

Irish news 15th February

Woman is new Archdeacon of Clogher

Having served in the position for the past twenty-five years the Venerable Cecil Pringle is to stand down as Archdeacon of Clogher. The Rt. Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher paid tribute to the outstanding service which the Archdeacon had given to the Diocese and to the Church.



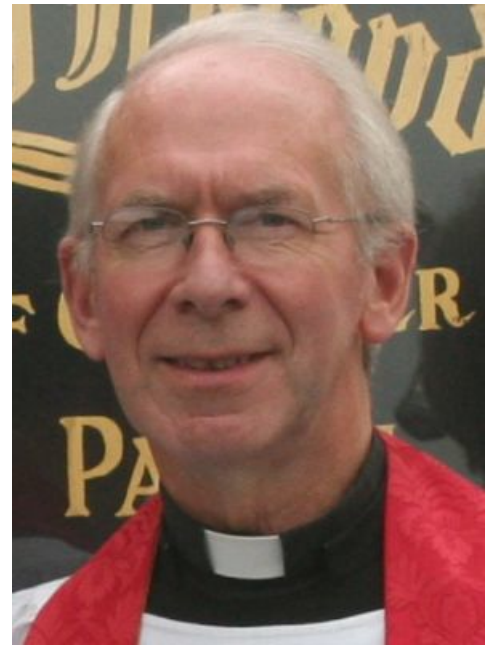
The Revd Canon Helene T-Steed

“Cecil Pringle has an unparalleled knowledge of the diocese of Clogher and has brought all of his skills, enthusiasm and dedication to bear during his period of service as Archdeacon. He has also served the central bodies of the Church of Ireland in virtually every capacity possible, most recently as a member of the Executive Committee of the Representative Church Body.

In addition to his many other offices Archdeacon Pringle also served as a member of the Western Education and Library Board for ten years, during which time he chaired the Teaching Appointments Committee.

In the Church of Ireland archdeacons are required to stand down from that office at the age of seventy. However I am delighted to be able to say that Archdeacon Pringle will continue to have the care of the parishes of Drumkeeran, Muckcross and Templecarne. It would be impossible for me to adequately express the debt which I personally owe to Archdeacon Pringle for his advice, support and encouragement over the past two and a half years since I came to this Diocese”.

Archdeacon Pringle is to be succeeded as Archdeacon of Clogher by The Revd Canon Helene T. Steed, the rector of the Clones Group of Parishes in Co. Monaghan.



The Ven Cecil Pringle

Canon Steed came to the diocese of Clogher in February 2008 when she was instituted as rector of Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss. Prior to serving in Clogher, Canon Steed served as Dean's Vicar in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork for four years, and before this she held a number of rural ministerial positions in the Church of Sweden.

A native of Sweden, Canon Steed was ordained priest in 1996 in the Church of Sweden following study at Lincoln Theological College and Uppsala University, where she achieved a Master's degree in Divinity. Prior to ordination, Canon Steed spent time working in the Church of England, and has also pursued theological research in South Africa. Since coming to Clogher Diocese, she has served as Bishop's Chaplain and as Rural Dean of Clones, which includes parishes in North Monaghan and South-East Fermanagh. Since 2011 she has been a member of the Cathedral Chapter holding the position of Prebend of Devenish. In addition to being a member of Diocesan Synod, Canon Steed is a member of Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Glebes Committee, the



Diocesan Sustentation and Finance Committee, and has served on the management committee of the Wells Youth Ministry. She chairs the Board of Management of Monaghan Collegiate School, and she is also the Church of Ireland representative on the Porvoo Communion of Churches contact group.

Habitat for Humanity service in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast

Habitat for Humanity NI is thrilled that Kebede Abede, the National Director of Habitat Ethiopia, will visit in February.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the positive impact of Habitat NI's long-term partnership with Ethiopia and we hope that you will be part of it.

Join us to give thanks for lives changed at home and around the world through Habitat's work. Kebede will share some of the transformational impacts of our special partnership in Ethiopia.

Date: Sunday 16 February 2014. Time: 4.30 pm. Location: St Peter's Cathedral, St Peter's Square, Belfast BT12 4BU

Abbey St Methodist Open to the Community

For over 120 years Abbey Street Methodist Church in Dublin has thrown open its door to the diverse communities and groups in the city. Today it attracts approximately 2,500 people through its doors every week.



During the week, many self-help groups and various classes take place on the premises. Some of the self-help groups that use the premises are:

Alanon, Narcotics Anon, Gamblers Anon, Aware, National Assoc. of Widows, Coeliac Society, Alcoholic Anonymous, Artist Recovery Group, Lifering, Adult

Children of Alcoholics, Overeaters Anon, Naranon Family Support Group and Debtors Anon..

All of the above groups are assisting one of the aims of the Church which is to help people overcome their social and personal problems.

Graham Casswell, the Abbey Street Manager said, *"It is quite remarkable to see the difference in people after they have attended and continue attending these events. It is heartening to see the Mission facilities being used to such good effect."*

In addition to the above, the Abbey Street Mission offers:

- free Art Classes open to all
- free drop-in English Conversation Classes for the homeless and those living in temporary accommodation
- a Homeless Ministry whose volunteers go out onto Dublin's street and offer love, encouragement and provisions to the homeless
- parent and toddler groups
- meeting and practice facilities for theatre, sports and other groups

Practical Cork valentine

On St. Valentine's Day 2014, the pupils in St Mary's Church of Ireland National School, Carrigaline, County Cork brought into school a huge number of items they had collected for Cork Penny Dinners.



This is a charity supported by the Parish all the year round. Everything collected will be delivered to the charity at Little Hanover Street so that the clients and staff of Cork Penny Dinners will know that there is more than sappy hearts and cards to real 'Love' at this time of the year.

Clergy and the legacy of the troubles



A conference for Clergy has been organised by a group of clergy in Mid Ulster, in partnership with the [Irish Churches Peace Project](#) and Good Relations Departments in Dungannon & South Tyrone, Cookstown and Magherafelt District Councils.

It will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2014 in Brackaville Parish Hall, Coalisland, Co.Tyrone, BT71 4HT

Programme

- 9.45am Registration
- 10.00am Welcome and Introduction
- 10.10am Professor Brandon Hamber – The legacy of ‘The Troubles’?
- 10.55am Coffee
- 11.15am Dr Gladys Ganiel – The role of clergy in addressing this legacy?
- 12.00pm Groups
- 12.30pm Plenary & Questions
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.45pm Professor Peter McBride – Clergy as ‘victims’ and ‘survivors’?
- 2.30pm Clergy experiences – Ministering to people affected by violent conflict (including Rev Dr David Clements and Fr Stephen Kearney)
- 3.30pm Tea/Plenary & What’s next?
- 4.30pm Close

Speakers

Professor Brandon Hamber is Director of the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE), an associate site of the United Nations University based at the University of Ulster. He is a Mellon Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the School of Human and Community Development at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He has undertaken consulting and research work, and participated in various peace and reconciliation initiatives in Northern Ireland, South Africa, Liberia, Mozambique, Bosnia, the Basque Country and Sierra Leone, among others. He has written extensively on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the psychological implications of political violence, and the

process of transition and reconciliation in South Africa, Northern Ireland and abroad. He has published some 40 book chapters and scientific journal articles, and his latest book *Transforming Societies after Political Violence: Truth, Reconciliation, and Mental Health* was published by Springer in 2009, and published in 2011 in Spanish.

Dr Gladys Ganiel lectures in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation at the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin at Belfast. Her books include *Evangelicalism and Conflict in Northern Ireland*, Palgrave, 2008, *Evangelical Journeys: Choice and Change in a Northern Irish Religious Subculture*, (co-authored with Claire Mitchell), UCD Press, 2011, and *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity*, (co-authored with Gerardo Marti), Oxford University Press, 2014.

Professor Peter McBride is the Chief Executive of Niamh (the Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health), the largest voluntary sector organisation in Northern Ireland specialising in the provision of locally based community mental health services. Peter has degrees in Science and Divinity and at Masters Level in Social Work, alongside further qualifications and experience in counselling and the management of psychological trauma. He has been involved for over 15 years in the Victims and Survivors Sector in Northern Ireland, leading and consulting on a variety of different projects. Peter is Visiting Professor at the University of Ulster Bamford Centre for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

There will also be group discussions on Ministering to People Affected by Violent Conflict, with contributions from Rev David Clements, a Methodist Minister in the Shankill at the time of the Shankill bomb, and Fr Stephen Kearney, a Catholic Priest in Greysteel when a local bar was targeted a week later.

To register your place, please contact us before Monday 24 February:

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CIYD/IMYC Retreat

There are a few places left on the retreat which will be held 25 – 27 February 2014 in JACKSON'S HOTEL, BALLYBOFEY, DONEGAL

SPEAKER – JOHN ALDERDICE. COST – ONLY £69 – covers all meals, accommodation and use of the spa! Book and pay online at https://www.facebook.com/CoIYD/app_200103733347528

Blaze: Monthly Youth Service

In Letterkenny - March 7, 2014 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Blaze is a new youth service aimed at young people throughout the C of I diocese of Derry & Raphoe, aged from 11 upwards.

It is an event which travels around the diocese, in various locations, bringing good worship, solid and engaging teaching, and creative interaction for young people to explore faith and what the Bible says about life!

This event is ideal for confirmation classes, youth groups, youth fellowships or just you and your friends to come to. We will have food and refreshments for everyone who comes, and it is all FREE OF CHARGE!

Every month this will be in a different location, so you can come to them all or you can choose to go to the one nearest you!

<http://dry-youth.org/blaze>

Youth worker post

Mount Merrion Parish Church on the Cregagh estate in East Belfast has secured some funding so that they can recruit a part-time youth worker on a one year contract.

The successful candidate will be part of a team that will develop the church's outreach and ministry to young people in the local area.

If that interests you, then please get in touch for a full job description and application form.

CLOSING DATE: 2.00 pm on 2 March 2014

Email: mountmerrionchurch@live.co.uk

New Wine Ireland training youth and kids' training day

New Wine Ireland is hosting a kids and youth training day at Willowfield Parish Church, Belfast, on March 8.

Guest speaker is Olly Goldenberg, author of Josiah Generation.

The training day is for church leaders, parents, youth and children's teams.

A great line-up of speakers will share stories that inspire and lead seminars relevant to a range of people and situations.

Olly Goldenberg (Children Can) will be leading the main sessions joined by Katie Rogers (City Vineyard) and others from NWI, with 24/7 Prayer Ireland having input throughout the day.

For more details: <http://www.newwineireland.org/node/191>



Volunteer drivers needed in Carlow

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers in Carlow to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in St Vincent's Hospital Dublin, St James Hospital Dublin and Waterford Regional Hospital.

A driver picks the patient up from their home, drives them to the door of the hospital, picks them up again when they are finished their treatment and brings them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. For an application form please contact Gail on [01 2310566](tel:012310566) or email transport@irishcancer.ie

Services and events

This afternoon (Saturday) in Holy Trinity church, Dunfanaghy, the Bishop of Derry & Raphoe will institute the Revd David McDonnell as rector of the parishes of Dunfanaghy, Tullaghobegley and Raymunterdoney in Co. Donegal. Mr McDonnell has been curate in the Christ Church cathedral, Dublin, group of parishes since his ordination in 2009.

Tomorrow (Sunday) morning at the 10.45am Choral Eucharist in the Chapel of Trinity College, Dublin, the series of addresses on the Golden Rule ('Do to others as you would have them do to you') will, continue. The speaker will be Dr Jude Lal Fernando from the Irish School of Ecumenics who will talk about how the Golden Rule is understood and applied in Buddhism.

In St Patrick's cathedral, Armagh, at 4.15pm Donal McCann, a student at the Methodist College, Belfast, will give the next recital in the Dean Herbert Cassidy Memorial Recital Series.

Over the past few weeks the parishioners of St Macartin's cathedral, Enniskillen, have been voting for their favourite hymns and the results will be revealed tomorrow (Sunday) at a special evening service at 7.00pm in the cathedral, conducted by the Dean, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall.

On Monday at lunchtime in St Anne's cathedral the Primate will launch a new Lent book by the Dean of Belfast, the Very Revd John Mann. *Lent with John's Gospel* has been published by Columba Press.