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## Harvest at Malahide

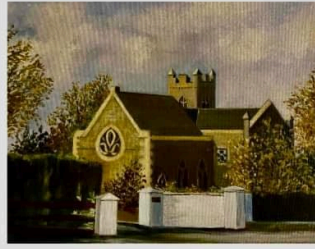
Harvest at the United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock



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### Can you help, please?

If anyone (not necessarily females) would be willing to help out on the catering stall at the Christmas Market, please would they contact Sally-Anne Edwards - 0871829613.

Sally-Anne writes: "I would like to organise a rota with sufficient people to have a two-hour slot for each volunteer.

"In addition, I would like to invite volunteers to a meeting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, 23 Seamount Abbey, Malahide - Wine and nibbles will be available. Thank you."



## ANNUAL HARVEST APPEAL FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

EVERYONE coming to the Kids' Club Harvest Service in St Andrew's Church THIS SUNDAY (11.30am) is asked to bring a few non-perishable items for the Capuchin Day Care Centre in Dublin. All items will be delivered to the centre, at

29 Bow Street, Dublin, on Monday by David & Hazel Caird. Foodstuffs required include breakfast cereals, porridge, tea bags, instant coffee, drinking chocolate, packet soups, pasta, rice, sugar, granola bars, cereal bars. PLEASE ensure all

items are in date. Pupils in St Andrew's Primary School also brought items to their 'Back to School' Service which was held in St Andrew's Church on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday's Service, with full choir, will be at 11.30am and all are welcome. Refreshments will follow afterwards in St Marnock's Chapel and in the church foyer. The church will be decorated on Saturday morning from 10am and any help would be appreciated. Items for decorating can be left in The Rectory porch. THANK-YOU!



Our Website: <https://malahide.dublin.anglican.org>

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Ms Mary Grimes: Telephone 816 8698

## & St. Doulagh's yesterday.

The pupils of St Andrew's School brought their donations to the Capuchin Centre Homeless Appeal and the amazing art work.

## News

### HM Lord Lieutenant welcomes Mother's Union Ireland trustees

HM Lord Lieutenant of Belfast was pleased to welcome President June Butler and the trustees of The Mother's Union Ireland to their meeting at Belfast Cathedral.

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Dame Fionnuala was briefed on the considerable range and scope of their work for families, children and communities.

Dame Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle DBE DStJ DDL (Hon QUB) was born in 1960, and has enjoyed a highly successful career in Public Affairs, PR and Marketing. In 1991, she founded Jay Associates Public & Government Affairs, Northern Ireland's first independent consultancy in this area. Since then she has worked throughout GB, Ireland, Europe and the USA. More at - <https://www.belfastlieutenancy.org.uk/>



## NI Scouts report a year of progress

**This year's  
AGM saw  
formal  
business led  
by Chair,  
Henry Brown,  
with  
unanimous  
agreement on  
all decisions.**

A heartfelt thank was given to Stephen Donaldson for his eight years of outstanding service as Chief Commissioner/ Chief Volunteer.



**“Scouting has a life changing impact on young people, adult volunteers and the wider community. This passion for who we are and what we do, drives me as a volunteer every day. I am humbled and excited by the opportunity to lead Scouts Northern Ireland into its next chapter of growth and development and look forward to the challenge ahead.”**

*Stephen Bell*

**Stephen Bell**  
Chief Volunteer

A warm welcome embraced new Chief Volunteer, Stephen Bell as members look forward to exciting times ahead under his leadership. Both were congratulated by The Scouts UK Lead Volunteer, Carl Harkinson who spoke on current and future Scouting initiatives.

A special moment of the AGM was when the Scouts NI Youth Team presented Stephen Donaldson with the YouthShape Ambassador Award recognising his unwavering support of Youth Shaped Scouting

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Volunteers within Northern Ireland and beyond were thanked for their ongoing commitment and dedication.

## SVP Celebrates 180 Years With Feast Day Mass



Most Reverend Alan McGuckian SJ, Bishop of Down and Connor, is joined by SVP Ambassador Malachi Cush, SVP Regional President Mary Waide, Fr Vincent Cushnahan, and Pauline Brown, SVP Regional Manager, at St Vincent de Paul Parish Church Ligoniel, in Belfast.



NIO minister Fleur Anderson and Rev Dr Isobel Hawthorne-Steele outside the Church of the Holy Name where the damage can be seen.

## **NIO minister Fleur Anderson praises community resilience after visiting arson attack Church**

**The Northern Ireland Office minister Fleur Anderson has visited the Church of the Holy Name in Greenisland to show solidarity following a recent arson attack.**

The Church provides an integral service to local people through a community shop and a range of activities that involve all ages as well as offering a place for parishioners to gather.



It was badly damaged in a fire on September 1.

Minister Anderson, who is Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the NIO, spoke with the Rev Dr Isobel Hawthorne-Steele, Minister of the Church about the attack and viewed the scale of the destruction.

She also heard about the experiences of the community in the aftermath of the attack.

Minister Anderson said: “The discussions I had with Rev Dr Hawthorne-Steele were very constructive.

“It was sad to see the scale of the destruction to a place that is a beacon of hope for many in the community.

“It was encouraging to hear the positive support shown by local churches in Greenisland, the understanding shown to



the families of the young boys involved and the plans for the future rebuilding.

“I stand in solidarity with this entire community and I commend their resilience and forgiveness.

“I must also commend the quick response of the Northern Ireland Fire Service, and the Police Service of Northern Ireland, for their valiant efforts in tackling the blaze.”

The Rev Dr Hawthorne-Steele said:

“Having met with the minister it was encouraging to learn that she is a fellow community practitioner with extensive experience in building community cohesion and promoting transformative grassroots initiatives.

“Having spent considerable time chatting and seeing first hand the devastation caused by the fire to our parish centre and church, the minister captured the full impact of the far-reaching consequences on our church and the wider community that this disaster has caused.

“As a church, we greatly appreciate the fact that the minister acknowledged the efforts we are making to grow resilience in partnership with multi-faceted groups and organisations that work within this local area as we rebuild and renew our faith by revealing God’s grace.”

## **Meath synod hears of challenges facing church internationally and at home**

**Synod was chaired by Archdeacon Leslie Stevenson, as Bishop Pat Storey was unable to be present due to health reasons.**

She asked that her love and good wishes be expressed to the synod.

The Diocesan Secretary, Ms Karen Seaman, was also unable to attend having contracted covid.

The Oak Centre in Dunboyne was the venue for Meath 2024 Diocesan Synod, held on Saturday 28 September. Prior to Synod beginning its business members joined together for a Service of Holy Communion at 10.30am, also held in The Oak Centre.

### **Presidential Address**

During his Presidential Address, Archdeacon Stevenson reminded synod members of the challenges being faced internationally. Thinking particularly of the vulnerability of children in the midst of armed conflict taking place in various places across the world, he said they “remind us of the senselessness of war. And when we consume the news there is that sinking feeling of helplessness and anxiety about the direction in which humans are taking the world.” Added to this was “apprehension over climate change.”

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Thinking more locally he mentioned “Challenges about the future of parish life” and those challenges “facing us here in Ireland”.

These reflections led the archdeacon to pose the question, “What can we do?” As the way forward he highlighting the importance of hope”

He said, “Christian hope – what does that look like? It springs from our faith. Christian hope goes beyond secular hope that we hear in speeches given by politicians. God



God has made it a rule for himself that he won't alter people's character by force. He can and will alter them - but only if the people will let Him.

**C S Lewis**  
God in the Dock

#KenDennison

makes promises for the future. Promises grounded in the resurrection of Jesus and the indestructible hope of eternal life. The promise of resurrection and renewal gives meaning to all our experience. It is the salvation of our soul, but it is also about the transforming of this world.”

Thinking of how this hope can take shape for us Archdeacon Stevenson talked of how “An occasion like a diocesan synod not only gives us a chance to come together but it is also when we express our thanks in a public way.”

He highlighted the encouragements of:

“What the diocese did last year in transforming people’s lives. You find it on page 18 of the report, where almost €120,000 was donated to give hope to others.”

Continuing to keep worship alive during vacancies.

The work of “ordinands, parish readers, diocesan readers, non-stipendiaries, OLM’s and retired clergy for all that they do, especially on Sundays.”

“To fellow clergy, thank you for taking on extra responsibilities. It is a blessing that the clergy work happily together in this diocese. That has been the case throughout my time in the diocese. I know bishop Pat would concur with these thanks.”

In his speech Archdeacon Stevenson then talked of colleagues who have or are going to move on, describing how they “have all made their contribution not only to their

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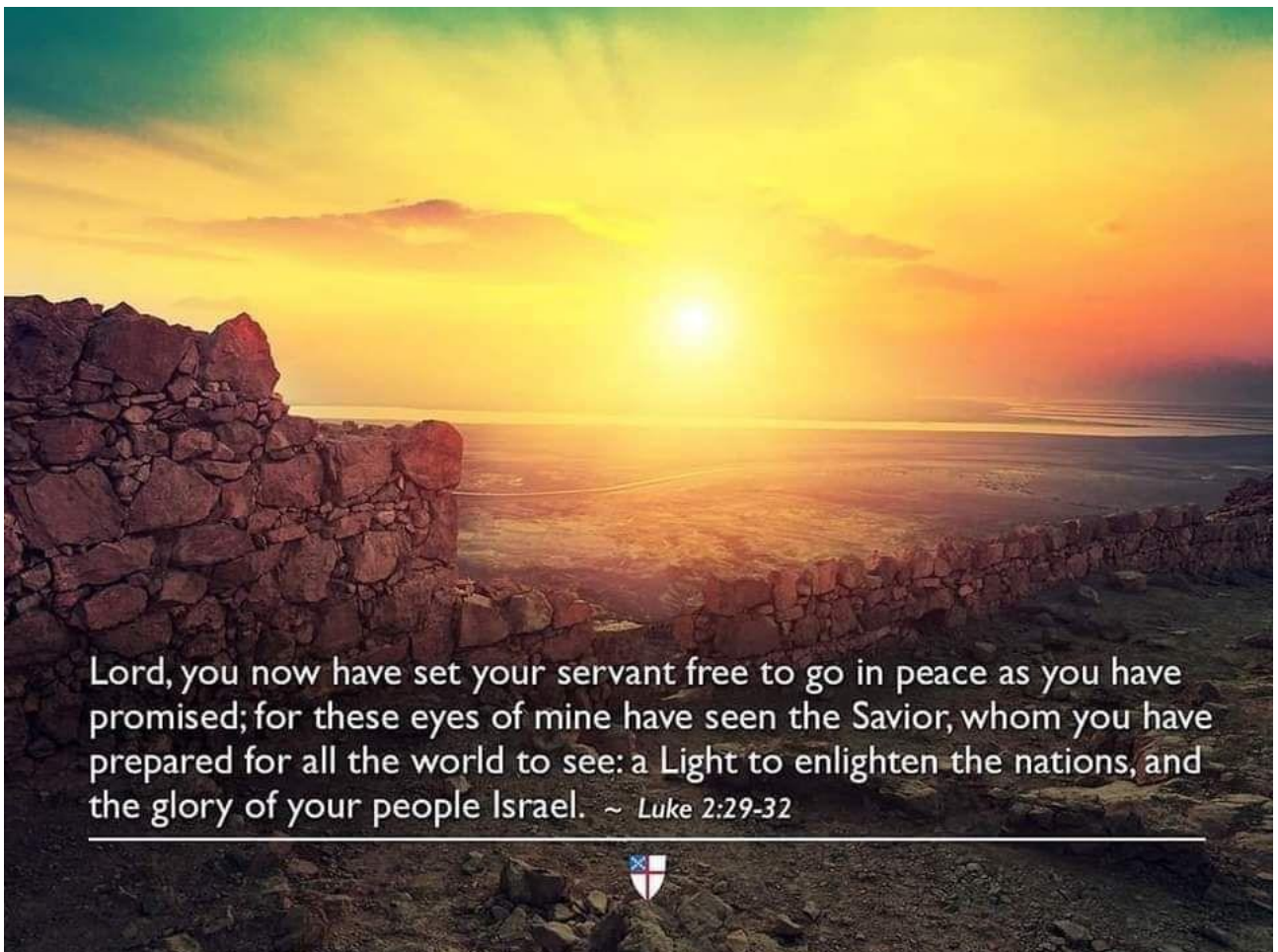
parishes but diocesan life as well. They have all been great colleagues.” These include:

Dean Paul Bogle, who is retiring at the end of October. We wish him and Jane well in retirement.

The Revd Canon Alastair Graham has recently retired and again we wish him and Olive well for the future.

Fran Gresham who has moved back to England.

Luke Hawkins the diocesan youth officer, who is Southern Officer for the Church of Ireland Youth Department and also training for the stipendiary ministry. Drawing to a close the Archdeacon thanked “our part-time diocesan secretary, Karen Seaman. She carries quite a workload that would normally merit a full-time position.”



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He concluded by thanking Bishop Pat, saying, "Faith leadership is not an easy task in today's western society. The days in parish and diocesan life where a bishop can wave a crozier and all problems are solved have long gone, if they were ever there. I think I can speak for all the clergy in thanking her for her care for us and our families."

Photo gallery at - <https://meathandkildare.org/news/2004-diocesan-synod-meets/>

## Cathedral Calls

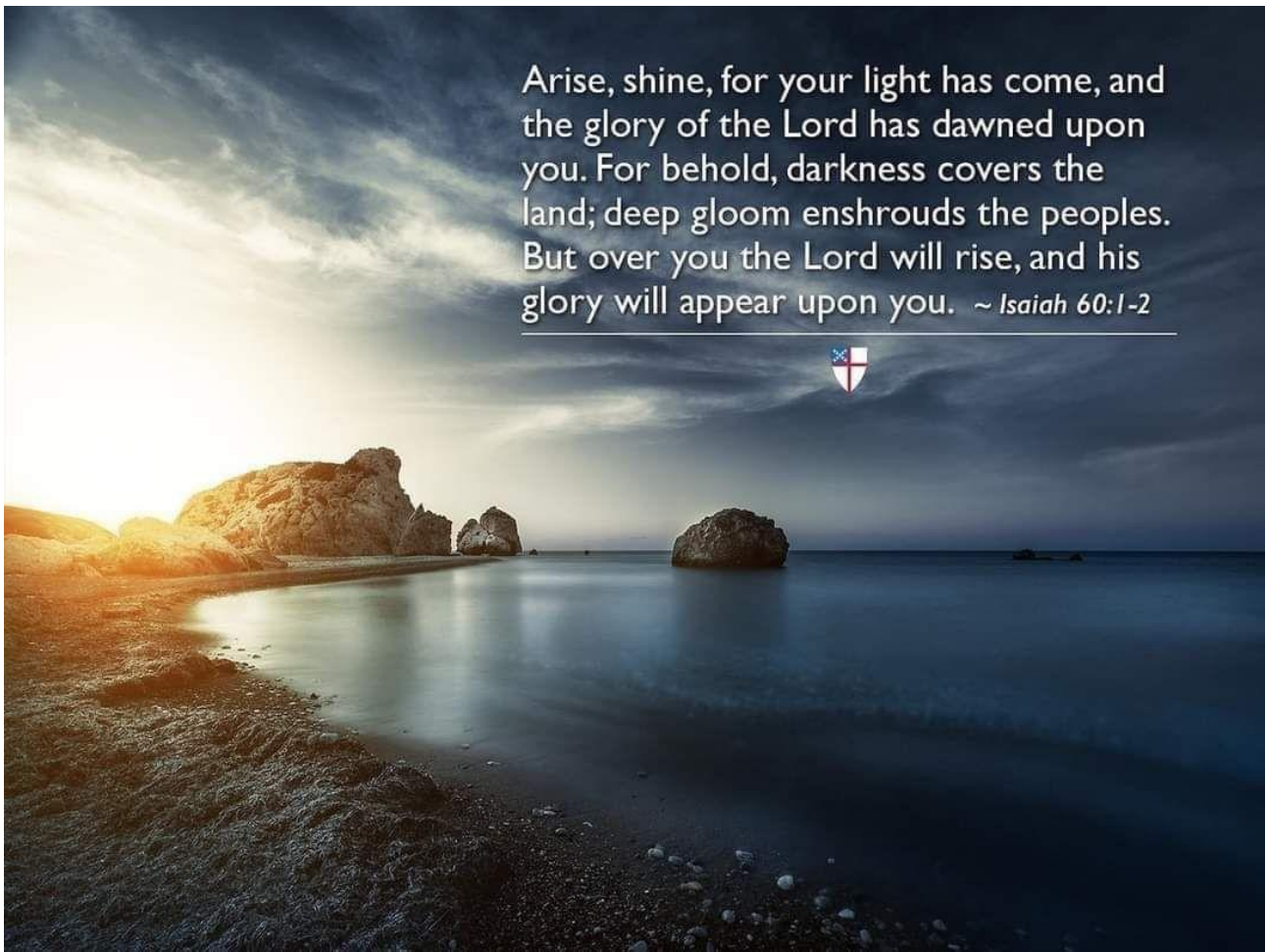
### Interfaith Evening at Southwark Cathedral

**"Please know how welcome you are, let's be revolutionaries tonight and speak to**



**people we don't know, and then go home with the world, and hopefully the heart, made just a bit bigger with space for everyone." - The Very Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark**

Visit the website for more on the Interfaith evening with Living Bankside. <https://bit.ly/4eBkvwH>



## Voice and Verse launch on National Poetry Day – Westminster Abbey

**Westminster Abbey will launch a new season, Voice and Verse on National Poetry Day next month celebrating poets and poetry with a series of special events.**

Voice and Verse, launches on Thursday 3rd October, National Poetry Day and includes special talks, tours, family events, and musical performances.

Highlights include poetry readings in the iconic Poets' Corner, an online talk Across the Pond with the Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster Abbey and

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Canon Hawkey in conversation with speakers from St John the Divine Cathedral in New York as they reflect on the significance and impact of a Poets' Corner within a place of worship.

There are talks on the lives of Women Poets, First World War poets, musical recitals based on texts by poets, a poetry workshop that takes inspiration from the emotions

stirred by Westminster Abbey's memorials and monuments and a bookbinding workshop too.

Among other events will be Voice and Verse tours on selected Saturdays, pop up talks in Poets' Corner, and activities for families.

Throughout the season there will be sermons and music reflecting the lives and works of poets remembered in the Abbey during Sunday services.





The season will draw to a close at the end of November. Full listings and information can be found on the Westminster Abbey site.

“Voice and Verse Poets’ Corner is a literary pilgrimage like no other.

“Join us this season as we celebrate the power of words and stories penned by historic and emerging poets. Discover new ways of seeing the world through their captivating verses.”

## Clergy and ministry



## Past week very difficult time at Drumalis Retreat

**The past week has been a very difficult time for all of us in Drumalis.**

Recent events have seen us host retired Presbyterian ministers and their wives, clergy from Down and Connor, a

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wonderful weekend on the role of women in the bible by Sr Sheila Curran, a group of amazing Year 12 ladies from Assumption Grammar and the Central Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion among other visitors.

In the midst of all these great people coming to Drumalis Retreat to seek 'an oasis on the journey of life', we lost a beautiful soul in the person of Sr Joanne Fahey CP. A privilege for us to share the final days of this wonderful daughter of the Venerable Elizabeth Prout.

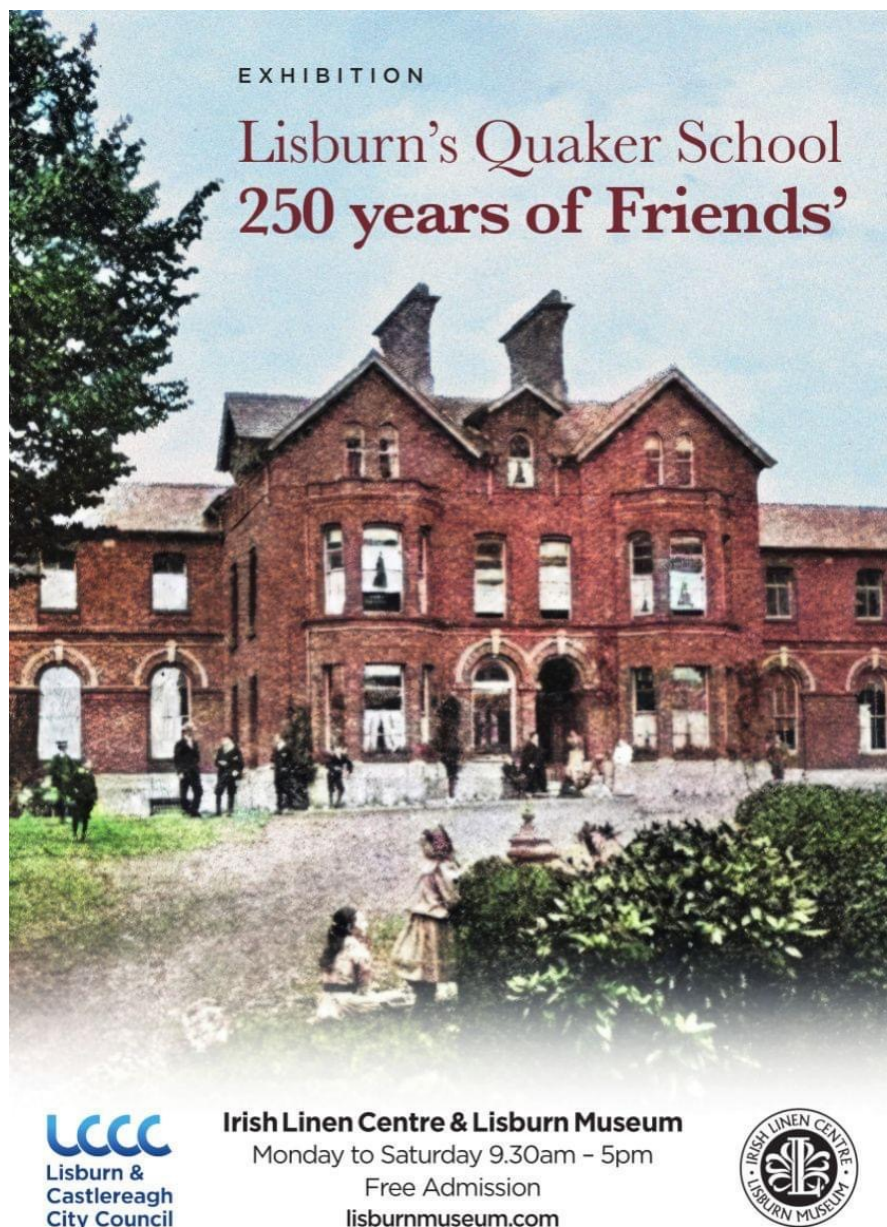
To all those friends and supporters who rallied behind us with your kind words and deeds and many messages of support, we say a heartfelt thank you. Your gift of kindness and care were received with much gratitude. You will be remembered in our prayers.

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

### New exhibition - Lisburn's Quaker School

**It is 250 years since a Quaker school was established on Lisburn's Prospect Hill.**

Although a very different place from what it was back in 1774, the first headmaster and his scholars would no doubt find some things familiar at Friends' School.



The new exhibition considers the early history of the Quakers in Ireland, and their role in the development of Friends' School, Lisburn. It also explores life and the many changes at Friends' over the last 250 years.

There'll be something you can relate to from your time at school, even if you did not go to Friends'.

Open Mon to Sat, 9:30am - 5pm.

For more details, visit here: <https://buff.ly/3ZJsxzc>



## Tour of St Mark's Dundela bell tower

St Marks  
Ringing  
Master, Don  
McLean, is  
offering a  
special  
opportunity  
for a tour of



## **St Mark's Belltower on Saturday 5 October at 11am.**

Hear some of the history of the bells and learn how to ring. Spaces are limited to a maximum of 10 and you need to be fit enough to climb the 46 steps on a circular staircase to reach the ringing room. Sign up by emailing [visitstmarksdundela@gmail.com](mailto:visitstmarksdundela@gmail.com).

## **In the media**

### **Archbishop of New York warns Harris of presidential loss after Catholic dinner snub**

**The archbishop of New York has warned Kamala Harris of losing the presidential election, after she did not turn up to the Al Smith dinner, which benefits Catholic charities, Anna Rees writes**

Cardinal Timothy Dolan said he was “disappointed” not to host the vice president at the event, which typically sees light-hearted humour between two presidential candidates.

Donald Trump appeared at the event in 2016 and 2020, and Hilary Clinton and Joe Biden both attended during their election campaigns, albeit Biden’s attendance was remote due to Covid.

Cardinal Dolan said: “We were looking forward to giving the vice president an enthusiastic welcome, and we were confident that she would find this – you know, she speaks

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very much about high ideals and how it's good to get away from division and come together in unity and all.

“We’re not used to this. We don’t know how to handle it,” he said, warning: “This hasn’t happened in 40 years, since Walter Mondale turned down the invitation. And remember, he lost 49 out of 50 states. I don't want to say there's a direct connection there, but ... we're not giving up.”

Harris’ absence is due to her team wanting her to focus on the battleground states, rather than New York, which already sees a strong pro-Democrat vote.

Trump confirmed his attendance via his website Truth Social – although his 2016 reception was met with boos from attendees.

On his post, Trump claimed Harris “certainly hasn't been very nice” to Catholics.

Cardinal Dolan himself has spoken against the democrats, writing in the Wall Street Journal that the democrats had “abandoned” Catholics.

A Harris representative told the Mail that the group Catholics for Harris-Walz will be appealing to US Catholics in the coming week.

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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