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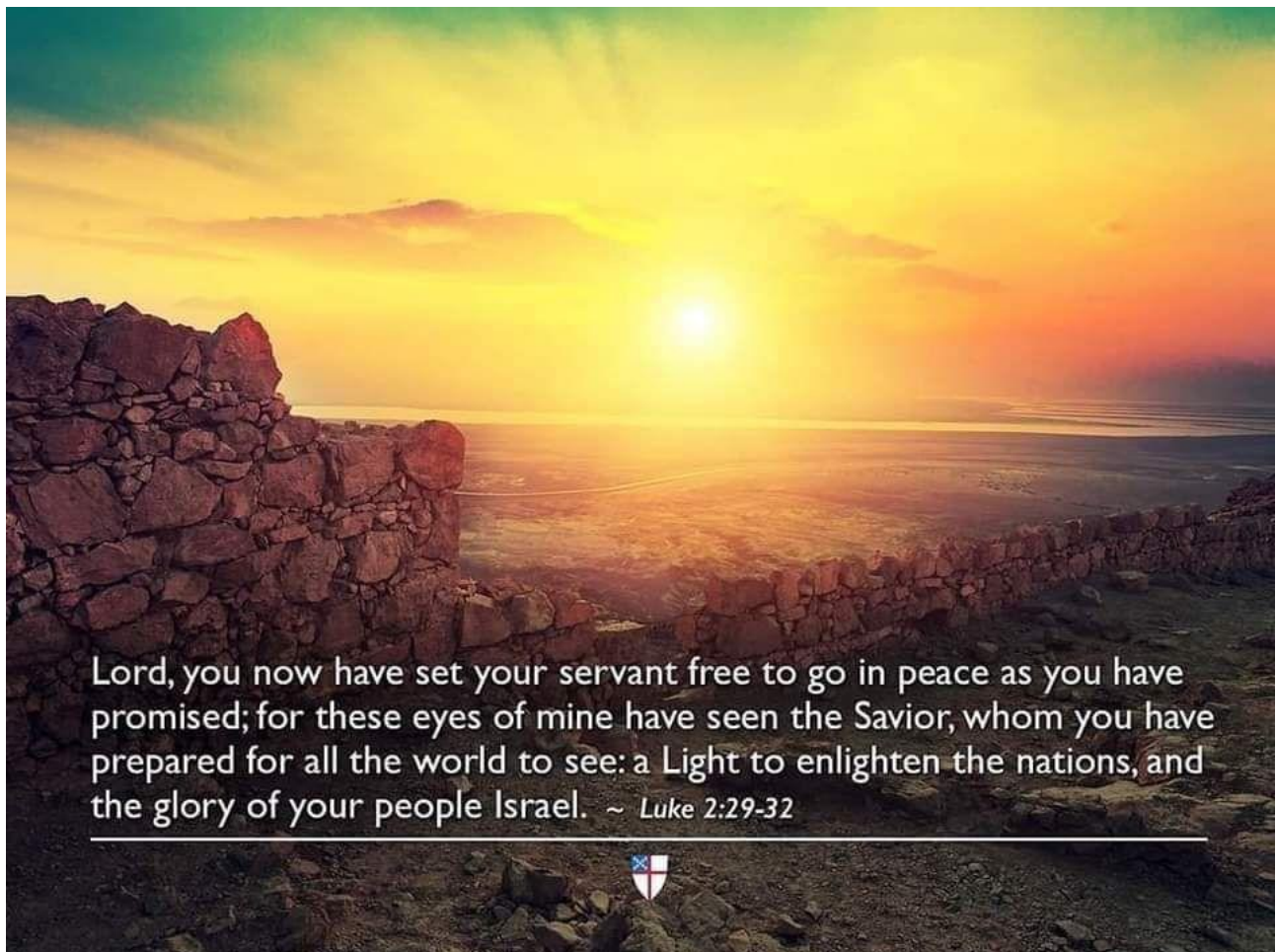
St Canice's Church of Ireland in Eglinton (Dery and Raphoe) has announced plans to launch a 'Buy a Brick' appeal to help it raise the £200,000 needed to fully open the new parish centre which will replace the original hall badly damaged in the August 2017 flood.

Bishop Andrew Forster visited the site recently and, with the Rector of St Canice's, Rev Canon Paul Hoey, viewed the ongoing construction work on the new Canice Centre. Work is well under way on the building on the site of the old hall, next to Eglinton Health Centre.

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Bishop Andrew said he was impressed by the parish's plans and by the work already completed. "It is encouraging to see the progress made so far," he said. "I've seen the architect's drawings for the new Canice Centre [see image below](#), and it is a truly exciting project. When completed, it'll be a fantastic resource for the parish and the wider community. I'm impressed, too, by the resilience and faithfulness of the congregation. They've never lost sight of the parish's vision for the centre, even after seven years of struggle and frustration.

"These are challenging times in which to embark on a fundraiser, and I pray that their appeal is successful. I encourage everyone who worships in St Canice's, and the wider community, to support the appeal to 'buy a brick', and finally get the new Canice Centre up and running."



Canon Hoey said it has been a long, hard struggle to replace the old hall. “Thankfully,” he said, “we are making really good progress. Proceeds from our ‘New Beginnings’ thrift shop have been a great help to our fundraising. The shop is so well supported by the whole community and we’re extremely grateful for their generosity. But we still face a shortfall of around £200,000, and that’s where the parish and the community can help.

“In October we’ll launch the Canice Centre ‘Buy a Brick’ Appeal, and will send a flyer about it to every home in the village. We’ll be inviting the whole community – parishioners, their friends and families, members of other churches, people of all faiths and none – to share our dream and to ‘buy into’ our vision, literally.

“Details of how to buy a brick through Just Giving will be included in the flyer. There’s no fixed donation. All donations will be gratefully received, and every penny will make a difference.

“When it’s finished,” Canon Hoey said, “the new Canice Centre will be a tremendous asset for our parish and the wider community. We’ve worked with the architects to ensure that the new centre will be an attractive and fully accessible building. It’ll have a large hall, a minor hall, a kitchen and a youth wing. As well as being used for church activities, the building will be available for social and educational events, support groups and drop-in sessions. It’ll complement existing community facilities in the village without in any way seeking to compete with them.

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Canon Paul added, “Whether or not you are able to support this appeal, we look forward to welcoming you to the new Canice Centre in the future.”

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Bunclody Church’s school harvest service

Carrigduff National School have said “Thank you to Canon Trevor, Churchwarden John and the parishioners of Bunclody Union for inviting us to St Mary’s Church this morning for our school Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

“Canon Trevor showed us the harvest from his garden. He had loads of different fruits and vegetables. The children

Fundraising for

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were very good at recognising and naming the items". St Mary's Church , Bunclody



Food and fellowship for a very worthy cause

Belvoir Lunch Bunch's fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support was a great success.

“Thanks so much to Ken and Sandra for organising this, and the wonderful ladies who prepared and provided the

delicious food, and who cleared up afterwards!”

A member of Belvoir Lunch Bunch commented “I personally have benefited from Macmillan's expertise, help and advice”.

Glendermott Parish's Burundi Cafe Church

Recently, Rev Dr Keith Scott was able to represent CMSI at Glendermott Parish's Burundi Cafe Church.



The parish has an ongoing partnership with Matana Diocese, under the leadership of Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye. CMSI has thanked Keith and Glendermott for their continued support of CMSI.

BBNI's superb support for Children's Heartbeat Trust

The Northern Ireland Boys' Brigade (BBNI) have been recognised for their incredible partnership over the past year with Children's Heartbeat Trust.

“They have excelled in their fundraising efforts and raised an incredible £21,836.60 to ensure we can continue to deliver crucial support to heart heroes and their families in Northern Ireland”.

Bethany Smyth, Engagement Officer and Programme Co-ordinator for BBNI said:

“This year, it has been fantastic to see the ways that our BBNI companies have raised money for Children's Heartbeat Trust. When I visited the first company to launch the charity this year, I have learnt so much about how this wonderful charity supports children, young people and their families affected by heart disease in Northern Ireland.

“I have seen Christmas jumper nights, leaders coming together at IFA with proceeds for Children's Heartbeat Trust, colouring competitions, sponsored walks and so much effort among our BBNI companies.

“Thank you so much to each of our BBNI companies for their efforts in raising money for Children's Heartbeat Trust.”

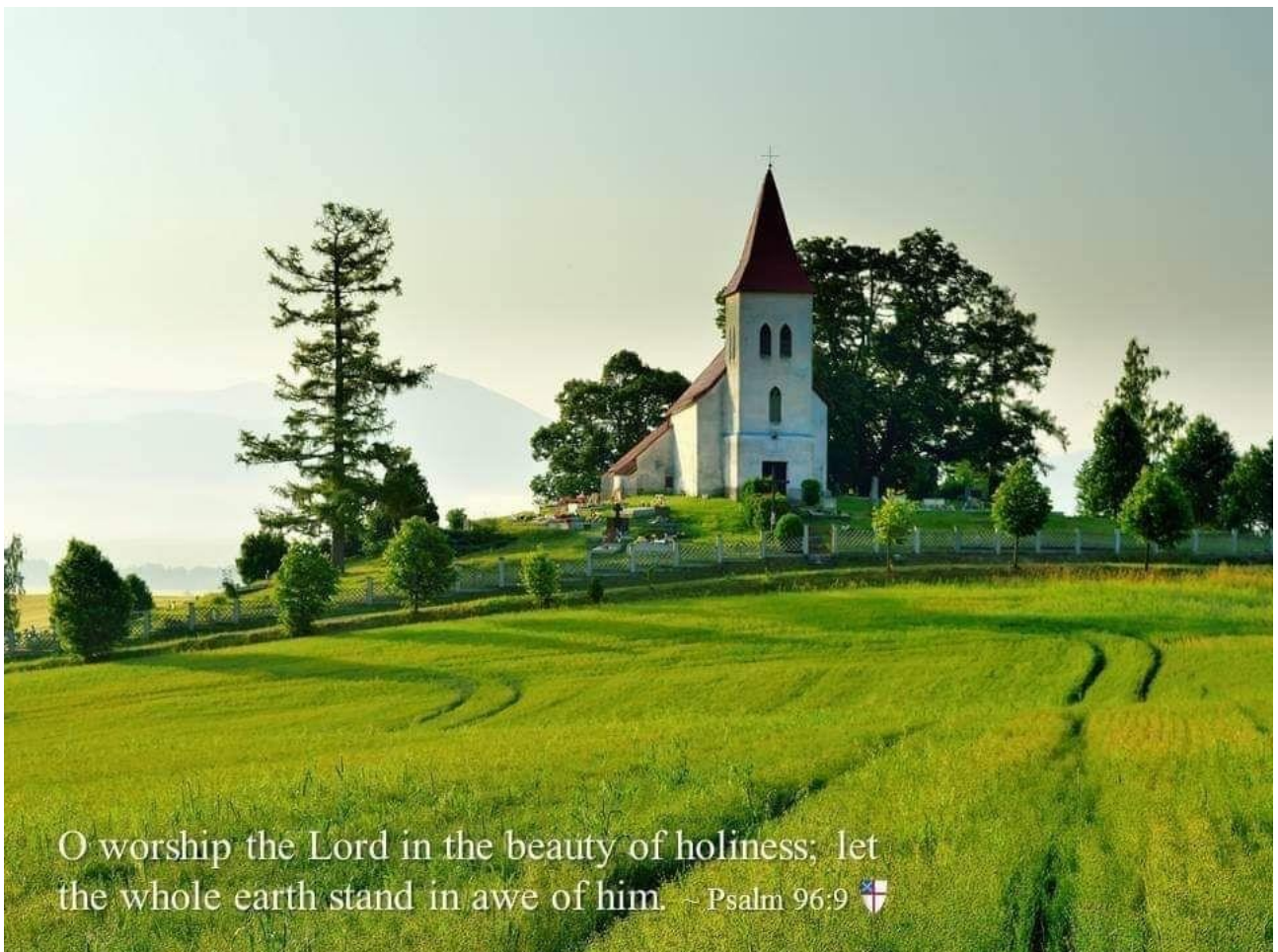
Read more here: <https://lnkd.in/eC4Gn4Cg>

Graceful restoration planned at Gothic-style church in Limerick

St Munchin's Church of Ireland dates back to 1827. The Gothic-inspired church named after Limerick's patron saint is set to be restored to its former glory.

Limestone supplier Irish Natural Stone has teamed up with Limerick Civic Trust for a collaboration with a series of aims to restore some of the city's heritage.

First on the agenda is St Munchin's Church of Ireland, which is located at King's Island near the Bishop's Palace in the city.



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An iconic city centre landmark, the church dates back to 1827.

The church's significance lies in its role as one of the city's earliest religious foundations, reflecting centuries of history.

Its stonework and design are representative of Limerick's medieval heritage, making it a key site for those interested in the preservation of Ireland's built history.

Based in Boston, Co Clare, Irish Natural Stone staff have recently worked on conserving the Ionic capitals and columns at St Mel's Cathedral in Longford, alongside restoring and carving the composite capitals at the Four Courts in Dublin.

Church arts centre gets bishop's blessing

Rt Rev Debbie Sellin led a service to bless the development of St Andrew's, Kettering.

The church has undergone a £300,000 refurbishment project to revamp the building into a multifunctional arts centre.

Rt Rev Sellin said the church could now "engage with the people of Kettering through the arts, and through joy and laughter".

The Victorian church has been Kettering's only arts centre since 2011. Comedians such as Shappi Khorsandi, Rosie

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Jones, Milton Jones and Mark Thomas have graced its stage.

Vicar, author and former pop star Richard Coles is patron of the venue, and was its first special guest since the space became usable once more.

Bishop Sellin said: "When our churches seek to be relevant to our communities, we naturally become welcoming spaces where the love of Jesus can be shared.

"I am delighted that this will enable St Andrew's to continue to be the heart of the community for long into the future."

Rev Tom Houston, vicar of St Andrew's, said: "Since Covid, we have focused on access and inclusivity for our local community, putting on concerts with local music schools, installations from local art groups and championing local performers.

"We are starting to see congregation growth through this community engagement, which is what is at the core of our presence here."

Cathedral Calls

Archbishop of York visits Canadian cathedral

Archbishop Stephen, as part of his visit to the Anglican Church in Canada, preached at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Corner Brook.

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“St John tells us that we are called to beloved discipleship, ‘dwelling close to the Father’s heart’; and courageous discipleship: ‘As the Father sent me, so now I send you’.”



Pictured from left to right: the Most Revd David Edwards, Archbishop of the Province of Canada and Bishop of Fredericton, Archbishop Stephen, the Rt Revd John Organ, Bishop of Western Newfoundland, the Rt Revd John Watton, Bishop of Central Newfoundland, the Ven Charlene Laing, Archdeacon of Western Newfoundland.

The Crowning Chair in Westminster Abbey

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Known as St Edward's Chair, after Edward the Confessor, or The Coronation Chair, it is the throne on which the British monarch sits for the Coronation.

It was commissioned in 1296 by King Edward I to contain the Coronation stone of Scotland, known as the Stone of Scone, which he had captured from the Scots who had kept it at Scone Abbey.



Since 1308, all anointed Sovereigns of England (until 1603) and Great Britain (after the Union of the Crowns) have been seated in this chair at the moment of their coronation, with the exception of Queen Mary II who was crowned on a copy of the chair, the last occasion was the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953, the Chair, is in Westminster Abbey, without the Stone of Scone.

Washington National Cathedral Services online

Cathedral Day is this coming Sunday, Sept. 29.

The Right Reverend Nathan D. Baxter, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, who also served as dean of Washington National Cathedral from 1991-2003, will preach at the Festival Holy Eucharist commemorating the 117th anniversary of the laying of the Cathedral foundation stone.

“Worship with us, online or in person at 11:15 am.”

<https://bit.ly/3BgOuvy>

Cork Icon in Slow Art Event

The icon was specially commissioned for the St Fin Barre 1400 Commemoration exactly this time last year.

Iconographer Aidan Hart has





been creating beautiful works like this for over 35 years, in his words: ‘to help people experience that union of heaven and earth that is the ultimate purpose of liturgical art’.

For inspiration, Aidan draws on the richness of Byzantine, Romanesque and Russian liturgical traditions.

The icon recently featured in St Fin Barre’s Slow Art Event for National Heritage Week, which was organised by the

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artist in residence Orla O’Byrne and Stewart Dorney, tour guide extraordinaire.

The King's Chaplains visit Hereford Cathedral

A large group of the King’s Chaplains were hosted on a visit to Hereford Diocese on behalf of Bishop Richard, who, as Clerk of the Closet, is the senior cleric of the Ecclesiastical Household of England.

The itinerary included time for the King’s Chaplains to meet with members of the Bishop’s Staff and Diocesan team, and they were hosted by the Cathedral for tours, including viewing the Mappa Mundi.

All visiting chaplains were from the College of Chaplains of the Church of England Ecclesiastical Household of the King (there is another such Household for Scotland) and are supervised by the Bishop in his role as Clerk of the Closet (which dates from 1437 and carries the princely annual salary of £7!). The College is comprised of honorary chaplains to the monarch, who preach once a year in the Chapel Royal, at St. James Palace, but do not fulfil any formal duties.

Bishop Richard said, “The King’s Chaplains are appointed to serve the monarch after a long and distinguished career and it is both an honour and a pleasure to host them in our diocese, both here at the Bishop’s Palace and at our ancient and glorious Cathedral, home to the Mappa Mundi.”

Clergy and ministry



‘Discerning Ministry’ Team appointed for Connor

The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev George Davison, yesterday announced a number of appointments to roles within Connor Diocese.

Building on the excellent work done by the former Diocesan Director of Ordinands, the Rev Canon Kevin Graham DL MBE, and the Rev Peter Jones as Warden of Readers, Bishop George has announced a new ‘Discerning Ministry’ team for the diocese.

Reflecting the growing range of ministries in the Church of Ireland, the new expanded team will work together to assist in nurturing of a range of vocations to Christian service.

The Bishop said that as part of the diocese's 'Growing Healthy Churches' ethos, nurturing an understanding of the call to Christian service is vital in order that parishes are resourced and equipped. The new team will seek to assist clergy and parishes as they encourage every Christian to discover their own vocation and discern the different roles where God may be calling them to serve.

The team is:

Vocations Director: The Rev Peter Jones

Team leader, Strategy and Resourcing Parishes

Diocesan Director of Ordinands: The Rev Danielle McCullagh

Discernment and Nurture of Vocations to Ordained Ministry (Stipendiary and OLM)

Warden of Readers: Canon Amanda Adams

Support and Development of Reader Ministry

Pioneer Ministry Co-ordinator: The Rev James Boyd

Development of Pioneer Ministry, Vocational support of Pioneer Candidates

Appointments to Diocesan Youth Council

In taking up her new role as Director of Ordinands, the Rev Danielle McCullagh will leave her position as Chair of Connor Youth Council. Bishop George said he was delighted to announce that she will be ably replaced by the Rev Dennis Christie as Chair and that he will be assisted by the Rev Lee Boal as Vice-Chair.

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“I’m delighted to make these appointments and am immensely grateful to Peter, Danielle, Amanda, James, Dennis and Lee for their willingness to serve the wider diocese in these roles,” the Bishop said.

“I have no doubt that each of them will use their own particular gifts and warm personalities to equip the Church in the roles which they are taking up at this time.”

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Scripture Union workshop at Church House, Armagh

Mr Mark Moorehead of Scripture Union Northern Ireland on Tuesday 24th of September facilitated an excellent workshop at Church House, Armagh for Clergy and Lay workers regarding running engaging and informed school assemblies.



Participants spent time looking at good school assembly practice, current issues facing RE in schools alongside a plethora of ideas and resources equipping the participants for primary and secondary school assemblies. Mark brought

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lots of energy, insight, Scripture and ideas and the Diocese of Armagh is very grateful for his input.

For more information and assemblies resources contact David Brown on doycarmagh@gmail.com

Ulster Consort at St Molua's Church

A date for your diaries...

The Ulster Consort will be returning to St Molua's on Friday 11 October for another in their series of 60minutes@6 concerts.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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