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Image of the day – Brighter Gold for Harvest

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Broighter Gold for Harvest

Thanks to Aerial Vision NI for these scenes of the 2024 Harvest continuing at the Kane family Broglasco Farm in Myroe, Limavady, as they work long hours to get the crop in before the good weather turns.

Its not just the wheat and barley as after the combine harvester moves to another field, the team need to then gather and bale the straw.

In this area on the flat land on the seaward side of the Benevenagh escarpment many fields can be covered in the golden coloured crop which produce Broighter Gold Rapeseed Oil.

Season of Creation resources - Download the Celebration Guide

You are invited to have a close look at a beautiful prayer written by the team at the Season of Creation and available to download here: <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>

Deepen your Season of Creation experience by taking advantage of these free resources.

They will enable you and your congregation to be engaged and inspired. Your event will have a bigger impact if the community is engaged and inspired.

You are invited to use these resources to share the word with your church, invite the bishop or other regional authority to join the celebration, and even take the word to audiences outside your church by reaching local news outlets.

Please feel free to use and adapt these materials any way that suits you.

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See also -

Anglican Communion Environmental Network

A Network for those who care for God's creation

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Anglicans and Episcopalians worldwide have long been concerned with environmental issues. From extreme weather to food shortages all of us are affected. Guided by the fifth Mark of Mission members of the Anglican Communion Environment Network strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth.

<https://acen.anglicancommunion.org/>

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Derry and Raphoe MU's Diocesan Festival Service in Limavady



Members of MU branches from across the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe were in Limavady on Sunday afternoon for MU's Diocesan Festival



Service, which was held in Christ Church, Drumachose.

Among those in the congregation were the Provincial President-elect, Kay Clarke (who takes up office in January); Diocesan MU President, Jacqui Armstrong; one of her predecessors, Jean Fox; and MU Zonal Trustee Iris Suitor, who gave the address.



Worship was led by the Rector of Drumachose, Rev Canon Aonghus Mayes, who was assisted by Rev Andrew Neill, the Curate at Christ Church. The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster, also took part in the service.

Church of Ireland in Ballinlough celebrates its bicentenary

The Church of Ireland in Ballinlough celebrated its bicentenary (1824-2024) and marked the occasion with a special celebration held on Sunday afternoon September 22.

The community was invited to join with Bishop Ferran Glenfield, Revd Xanthe Pratt, visiting clergy and parishioners for a service of celebration for the life of the

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parish church. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone most welcome.

The church was built in 1824 on the most focal point in the village of Ballinlough. The architect positioned the church so it could be viewed from all four roads leading to the village. It now stands as a captivating and irreplaceable structure with its fine stonework and stain glass windows.

It comprises a two-bay nave abutting a three-stage castellated tower with pinnacles to the west and vestry to the south-east. The church has a unique pitched slate roof with rendered and cut stone chimneystacks and limestone coping to the gable ends.

The church is set within its own grounds with various upright and recumbent grave markers dating from the nineteenth century to the present day. Stone gate piers with wrought-iron gates mark the entrance.

The church is open for regular worship with morning prayer service every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and Holy Communion Service the last Sunday of every month at 9.30 a.m.. Visitors always welcome.

Online survey for Clogher Diocesan review now open

The Diocesan Review announced earlier in the summer has begun with consultation with parishes scheduled to continue over the forthcoming months.

ONLINE SURVEY



PARISH REVIEWS

Graphic produced by a Clogher Parish

The diocese says this is an opportunity for parishioners to have their say on parish structures at present and looking to the future.

Each parish will announce to their congregations the dates of the meetings.

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In addition to this there is an online survey which will enable any Church of Ireland member of the diocese who wishes to respond to submit their views.

This opened on 16 September and continues until 7 October.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mtV3FHCCkb>

Anyone in the diocese who wishes to do so is invited to follow this link above and fill in an online survey that is part of the review of all parishes being carried out.

The purpose of the review is to assist the Bishop and Diocesan Council as they look to the future in terms of

Carryduff Parish Church presents

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patterns of worship, the offering of pastoral care and how parishes are organised.

These are meetings happening in every parish of the diocese and ALL parishioners are encouraged to attend and give their views on where we are as parishes, what things might look like in the future and how in changing time we can be most effective as a church in witness and ministry. This will all help the Bishop and Diocesan Council plan for the future.

Pastoral Letter from northern C of I Bishops in response to recent street protests and rise of hate crime

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops whose dioceses cover Northern Ireland was instructed to be read in parish churches on Sunday September 22, the day following the Feast of St Matthew.

The Pastoral Letter the bishops said “comes in response to the recent street protests, rise of hate crime and intimidation, and deliberate spreading of fear around topics of racial diversity and immigration. Christians have specific obligations to society in general and also to those from different countries and cultures who share our neighbourhoods”.

It continued, “We enjoy an incalculable blessing by living in a free society in which we have many opportunities to contribute to our collective well-being. As citizens we have a responsibility to deepen democratic culture, not to divide it.

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This requires working for the common good, using the many ways open to us to work with civility and courtesy for a better life for all, most especially for the next generation.

“The Christian attitude to society is based on the fundamental belief in the sanctity of every human life and the inherent dignity of every human person; all are made in the image and likeness of God. It was CS Lewis who said that, next to the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the holiest thing we will encounter in our everyday lives is another human individual.”



I THINK you may have overestimated the amount of informality we asked for in this interview for President of Methodist Conference...

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The letter concluded by offering advice in response to the question -

What can we do in our everyday lives to put the teaching of the Parable of the Good Samaritan into effect?

Full text of the Pastoral Letter is available at official C of I web site-

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/12531/pastoral-letter-from-bishops-with>

Cathedral Calls

Visit of St Bernadette's relics to Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry

Further details confirmed ahead of visit of St Bernadette's relics to Derry Diocese

Further details of the visit of the relics of Saint Bernadette to the Derry Diocese in October have been confirmed.

Saint Bernadette's relics will visit the Derry Diocese, hosted by Saint Eugene's Cathedral in Derry, on October 13 and 14.

The Ceremony of Welcome will take place at 2pm on Sunday, October 13, followed by Rosary hourly at 3pm, 4pm, 5pm and Rosary and Devotions at 6pm.

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Mass will be celebrated at 7pm followed by a Candlelit Procession at 9pm. Confessions will be held between 3 – 6pm.

Paw-rishioners unite: St Anne's Cathedral throws pets a spiritual bone with service



St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast held a paw-culiar ceremony for patrons and their pets on Sunday afternoon, Jessica Rice reports in the Belfast Telegraph

The service is now a tradition, but this is the first year that it has returned since the pandemic.

Dean Stephen Forde said: “It is quite fun, people don't really expect to bring their pets into God's house and the service celebrates the diversity of God's creations and the fact he gives us a call to be stewards of it too.”

Dean Forde said pets are valued members of families and the church makes an effort to acknowledge this.

“Some people don't have any other family and it is the pet that they focus all their care and love on.

“Those pets are really important for them, and for others within a family a pet is another person.”

The clergyman admitted he was nervous that the pets may not behave during the service.

“You wonder what might happen and expect it to be a little bit chaotic, but all the pets were really well behaved and in some of the prayers they were just very quiet.

“They seemed to respond to some of the music. When the organ was playing there was a bit of barking, so I think they might have been joining in,” he said.

The Dean revealed that the service sparks a lot of interest from the local community and is hopeful it will lead to more people attending regular services.

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“As we have advertised this service, we have had more responses than to many of our services,” he said.

“Sometimes people think churches and cathedrals are all very serious, and of course at times it is, but sometimes we need to be able to enjoy ourselves and enjoy God's creation as he gives it to us.”

Jenny Miller and Sarah Thompson attended with their two dogs, Bella-Trix and Willow.

“We would come to church most Sundays, so I felt it was important for us to bring the dogs to celebrate as they are a part of God's creation,” Jenny said.

“Your pets are important to you, they are your emotional support. I have a really stressful job and when you come



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of the pets

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home from work just sitting with the dogs really brings you back down.”

She confessed that she was nervous the dogs weren't going to be able to sit through the service.

“We nearly got back in the car when we first got here, they were zig-zagging and I was thinking, 'what have we done here?' But as soon as we got in they settled, this one (Bellatrix) is music mad, and as the organ started she got up in the seat to listen to it,” Jenny said.

Angela Masterson and Fergus Drummond decided to bring their dogs, Dove and Tinker, to the service to be blessed.

“We came just because of the love we have for the dogs and Tinker is getting old so we will take everything we can to help him along the way,” Angela said.

The pair told of how they were surprised by how nice the service was.

“It was really touching and it was so impressive whenever they (St Anne's Cathedral's clergymen) asked for the dog's name and they put their hand on each dog's head and gave them and their family a blessing,” Angela said.

Emma Lawless brought her dog Bert.

“We came to one they did before Covid and we really enjoyed it. I think it's nice that they get the dogs involved and personalise it for them.



Jack Wilson, Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral at Freshers Fair at the University of Ulster hopefully enticing future members of the Cathedrals Choirs

“It’s lovely to see the church takes the time to do something like this,” she said.

Emma praised St Anne's for celebrating the role pets play in families.

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“We couldn't have our own children and the counsellor you go to help with the grief suggested getting a dog and I sort of thought, 'no that will not help'.

“But then eventually I did decide to try it and it really does help, it helps heal your heart, it gives you somewhere to put all that love,” she said. Courtesy Belfast Telegraph
23/09/2024

Clergy and ministry

St Bartholomew's Dublin major roles in ordination in Scottish Episcopal Church

On Thursday, 3 October, Ferdinand von Prondsynski shall (DV) be ordained priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church - in St Andrew's Church, Alford, Aberdeenshire, at 7 pm.

He will be ordained by +Ian Paton, Acting Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, sermon by +Dorsey McConnell, Assisting Bishop (and former Bishop of Pittsburg).

On the following day, 4 October, also at 7 pm in St Andrew's Church, Alford, he shall be celebrating his first Mass. The sermon will be by Fr Andrew McCroskery, Vicar of St Bartholomew's Church, Dublin (in which he worshipped for many years).

At both services, members of the Choir of St Bartholomew's Church, with Director of Music Ben Barnes, will sing. On 3

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October the Mass setting will be Herbert Sumsion in F; on 4 October it will be Haydn's Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo.

If you feel inclined to come to either - and he knows it would involve distances for many - you will be most welcome.

Institution in Bray



The parish of Bray embarked on a new chapter in its long history last week as parishioners of the seaside town gave a warm welcome to their new Rector.

The Revd Leonard Madden was instituted in Christ Church Bray by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson on Thursday September 19.



Delighted parishioners were joined for the Service of Institution by Leonard's wife Dr Catherine Smith, representatives of other churches in the area and representatives of the local civic community. Clerical colleagues came from Dublin and Glendalough and Leonard's former Dioceses of Tuam,

Limerick & Killaloe among others.

Opening the service, Archbishop Jackson noted that both Leonard and Catherine were well known in Dublin and Glendalough, Leonard having served his deacon intern year in Blessington and Catherine through her work previously in Church House and currently with the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland. The Archbishop also welcomed the Revd Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff to the dioceses as she was

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formally licensed before the service for her post as Dean's Vicar in Christ Church Cathedral.

The preacher was the Dean of Limerick, the Very Revd Niall Sloane, with whom Leonard served his curacy.

See also

<https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/09/20/find-the-holiness-in-everything>

Institution in Mallusk

A Service of Institution of the **Rev Jacob Mercer** to the parish of **Mallusk** in Connor Diocese will take place on Wednesday October 2 at 7.30 pm.

Appointments in Down & Dromore

Revd Andy Hay to be Priest-in-charge of the Grouped Parishes of Clonallon and Warrenpoint with Kilbroney. He is currently serving as Curate Assistant in St Finnian's, Cregagh, in Down Diocese.

Revd Capt Isaac Hanna to be Priest-in-charge of Kilmegan and Maghera.

Nevin and Lorraine Anderson as Pioneer ministers to serve in Warrenpoint.

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Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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