



## Church presence at Northern Ireland events to celebrate Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

At midday, there was a 21-gun salute at **Hillsborough Castle** in County Down. The salute under the command of the Ulster Gunners was staffed by members of Queen's University Officers' Training Corps.

In **Enniskillen**, a thanksgiving service was held at St Macartin's Cathedral. Northern Ireland First



***Service of thanksgiving in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen***

Minister Arlene Foster attended the service. Beams of light from St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michael's Church crossed in the sky above the town symbolising the Queen's visit when she crossed the street to visit the two churches in 2012. The address given by the Bishop of Clogher, RT Rev John McDowell can be read at - <http://clogher.anglican.org/News/newsevent.php?id=494>

Four church leaders who took part in a ceremony in **Ebrington Square, Londonderry** on Thursday evening to mark Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. Church dignitaries led those present in a series of prayers for the Queen. Among those who joined Bishop Good at the [churchnewsireland@gmail.com](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.com)

ceremony were the Bishop of Derry, Donal McKeown; the Moderator of the Presbytery of Derry and Donegal, Rev Craig Wilson and the Methodist Church's District Superintendent, Rev Peter Murray. was one of four Christian church leaders who took part in a ceremony in Londonderry on Thursday evening to mark Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday.

The highlight of the evening was the lighting of a beacon – as dusk began to fall – by the Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey. The event, at Ebrington Square, was organized by members of Bonds Street Community Association. Several hundred people turned out to celebrate the occasion.

Dr Garvey read out a letter which had been written by the Prince of Wales and which was shared at hundreds of similar ceremonies across the UK and farther afield.

Forty-five nonagenarians and one centenarian were the special guests at a **Mothers' Union Tea Party** in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday on 21 April. The Queen is Patron of the Mother's Union (MU) Worldwide and the ladies were all members of MU branches from around the Diocese of **Down and Dromore**



Bishop Harold Miller and his wife Liz hosted the event in St Donard's Parish Centre in East Belfast. Bishop Miller led a short act of devotion and the National Anthem before the ladies and their chaperones enjoyed afternoon tea and, at the end of the afternoon, some music from the Percy French Singers. The tea was all catered and served by MU members in the suitably decorated hall.

The bishop presented each person with a copy of an illustrated short book – *The Servant Queen – and the King She Serves*. The book was written for the Queen's 90th birthday and celebrates her Christian faith – "a faith," said Bishop Harold, [churchnewsireland@gmail.com](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.com)



“which I know is so important to the members of the Mothers’ Union.”

All of the ladies aged 90 and over were also given a small wooden ‘holding cross’. Diocesan President, June Butler, said: “Her Majesty the Queen is our Patron and our ladies look up to her so the Trustees felt it was very important that we celebrated this special birthday in our diocese. We had about 100 guests, 45 of whom were over 90 and who have lived the same lifetime as Her Majesty. We loved hearing all their special memories and stories.”

At this particular gathering, the Queen’s popularity was in no doubt. Mary Nicholson from St Gall’s Carnalea is the same age as the Queen and she recalled her dressmaker

mother following royal fashion - “If Princess Elizabeth had a big straw summer hat, I went to Sunday School in a big straw hat and when she wore a beret, I wore a beret,” said Mary. “They had nice clothes, so we were always well dressed!”

Mary also remembers going to Belfast’s High Street to see the newly wed Princess Elizabeth and a dashing handsome prince Philip on a Royal visit.

As 12 year old girl living in Edinburgh, Lydia Walton aged 92 from Donaghadee, remembers seeing the young princesses playing in the Garden of Holyrood Palace and Irene Lockett, 91, from Willowfield, shared her memory of receiving the Maundy Money from her Majesty when she visited Armagh in 2008.

Finally, when it came to cutting the cake it fell to the most senior person in the room – Barbara Smith aged 100, from Dundela, who did a wonderful job!

## **Archbishops to concelebrate annual 1916 Mass of Remembrance in Arbour Hill**

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, will concelebrate the annual 1916 Mass of Remembrance in the Church of the Sacred Heart – the church of the Defence Forces

– in Arbour Hill, Dublin at 10.00am this Sunday, 24 April, the centenary date of the 1916 Easter Rising.

Archbishop Eamon Martin will be principal celebrant at the Mass. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will preside and preach the homily. The President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, as well as members of the Government, will be in attendance at the Mass, joined by relatives of those executed following the Rising.

To mark this special anniversary, an inter-faith prayer service will take place after the Mass in Arbour Hill Cemetery, along with a wreath-laying by President Higgins. The adjacent military cemetery is the resting place for fourteen of the executed leaders of the Rising including Pádraig Pearse, James Connolly and Major John McBride.

The 1916 Mass of Remembrance and surrounding events will be broadcast live on RTÉ One Television and on RTÉ Radio 1 Extra and Longwave 252. Television coverage begins at 9.45am and radio coverage begins at 10.00am, which is the scheduled start time for the Mass.

## **Dublin and Glendalough Synod rejects proposed boundary changes**

Members of Dublin and Glendalough's Diocesan Synods have voted overwhelmingly in favour of bringing a motion to the General Synod of Church of Ireland calling on the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures to withdraw their Bill. The Bill, if passed would see changes to the diocesan boundaries of Dublin and Glendalough as well as to the Dioceses of Tuam, Kilalla and Achonry, Limerick and Killaloe, and and Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. The commission proposes to transfer six parishes from the Diocese of Glendalough to the Diocese of Meath and Kildare.

A second motion (in the event that the first fails) was also passed almost unanimously by synods people. It calls on the Commission for Episcopal Ministry and Structures to delete the section of their Bill that relates to Dublin and Glendalough.

The votes took place at an extraordinary meeting of Dublin and Glendalough's Diocesan Synods on Wednesday night, April 20, in St Michael's Church, Athy. Over 270 people attended, filling



the church and its gallery. Of the many passionate speakers, the vast majority were opposed to the CEMS proposal although some acknowledged that there was a need to take the future of the wider Church of Ireland into consideration and said they had nothing against their neighbours in Meath and Kildare.

Among the reasons they gave for their opposition were that the commission had failed to consult those in the six affected parishes or in the wider dioceses on the specifics of the proposal. They felt the commission had acted in an undemocratic fashion and in a way which was not in line with how the Church of Ireland generally operated. They questioned how the move was mission focused, suggesting that the Bill was about numbers and viability rather than Bishops and mission.

Members of the parishes affected, dubbed by one speaker as the Glendalough Six, expressed their gratitude to those from the rest of the dioceses for coming out in such large numbers to support them. They spoke of feeling disappointed and let down by the process. They expressed concern about the implications for the parishes of being used to prop up the Diocese of Meath and Kildare. Some feared that if the commission proceeded with what they

described as a flawed Bill, it would damage the Church and “vandalise” Dublin and Glendalough. A sense of belonging was also invoked – the people of the affected parishes feel part of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough, not of Meath and Kildare.

The Rector of Booterstown, the Revd Gillian Wharton, who is one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Church of Ireland and a member of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures, also addressed the meeting. She said that everyone there had the dioceses at heart but must also consider the wider Church. She said that she was delighted that the conversation was taking place and added that CEMS had consulted widely with every diocese in the Church of Ireland. However, she felt that the people of Dublin and Glendalough had not engaged with the guiding principals of CEMS which were presented to General Synod last year. She had also urged that more time be allotted to discussing the matter at Diocesan Synods last October.

**A home for everyone must be a human right, Irish Society of Friends**

Daniel Sinton in a statement issued by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, states that the Society “wishes to express its serious concern about the increasing number of homeless individuals and families, both south and north of the border.

“At our recent yearly meeting in Dublin, we heard presentations from people engaged in several different homeless charities.

“In the past, Quakers recognised the importance of good-quality social housing and today we believe a home is a fundamental human right.

“In this context, homelessness is frequently the manifestation of dysfunctional housing provision and weakness of effective policy and regulation.

“We, therefore, call on the authorities in both jurisdictions to take urgent action to address the underlying structural causes of homelessness, including the appropriate provision of social housing, strengthening the rights of tenants in the private rented sector and removing the obstacles to making vacant properties available for occupation.”

## **Start of new build Dublin church care home**



***Arthur Vincent, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dr Michael Webb, Cedric Christie and Ivor Moloney turning the first sods of the new nursing home at St John's House.***

Hard hats were donned in Dublin 4 on Thursday April 21 as the first sods were turned on an exciting new development at St John's House. Archbishop Michael Jackson took shovel in hand, along with representatives of St John's House, St Mary's Home of Pembroke Park and [churchnewsireland@gmail.com](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.com)

the Molyneux Home (formerly on Leeson Park) to officially start work on the new state of the art 56 bed nursing home to be built on the site on Merrion Road.

The new development is being spearheaded by Protestant Aid and will comprise the complete upgrading of the front portion of the existing St John's House building, and the construction of 54 new bedrooms at the rear, providing state of the art care for 56 residents. Each new room will have en-suite facilities and the new development will provide communal spaces including sitting rooms, dining rooms, quiet rooms, hairdressing salon and more. The Nursing Home will retain its existing chapel for the use of the residents.

The new facility is being undertaken by a partnership between St John's House, St Mary's Home and the Molyneux Home under the umbrella of Protestant Aid. Earlier this year, the trustees of St Mary's Home announced their plans to combine with Protestant Aid and to relocate their residents to St John's House when the project is completed. The Molyneux Home closed in 2012.

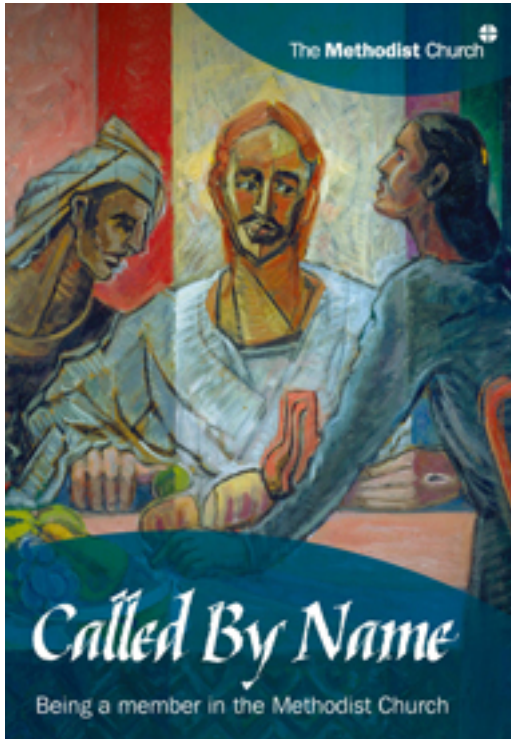
Speaking at Thursday's ceremony, Protestant Aid chairman Arthur Vincent, said it was a fantastic day for Protestant Aid and the three

partner homes. He said that all the conditions now in place to ensure the best quality of care for residents, meant that they knew the homes would not be fit for purpose. “St John’s will be a new 56 bed nursing home that we can be proud of,” he stated.

Before turning the first sod, Archbishop Jackson praised all involved in Protestant Aid and in each of the three partner entities for the continuity of care provided and for the sense of adventure and aspirations for future care. He thanked everyone who provided their time, energy and professional expertise to develop the project. “To be able to offer something which gives dignity, security and happiness to people is tremendously exciting,” he said.

Dr Michael Webb turned a sod on behalf of St Mary’s Home. Cedric Christie turned the sod for the Molyneux Home and Ivor Moloney turned the sod for St John’s House. The first stage of the development with 28 beds is expected to be open next spring with the project completed by the spring of the following year.

## **Refreshed Guide to Methodism Released**



The Methodist Church in England and Wales has launched an updated resource to help new, existing and potential Methodists with their journey of faith.

Originally published in 2005, the new design is the first major update to *Called By Name*, one of the Church's most important publications.

*Called by Name* is a fully illustrated book including hymns, prayers, Christian art and

images from contemporary life for those considering membership in the Methodist Church or for those who have recently joined.

Designed as a resource to help people understand the distinctive meaning of the Methodist Church, *Called by Name* covers topics including God's inclusive love, Wrestling with faith and Our Calling as well as information on further resources.

Secretary of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gareth J Powell, said: "This superb resource helps us all understand the call of Christ to discipleship, as it is expressed by membership of the Methodist Church.

"Through words and images, it challenges us to demonstrate our calling in worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. I pray that this will help people hear that call, and equip them as they continue on the journey of discipleship."

The Methodist Church's Director of Publishing and Communications, Andy Jackson, said: "Called by Name is one of those special publications of the Methodist Church which can be given to those who have recently joined the



Church or are considering membership. However, it also makes an ideal gift for lifelong Methodists.

"Running out of stock gave us the wonderful opportunity to refresh the design of the book. It's now even easier to read and we've augmented parts of the book to help those new to the Church, for example, when a hymn has been quoted, we've explained who the hymn was written by and where it can be found in Singing the Faith.

"The book also reflects the Church's continuous calling to be relevant to the challenges of modern life."

## **A third of Catholic churches across north Wales are to close**

The Bishop of Wrexham has said that the closure of 22 churches across his diocese is a "huge opportunity for renewal".

In a pastoral [letter](#) to the diocese, Bishop Peter Brignall announced that he plans to shut 22 out of the current 62 Catholic churches by 2020. He

wrote: “To some it will be shocking, to others not radical enough; to some it will come as a relief, to others a disappointment or even a scandal; to us all it will be a challenge, but I firmly believe also a huge opportunity for renewal.

“It will mean pastors and communities will have to look afresh at how we live parish life, how the Catholic Church in north Wales is profoundly missionary.”

Bishop Brignall said that some of the changes would begin in the next few weeks. He said: “Churches are going to be closed and I hope some new ones built; parishes are going to be suppressed and new ones established, and some Mass times will be altered. Not all of this will happen at once, but some of it will happen immediately, *ie* within weeks.”

Bishop Brignall asked Catholics to approach the decision with a “generous heart and a steadfast faith”. He said: “I said at the outset of this reorganisation and restructuring, my intent was to ensure that in each of the remaining churches of the diocese Sunday Mass would be celebrated every Sunday of the year.

“On present calculations, by 2020 the number of under-retirement-age priests will be 22; therefore to achieve my intention there need be around only 40 churches, not the 62 there currently are. Many of the details and consequences of closures and reorganisation cannot be worked out beforehand and can only be faced in the reality of the new situation, and so I ask you to approach this with a generous heart and steadfast faith.”

## Cathedral and choral

### **Holy Spirit, Breath of God- a cantata for Pentecost Sunday**

On Sunday 15th May at 7.30pm, Birr Choral Society and soloists will put on a special performance of *Holy Spirit, Breath of God*, a cantata written by Ruth Beasley and Audrey Francis, daughters of Asbury Hanna, a well-known Methodist minister who, at the time of the 1916 Rising, was minister of Castlebar Methodist church.

Two years ago, the choir performed another of Ruth and Audrey’s cantatas, *The Fingerprint of God*, to great acclaim.

The music, written by Ruth, was described as “beautiful and accessible” and the words, compiled from Scripture by Audrey, as “deeply meaningful”.



***Ruth Beasley (left) and Audrey Francis***

The impact of this new work also promises to lie in the way the meaning of the words is drawn out through the music. The concert will be held in St Brendan’s parish church, Birr, and is part of the church’s bicentenary celebrations.

As part of a **Jubilee Pilgrimage with the Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help** to the Cathedrals of Ireland, the Icon will visit **St**

**Eugene's Cathedral, Derry**, from Mon 2 May to Tue 3 May 2016. Opening Liturgy and Veneration of the Icon at 4.30pm on Mon 2nd. Concelebrated Mass 7.30pm, Holy Hour 9.00pm. Tue 3rd: Morning Prayer 7.45am, Mass 8.00am, Concelebrated Mass 10.00am, closing with Veneration until 11.00am.

## News briefs



**Brexit wall mural quotes Bible.** A new wall mural in north Belfast quotes a Bible verse in support of the campaign for the UK to leave the European Union. The Tigers Bay Brexit slogan 'Vote Leave EU' is accompanied by a reference

to Revelation chapter 18 verse 4. The full verse states: “And I heard another voice from the Heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye not be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. This Bible verse is often used in sermons about the oppression of the poor by the strong. A referendum is being held on June 23 to decide whether the United Kingdom should leave or remain in the European Union.

**Amoris Laetitia’ now available in Veritas shops** - *Amoris Laetitia*, the new Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis, is now available from all nine Veritas stores and on [www.veritas.ie](http://www.veritas.ie). The selling price is €4.99, and £3.75 sterling. *Amoris Laetitia* reflects on the role of marriage and the family in the life of the Catholic Church around the world. In 2013, Veritas published Pope Francis’ first Apostolic Exhortation *Evangeliu Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, which to date has sold over 23,000 copies. In 2015, Veritas published Pope Francis’s encyclical letter *Laudato Si* – on care for our common home. The director of Veritas, Ms Maura Hyland said, “We expect to see a similar high demand from Irish customers for copies of *Amoris Laetitia* in order that they can read directly for themselves the words of Pope

Francis on marriage and family.” For more information see [www.veritas.ie](http://www.veritas.ie).

**Flute Band Church at St Jude’s Parish, Muckamore**, has appointed Ryan Mairs to the new post of Outreach Worker. Ryan will be attending parades over the summer, reaching out to the men and women in the marching band community. Ryan lives in Antrim, where he was born and raised. Introducing himself in a post on the Flute Band Church Facebook page, Ryan wrote: “I have been involved within the marching band fraternity for many years, having been a member of several bands throughout the province.

“The aim of my role is to reach out to the men and women of the marching band world wherever they’re at and endeavour to create a safe environment whereby they can explore what it might mean to have a relationship with Christ.

“This is a new challenge for me but given my affection for those involved in marching bands it’s a challenge I’m really looking forward to. I plan to attend as many parades etc as I possibly can, so if you see me about please say ‘hi’ or if anyone wants to contact me here please feel free to do so.” Ryan may be contacted at St

Jude's, Muckamore, or via the [Flute Band Church Facebook page](#).

**Evangelical Alliance in NI is offering three**

**internships.** Director of EA, Peter Lynas commented, "Do you want to help shape church, politics and culture in Northern Ireland or do you know someone who would?"

"We have had 3 fantastic interns this year and you can hear more from them in this week's video. But all good things come to an end and so new are looking to recruit new interns for 2016/17.

- Do you know someone who is passionate about Christian influence in the public square?
- Are you a keen follower of politics and the news?
- Do you want to help the church engage well with the big issues of the day?

"Our internship programme provides a great opportunity to gain invaluable experience in living out your faith in the public square. It also really helps increase the work the Alliance can do here in Northern Ireland. We are in the fourth year of our successful internship program and we are looking for new interns to join the Evangelical Alliance in Northern Ireland for 2016/17.

The programme lasts 9 months and we offer a bursary." EA's e-mail is - [nireland@eauk.org](mailto:nireland@eauk.org)



A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in **St Mark's Parish Church, Ballysillan**, on Sunday May 1 to mark the **160<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the consecration of the church. The Parish Church of St Mark was built to serve the expanding village of Ligoniel and the surrounding area of Ballysillan. The foundation stone was laid on May 25 1854 and the church was consecrated on May 1 1856. The Service of Thanksgiving begins at 6.30pm. It will be conducted by the rector, the Rev Robin Moore, and the Rev William Hoey. The preacher will be the Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy. All are welcome. Clergy are asked to robe. For catering purposes, please contact Jack Briggs on 028 9022 1873 or Rosemary Patterson on 028 9022 4098.

## **News links to reports on faith, politics and education**

### **Abortion: 'Ridiculous' that NI operates under 1861 termination law, says Lord David Steel** BBC News

A peer who was responsible for liberalising abortion law in Britain says it is "ridiculous" that Northern Ireland continues to operate under the 1861 legislation.  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36106486>

## **Adoption laws in NI belong to a different generation**

News Letter

Significantly more likely to have mental health problems.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/the-adoption-laws-in-northern-ireland-belong-to-a-different-generation-1-7340373>

## **Minister independent orders investigation into events at the troubled De La Salle College**

News Letter

Education Minister John O'Dowd has ordered an independent investigation into events at the troubled De La Salle College in Belfast.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/independent-investigation-to-be-carried-out-into-events-at-de-la-salle-college-1-7343454>

## **Northern Ireland school leaders warn of 'budget crisis' impact**

BBC News

Schools will see larger class sizes, fewer teachers and be able to offer fewer subjects due to rising costs, according to leaders of 80 of Northern Ireland's largest schools.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36108441>

## **Drastic budget cuts may mean shorter school days in Northern Ireland**

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/dramatic-budget-cuts-may-mean-shorter-school-days-in-northern-ireland-34649471.html>

## **Princess Anne opens phase one of Ulster University's new Belfast campus**

BBC News

Princess Anne officially opens the Ulster University's new building in Belfast city centre.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36113535>

## **Secondary school teachers may take industrial action**

Irish Examiner

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/secondary-school-teachers-may-take-industrial-action-730847.html>

## **Casement a deeply flawed person**

News Letter

Nelson McCausland has hit out at Michael D Higgins after the Irish president praised 1916 rebel leader Roger Casement as a national hero.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/irish-president-s-celebration-of-casement-endorsing-a-myth-1-7344347>

Irish News

Book review

[http://www.irishnews.com/arts/2016/04/21/news/berlin-diary-explains-logic-of-casement-s-treason--487984/?mc\\_cid=30d4bd693e&mc\\_eid=23f2f80c40](http://www.irishnews.com/arts/2016/04/21/news/berlin-diary-explains-logic-of-casement-s-treason--487984/?mc_cid=30d4bd693e&mc_eid=23f2f80c40)

## **Northern Ireland cadet's 'immense pride' after guard of honour role at Queen's 90th birthday beacon lighting ceremony in Windsor**

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/northern-ireland-cadets-immense-pride-after-guard-of-honour-role-at-queens-90th-birthday-beacon-lighting-ceremony-in-windsor-34650312.html>

## **Buncrana pier drownings: Hundreds attend month's mind**

Irish Times

Hundreds attended the Holy Family **Church** for the month's mind Mass in memory of those who died when their car skidded on algae on the slipway at ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/buncrana-pier-drownings-hundreds-attend-month-s-mind-1.2618094>

## **Funeral held of Ardoyne murder victim Michael McGibbon**

Irish News

The former chef was shot yards from his home, close to Holy Cross **church** where more than 800 attended his requiem mass on Thursday.

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2016/04/21/news/funeral-of-ardoyne-murder-victim-michael-mcgibbon-takes-place-493965/>

## **Yorks Post**

Reports that the Archbishop of York helped lead tributes from peers to the Queen as the House of Lords sent its "warmest congratulations" to the monarch on her 90th birthday (*see above*). He said, "Let this be a day of thanksgiving and much rejoicing for Her Majesty's birthday. Long live the Queen."

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/archbishop-proclaims-a-day-of-thanksgiving-and-much-rejoicing-for-queen-1-7868010>

### **Times**

Letter from faith leaders from both sides of the Atlantic stating that the US and UK must do more for Syrian refugees: "We urge David Cameron and President Obama to use what could be their final meeting in the UK as heads of state to urgently address the humanitarian crisis in Syria." The signatories include four CofE bishops; the Bishop of Coventry, the Bishop of Croydon, the Bishop of Durham and the Bishop of Wakefield.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/us-and-uk-must-do-more-for-syrian-refugees-m87mrnzmk>

### **Times/Guard/FT**

Reports that mining giant Anglo American became the latest FTSE 100 company to face a protest at the hands of investors over executive pay. The remuneration report for Chief Executive Mark Cutifani was rejected by 42 per cent of shareholders, according to provisional results. Adam Matthews, head of engagement for the Church Commissioners and the CofE Pensions Board, urged the company to consider its pay policy and is quoted in the *Times*.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/anglo-american-hit-by-protest-vote-over-share-plan-t5mfcmlxw>

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/apr/21/anglo-american-chief-executive-pay-mining>

[http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f93b371e-07db-11e6-a623-b84d06a39ec2.html?FTCamp=engage/CAP/webapp/Channel\\_Moreover//B2B#axzz46WqHEJva](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f93b371e-07db-11e6-a623-b84d06a39ec2.html?FTCamp=engage/CAP/webapp/Channel_Moreover//B2B#axzz46WqHEJva)

### Christian Today/Premier

Further reports that Revd Graham Sawyer, a survivor of abuse by Bishop Peter Ball, has said he will not cooperate into the independent review of the Church's handling of the case. A spokeswoman is quoted saying that Archbishop Justin has publicly said it is a matter of deep shame and regret that a bishop in the CofE committed these offences and that the review will provide the Church as a whole with an opportunity to learn lessons which will improve safeguarding practice and policy.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Bishop-Peter-Ball-victim-quits-church-abuse-review>

### **BBC**

Hundreds of people are expected to pay tribute to a man known as "Britain's oldest DJ" at his funeral in Bristol later today. Derek Serpell-Morris, known as DJ Derek, went missing in July 2015 aged 73. His remains were discovered in March in the city. The service will take place at St Agnes church in St Pauls, Bristol.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-36092556>

### **BBC**

On the eve of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, the article highlights locations where tourists can 'get near to' the playwright. Holy Trinity

church by the River Avon is cited at Shakespeare's church.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-35837601>

### **Comment**

**Guardian:** Photographer Jim Grover explains how his camera helped him “re-focus on my faith”.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/apr/21/moment-that-changed-me-faith-anglican-london-photgraphy>

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