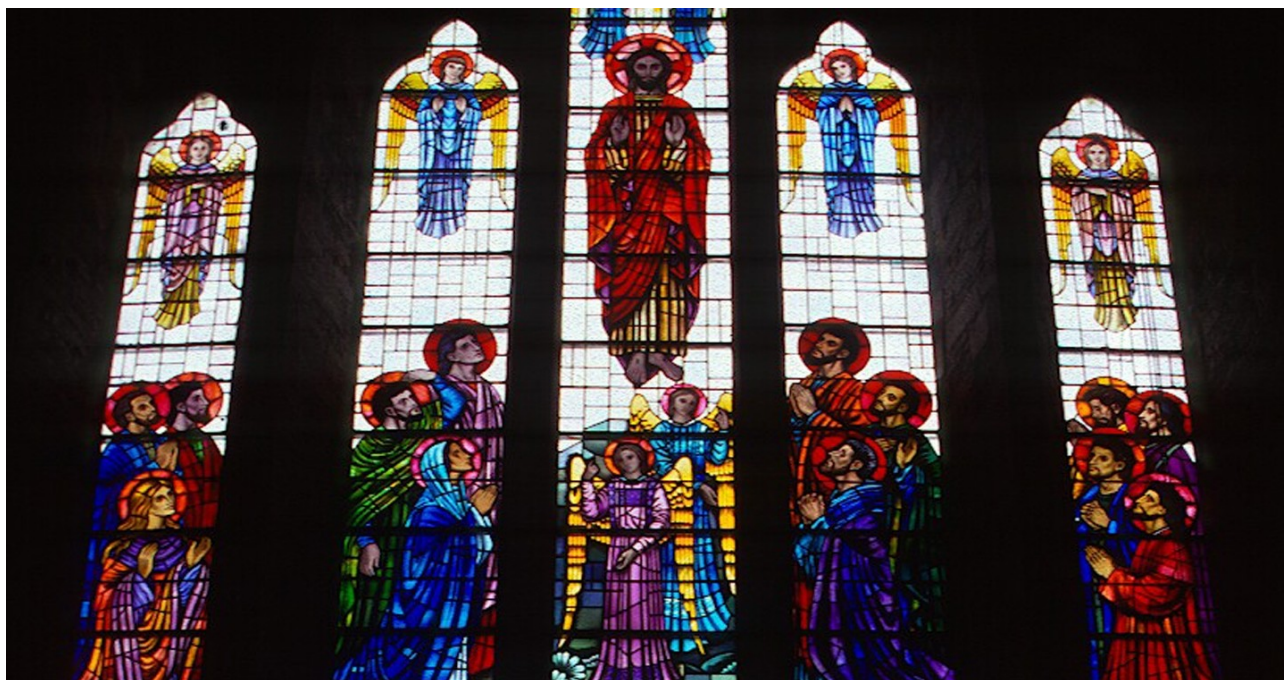


**The Cathedrals’ Partnership Ecclesiastical Trail showed participants around the Churches of Armagh on Saturday.**

“A wonderful experience for all involved and special thanks to those who provided a welcoming word at the various Churches and Cathedrals and those who made the tea and refreshments afterwards.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to journey together and share our traditions.”

## Soprano concerts at Limerick Cathedral



**St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, is hosting lunchtime concerts from August to November as part of its musical events series over the rest of this year. Each begins at 1.15pm:**

Tuesday, 6th August  
Seamus Tse (piano)  
Music by Haydn, Bartok and Chopin

Tuesday, 24th September  
Mary Culloty O'Sullivan (soprano)

Wednesday, 2nd October – please note change of day  
William Jack (cello)

Tuesday, 8th October  
Emma Farquharson (soprano) and Irina Dernova (piano)

Tuesday, 26th November

Celia Donoghue (clarinet) and Ethna Tinney (piano)

For details on all of the musical events held in Saint Mary's Cathedral please log onto [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.saintmaryscathedral.ie)

Admission to the concerts is free with a retiring collection.

## Clergy and ministry

### Dean's Vicar at Christ Church cathedral, Dublin

**The Dean of Christ Church cathedral, Dublin, the Very Revd Dermot Dunne, has appointed a new Dean's Vicar. The Revd Llewellyn–Macduff took up her new role on Sunday when she was officially licensed at Choral Evensong..**

A theology graduate of the University of Durham, she was ordained in the Canterbury Diocese of the Church of England in 2000 and currently serves as Associate Priest at Penshurst, Fordcombe and The Chiddingstones, a rural benefice encompassing three parishes in the diocese of Rochester, UK.

In the **Diocese of Down** the Revd Emma Rutherford will move from Stormont to Belvoir.

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in the **Diocese of Connor** the Revd Stephen McElhinney, Mission Director of the South American Mission Society, is to be Vicar of Glenavy.

In the **Diocese of Clogher** the Revd Bill Boyce, Vicar of St Andrew's Majorca, in the Diocese of Europe, is to be the next Rector of Dromore.

## Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

### Architectural inheritance of the C of I - focus of Church of Ireland Historical Society

**The autumn meeting of the Church of Ireland Historical Society will be held on Saturday 28 September in Christ Church cathedral, Dublin, beginning with coffee and registration at 10.30am.**

The morning session will open at 11am with 'A brief introduction to the architectural inheritance of the Church of Ireland' by Dr Michael O'Neill, author of 'An Architectural History of the Church of Ireland' which was published last year by Church of Ireland Publishing' and at 12noon Professor Naomi McAreavey, from the UCD School of English, Drama & Film, will speak on 'Through the Flames: Protestant Witnesses and Fire Trauma in the 1641 Rebellion'.

8:59

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Dungannon Area C...



# Dungannon Area Churches Forum



## Explore beyond the doors of local churches

Tuesday 17th September 2024. 7.00pm

### Grange Meeting House Society of Friends (Quakers)

21 Dreemore Road, Dungannon BT71 7EL

Take a historical and cultural tour led by

**Kathy Stephenson**

With time for questions and answers

This is the first of five Dungannon church tours

Tuesday 22 October 7.30pm – **St Patrick's**: Father Kevin Donaghy

Tuesday 12th November 7.30pm – **Dungannon Presbyterian**:

Valerie Campbell and Rev Alan Thompson

Wednesday 27th November 7.30pm – **Dungannon Methodist**: Rev William Newell

Monday 20th January 2025 7.30pm – **St Anne's**: Rev Matthew Topley

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Lunch will be available in the Music Room at a cost of £10/€10.

The afternoon session will begin at 2pm when Dr Danielle Clarke, Professor of Renaissance Literature in UCD, will talk on 'Anne Southwell, and the Church of Ireland in Munster'. This will be followed by the concluding contribution from Dr Ian D'Alton who will consider 'Old loyalties, new loyalties? – a southern Protestant searches for identity in history, lives and literatures.' Dr D'Alton's collection of essays – 'Southern Irish Protestants – Histories, Lives & Literatures: exploring minority identity' – is due to be published by Eastwood Books.

Attendance at the conference is free to all paid-up members. Non-members can purchase a one-day membership for €10/£10. The annual subscription is fixed at €40/£40 (student rate £15/€15). This includes admission to the bi-annual conferences.

Subscriptions may be paid on the membership section of the Society's website: [churchofirelandhist.org](http://churchofirelandhist.org)

Queries may be addressed to the honorary secretaries, Professor Alan Ford or Dr Miriam Moffitt, by email ([secretary.coihs@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.coihs@gmail.com)). Alternatively, you can visit the society's website.

## **Galway book launch**

**Next Thursday evening in St Nicholas' Collegiate church, Galway, Dr Colman Ó Clabaigh OSB will launch**

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## ‘Reforming Gallway. Civic Society, Religious Change and St Nicholas’s Collegiate Church, 1550–1750’.

The book is the work of the late and sorely missed, Professor Raymond Gillespie, and has been published by Four Courts Press

## Halloween Pumpkin Patch 2024



The poster features a dark purple background with a large yellow full moon. In the foreground, three jack-o'-lanterns are displayed: one wearing a blue witch hat, one with a wide, toothy grin, and one with a more menacing expression. A pink speech bubble with the text 'Hold that date!' is positioned to the right of the pumpkins. The Benburb Priory logo is in the top right corner. The text 'HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PATCH' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the pumpkins, the event details are listed: 'PUMPKIN CARVING · FACE PAINTING', 'KIDS ACTIVITIES · LIVE MUSIC', 'EVERYONE'S FAVORITE SINGING PUMPKINS ARE BACK', and 'LIFE SIZE 3D FRIENDLY GHOST DISPLAY'. A horizontal line separates this from the text 'AND LOTS MORE'. At the bottom, the dates are given: 'Pumkin Patch Dates: Fri - Sun 18th, 19th & 20th' and 'Fri - Sun 25th, 26th & 27th'.

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**PUMPKIN  
PATCH**

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## **Hold the date for Benburb Priory's Halloween Pumpkin Patch 2024**

“We are delighted to announce the return of our annual Pumpkin Patch event with more fun and antics than ever this year!

“Planning is in progress, and tickets will go on sale at the end of this week!”

Friday - Sunday 18th, 19th and 20th October

Friday - Sunday 25th, 26th & 27th October

## **Poem for today**

### **A September Day**

**By Francis Duggan**

A thing of such great beauty to behold  
The wattles resplendent in their blooms of gold  
The first week of September and Spring is in the air  
And in the green park daisies bloom everywhere,  
On a day like this 'tis good to be alive  
To start your car and go off on a drive  
So great to live to see another Spring  
To hear the nesting wild birds chirp and sing,  
Were I a poet I would write a simple lay  
For to celebrate this beautiful Spring day  
To celebrate the beauty I can see

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Where the Goddess of Spring has spread her greenery  
And the wattles laden in their golden flowers  
Look resplendent in these mild September hours.

## Speaking to the soul

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