



Archbishops of Armagh lead pilgrimage to Somme battlefield

Archbishop Richard Clarke, Archbishop Eamon Martin and thirty pilgrims are joining in a centenary pilgrimage to significant sites at the Battle of the Somme. The archbishops are leading this pilgrimage which will begin tomorrow Wednesday 22nd June with the

pilgrims praying at the Memorial Wall in Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin.

Speaking ahead of the centenary pilgrimage, Archbishop Richard Clarke said, “I am very much looking forward to this journey, which will, I believe, be far more than a purely physical journey for all of us. Coming as we do from very different contexts (both spiritually and geographically) and also carrying very different understandings of our history, we have much to share with one another and much to learn, as we travel and pray our way through places that carry such huge symbolic importance for us all.”

Archbishop Eamon Martin said, “I am looking forward to being part of this special pilgrimage with Archbishop Clarke and with young people from across the country. The Battle of the Somme has left us with a haunting image we are all familiar with – the thousands of pale, white gravestones dotting the ground which symbolise the lives of the many who were lost. We go there, one hundred years after one of the bloodiest battles in human history, on a pilgrimage of prayer and remembrance. I hope that our shared pilgrimage will offer us time and space to reflect with our young people on the importance of peace in our country and in our world.”

Among those present tomorrow at Glasnevin will be - Archbishop Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh; Archbishop Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh; Bishop Denis Nulty, Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin; Bishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher; Canon Shane Forster, Archbishop Clarke's Executive Chaplain; Mgr Gearoid Dullea, Executive Secretary of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference; Revd Barry Paine, Rector, Diocese of Armagh, Father Ryan McAleer, Archdiocese of Armagh; and Father Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

The pilgrimage to the Somme also includes a delegation of young people from across the island of Ireland, including pilgrims from the Archdiocese and Diocese of Armagh; pilgrims from the Church of Ireland dioceses of Clogher, and Cork; and pilgrims from the Catholic diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. All will be present in Glasnevin Cemetery before the entire pilgrimage departs for Dublin Airport.

The most significant moments on the pilgrimage will be: the visit and prayers at the Memorial Wall at Glasnevin Cemetery; the visit to the Ulster Tower in Thiepval, France; the wreath laying ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium on

Thursday 23 June; and the visit to the Irish Peace Tower, Messines, Belgium, on Friday 24 June.

The following is the full itinerary for the centenary pilgrimage (all times are local):

Wednesday 22 June - Visit to Glasnevin Cemetery

Guided tour of Glasnevin Cemetery at 11.00am
Prayers and time of reflection at the new Memorial Wall.

Departure for airport

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Thursday 23 June - Visit to sites significant to the Battle of the Somme

Graveyards and memorials linked to the 36th Ulster Division and 16th Irish Division including Thiepval Wood and Guillemont.

The group will visit the Ulster Tour at 11.00am, as well as Newfoundland Park and Lochnagar crater.

Later that day the group will travel to Ypres for the Menin Gate Last Post ceremony including a wreath laying ceremony at 8.00pm.

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Friday 24 June 2016 - Visit to Ypres Salient battlefields and cemeteries

Christmas truce, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Essex Farm.

Prayers and time for reflection at the Peace Pledge in the centre of the Peace Park.
Visit to the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917.
Depart for return flight to Dublin

The Battle of the Somme also known as the Somme Offensive, was a battle of the [First World War](#) fought by the armies of the [British](#) and [French](#) empires against the [German Empire](#). It took place between 1 July and 18 November 1916 on both sides of the upper reaches of the [River Somme](#) in France. It was the [largest battle](#) of World War I on the [Western Front](#); more than one million men were wounded or killed, making it one of the [bloodiest battles](#) in human history.

Among the dead were over 3,500 soldiers from Ireland, with many more wounded. This large loss of life was made even more horrendous by its occurrence within the short space of the first day of the Battle and two days in the following September. In particular, the 5,500 casualties of the 36th Ulster Division on 1 July were men drawn almost entirely from one community in the province of Ulster. Nearly 2,000 soldiers from cities, towns, villages and town lands of Northern Ireland were killed in the first few hours

of fighting, an event which seared itself into the folk memory of their community.

In a continuation of the same battle, the 16th Irish Division had 4,330 casualties in September, of whom 1,200 were killed. These came mainly from the other three provinces. Added to these were the Irish soldiers who fought in other divisions as part of the regular army or in the newly raised battalions. The total number of Irish casualties cannot be calculated with certainty but they affected every part of the island.

The Island of Ireland Peace Park and its surrounding park ([Irish](#): Páirc Síochána d'Oileán na h'Éireann), also called the Irish Peace Park or Irish Peace Tower in [Messines](#), near [Ypres](#) in [Flanders](#), [Belgium](#), is a [war memorial](#) to the soldiers of the island of [Ireland](#) who died, were wounded or are missing from [World War I](#), during [Ireland's involvement](#) in the conflict. The tower memorial is close to the site of the June 1917 battle for the [Messines Ridge](#).

The Ulster Memorial Tower is a Somme battlefield memorial to the men of the 36th (Ulster) Division. It commemorates the heavy

losses suffered by the 36th Division on 1 July 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

Every night at 8.00pm a moving ceremony takes place under the Menin Gate in Ieper - Ypres. The Last Post Ceremony has become part of the daily life in Ieper (Ypres) and the local people are proud of this simple but moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of those who fell in defence of their town.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin unveils ambitious new plan for Dublin's University Church

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has announced the establishment of a new Centre for dialogue between faith and reason, between Church and society.

The American Notre Dame University, one of the most distinguished Catholic Universities worldwide, will steward the initiative at University Church in St. Stephen's Green in Dublin. Newman's University Church in Dublin is a unique icon of the place of faith in Newman's vision of university formation.

Archbishop Martin said “I see the establishment of the *Notre Dame-Newman Centre for Faith and Reason* as an opportunity for University Church to return to its original vocation as a focal point for reflection on faith and reason. It is an opportunity for Dublin to take a lead in today’s changed social context in something which is part of the rich heritage of Newman’s presence in Dublin. I appreciate especially that Centre will not be just an intellectual debating centre, but will also work in the formation of an active and committed faith community of young people”.

He added: “We live in the context of wanting to be a modern Irish Church authentically present in – but never completely at home within – contemporary Irish society. Pope Francis constantly recalls us to be a Church which is out in the world in service and in dialogue. He does not want a fearful Church obsessed just with the evils of the world. He does not want a Church in which we try to keep Jesus locked up within our own categories.”

University of Notre Dame President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., said “We are honored by Archbishop Martin’s invitation to expand the University’s presence in Dublin. Notre Dame

stands in a proud legacy of uniting faith and reason, and Cardinal Newman is a giant in that pursuit. We are grateful for the opportunity to deepen appreciation for Cardinal Newman and his writings, and to bring the University's mission to an iconic church on the Dublin cityscape.”

Built by the then-rector of University College Dublin, Blessed John Henry Newman, University Church opened in 1856 and has since been an iconic landmark in Dublin's city centre and a testament to the harmony of faith and reason. Newman would later be named a Cardinal of the Catholic Church, and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.

The new Centre's operations will begin later this year, and will have a special focus on outreach to young people in Dublin, many of whom have not otherwise been drawn to the Church. The Centre will give particular attention to excellent liturgy and music, a lecture series and other intellectual activities which aim to integrate faith and reason, service to those in need and cultural events inside and outside of Newman University Church.

Father Jenkins has appointed Notre Dame lecturer in law Rev. William R. Dailey, C.S.C., as

the Director of the Centre. Father Dailey has served as a Lecturer in Law at the Notre Dame Law School since 2010, as the St. Thomas More Fellow of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture since 2013, and as Rector of Stanford Hall on the Notre Dame campus for three years. In 2009, he returned to Columbia Law School as a Scholar in Residence. Father Dailey's teaching and scholarly interests are in the areas of Jurisprudence and Legal Ethics. He has appeared frequently on MSNBC to comment on faith and culture and has written for the New York Times and Washington Post on faith issues.

Steve Warner, the Director of the Notre Dame Folk Choir for the past 35 years, has accepted the role of Associate Director of the Notre Dame – *Newman Centre for Faith and Reason*, and will have special responsibilities regarding music, liturgy and outreach. In his nearly four decades with Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, Warner established the Folk Choir as a vital component of on-campus worship, and has played a significant role in Notre Dame's liturgical traditions. His liturgical music compositions are published exclusively through World Library Publications.

The *Notre Dame – Newman Centre for Faith and Reason* will complement an array of Notre Dame University activities already active in Ireland, including a portion of which is mediated through its network of Global Gateways. The University's five international Global Gateways—located in Dublin, Beijing, Jerusalem, London and Rome—provide academic and intellectual hubs where scholars, students and leaders from universities, government, business and community gather to discuss discover and debate issues of topical and enduring relevance.

Additionally, the University's Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies is a teaching and research institute dedicated to the study and understanding of Irish culture. The Institute supports undergraduate and graduate students in their pursuit of Irish Studies and provides opportunity for language study, travel classes, summer study in Dublin, internships in Dublin, conference support and more.

In 2015, Notre Dame entered into a partnership with Kylemore Abbey in Connemara, County Galway, to create a centre to advance their shared spiritual, cultural and educational missions. Notre Dame operates the House of

Brigid in Ireland, a post-graduate service program focused on parish-based liturgical and catechetical ministry.

The Mingy Prayerbook lets Irish soldiers pray around the world

The Mingy Prayerbook of prayers has helped thousands of soldiers to pray. The prayerbook has now been developed into an app.

Father Robert McCabe explains why:

“Sometimes soldiers put the prayer book in their pocket and then go to military training. After their training or exercises, they put their uniform into the washing machine and the prayerbook can be destroyed. So, because everybody has a smartphone nowadays, we said why not make an app for that?”

Thus this app “Mingy” was created to prevent the prayers from being destroyed by water. It’s an interesting name is a word that originates from Africa.

Father Robert, one of the app’s creators, is a priest of the diocese of Meath and has served as a military chaplain for 20 years. He has

accompanied the Irish army to countries like Syria, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liberia or Chad. So, he has a firsthand experience of how it feels to be a soldier away from home.

Commenting on the prayerbook he said, “Soldiers appreciate being able to open up a little prayerbook and see the stained glass windows of their church when they are serving in Lebanon, in Golam Highs, or in Mali. They can open up the book and see these places of prayer.”

In addition to prayers, “Mingy” also contains spiritual scriptures and prayers of other religions for soldiers who are Muslims, Jews or Buddhists.

The app allows soldiers to keep in touch with loved ones. Many people use it to pray with friends and family.

The origins of the word Mingy are in Africa. In the 1960s, soldiers in the Congo used to go on patrol through different markets and would hear the local vendors shouting ‘mingy, mingy, mingy’ which means ‘we have many things for you, we have many things for you to buy here.’ The locals were selling vegetables and local produce. When the chaplains in the Irish army were trying to come up with the name for the prayers, they

called it 'Mingy prayerbook' because they would have many, many prayers.

"Mingy" can be downloaded from the web at a link on militarychaplaincy.ie and is also available from the App Store for iOS and from Google for android devices.

C of E split over gay marriage may be unavoidable, admits Irishman - Welby's chief of staff

A split over gay marriage in the Church of England may be unavoidable, the Archbishop of Canterbury's chief of staff admitted on Friday, despite desperate behind-the-scenes discussions to reconcile opposing factions.

Christian Today - The Church's governing body will enter into secret talks next month in an effort to "change the tone of the debate" over teaching on same-sex relationships. But David Porter, who also heads up the discussions known as Shared Conversations, said they may fail to prevent a split.

"Shared Conversations should not be measured on its ability to stop a fracture," he told journalists on Friday.

Porter said the history of the Church showed it did divide on difficult issues but it was about “how we fracture”. He insisted it was “too early” to say whether the Church would break apart and said he was concerned with the “nature of the conversation, not the outcome”.

At its July meeting, the CofE’s general synod will discuss issues of human sexuality in private sessions over three days. The 467 members of synod will discuss their views on sexuality in small groups of up to 20, each of which will have at least two bishops.

More at -

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/church.of.england.split.over.gay.marriage.may.be.unavoidable.admits.welbys.chief.of.staff/88625.htm>

UK must do much more to respond to refugee crisis, Rowan Williams

The UK must do much more to respond to the current refugee crisis and ought not to ‘turn a blind eye’ to the suffering of people seeking sanctuary, Dr Rowan Williams has said.

Speaking ahead of Refugee Week, the Chair of Christian Aid said: “The UK has a proud history
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of offering refuge to those who are in need. In the 1930s, the Kindertransport saved the lives of Jewish children from Germany. We welcomed Ugandan Asians, and Vietnamese refugees, in the 1970s, and Kosovan refugees in the late 1990s.

“British lawyers inspired by Christian principles drafted the UN Refugee Convention. Our history shows that in moments of crisis the world can come together and choose the right, if not the easiest, path. Will we do so today?”

“The vision that inspired Christian Aid’s creation in 1945 was one that emerged from destruction, pain and suffering, and a belief in a world where all people would live together as neighbours.

“Some seventy years later, we find ourselves facing the biggest displacement of people to Europe since the Second World War. Desperate people who have been driven out of their homes by war are being forced to make dangerous journeys in search of sanctuary. Yet many countries are closing their borders and putting up barbed wire.”

According to the UN, poor countries such as Lebanon and Iraq are hosting 86 per cent of the world’s refugees, while the five richest countries

in the world – including the UK - hosts less than 5 per cent of all refugees.

Dr Williams added: “The UK must not turn a blind eye to this crisis. We can and must do more to respond. The rhetoric in the media is one that suggests that the UK is ‘full’, and that those arriving on our shores are ‘a drain on our economy.’ Not only are these assertions unfounded, but they fail to recognise the positive, life-affirming contributions that generations of refugees have made to British society – and that we ourselves are changed by welcoming the stranger.

“Rather than treating people with hostility and disdain, we must recognise that every neighbour is our neighbour, and that we have it within ourselves to respond with compassion and welcome, and to offer an opportunity for people to rebuild their lives.”

Ahead of the UN High Level Meeting on Refugees and Migrants on September 19th, Christian Aid is calling on the UK government to take a fair and proportionate share of refugees, and provide safe and legal routes for refugees to travel to, and through, Europe.

Christian Aid currently works in Greece and Serbia through the ACT Alliance. Our partners are providing essential humanitarian support such as shelters, beds, mattresses and hygiene kits.

Martyrs are witnesses of faith, not just victims of genocide, Pope says

Using the word “genocide” to describe the persecution of Christians in the Middle East risks downplaying the courage and witness of those who boldly profess faith in Jesus Christ even in the face of death, Pope Francis said.

“I want to say clearly that I do not like it when people speak of a ‘genocide of Christians,’ for example in the Middle East,” the Pope said, responding to questions on June 18. Calling the persecution “genocide,” he said, is using a juridical and sociological category to speak of “something which is a mystery of the faith: martyrdom.”

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said Pope Francis “was not speaking about the use of the term ‘genocide’

on a political level, but on a level of faith. When applied to the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, the dimension of faith is essential,” particularly when victims are murdered for not renouncing faith in Christ.

Pope Francis spent more than an hour responding to questions during an afternoon visit to Rome’s Villa Nazareth, a residence for university students and headquarters of a foundation dedicated to helping gifted students who do not have the financial resources to continue their studies.

Asked how young people can find courage to live their faith, Pope Francis said the Gospel calls Christians to give witness to their faith in Christ and to the reality that he died to redeem sinners “but is alive,” working in the lives of individuals and communities.

Martyrdom is the fullest expression of Christian witness, he said. “It’s the maximum, heroic.” Recalling ISIS’s martyrdom of 21 Egyptian Christians on a Libyan beach in 2015, Pope Francis said none of them were theologians, “but they were doctors of Christian consistency; they were witnesses of the faith.”

Fidelity to Christ and being living witnesses requires sacrifice, though usually not to the point of death, he said. It requires many little acts of martyrdom, “the martyrdom of honesty, the martyrdom of patience, of raising your children, of fidelity in love when it’s easier to take another path.”

“We are sinners who Jesus loves and has healed, or who are in the process of being healed,” the pope said. Recognising one’s own sinfulness and the unfathomable depths of God’s mercy are essential for being an authentic witness.

Cathedral, choral and musical

On June 25th, at 7:30pm **St George's Parish Choir, Belfast**, will host its **Bicentenary concert** 'From Morley to Mawby' featuring the trebles and gentlemen of the parish choir and the new probationers. The programme spans 500 years and includes a short harp recital from the Bunting Collection (he was the first organist of St George's) Colin Mawby will be present for the premiere of his commissioned work, 'Praise the God that dwellest' Come along, there's no charge, and a reception afterwards.

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Canon David Humphries comments, “A few of us on the **Organ Scholarship** Board of Management have been travelling round the dioceses of **Connor and Down & Dromore** assessing the organ scholars at the end of the academic year. What a pleasure it has been this year! We have some really good organists, and several of them are already in posts. The quality of playing and the enthusiasm of the players is excellent. So well done to the scholars, and many thanks to the tutors!”

News briefs



Rev Brian Stewart (right) with Bishop of Connor, the Archbishop of Armagh and Rev Wm Odling-Smee.

Last week **St Georges Parish Belfast celebrated its Bicentenary**. A parishioner commented, “We also celebrated another significant anniversary as our **Rector, Brian Stewart celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination**. He has spent nearly 22 years of those as our Rector and we give thanks for his ministry and friendship over these years and wish him many more. Thank you Fr Brian for all you do.”

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Voters face a “rendezvous with history”, Bishop Treanor of Down and Connor

News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/you-are-facing-rendezvous-with-history-bishop-tells-eu-voters-1-7438832>

Spending on Holy Communion drops to £499 in Northern Ireland

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/spending-on-holy-communion-drops-to-499-in-northern-ireland-34815292.html>

First Communion spending rises 12% to €836 per child

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/first-communion-spending-rises-12-to-836-per-child-1.2691381>

BBC/Ind/Guard/Tel/Mirror/Exp/Metro/Even Stand/Mail

Reports that MP Jo Cox has been described as a "21st Century Good Samaritan" in a church service held to remember her life. At St Peter's church, Birstall - in Mrs Cox's constituency - the Revd Paul Knight said, "Her humanity was powerful and compelling and we would do well to recognise her as an amazing example - a 21st Century good Samaritan," and called her a "fervent advocate for the poor and the oppressed".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-36569937>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/jo-cox-death-dead-murdered-memorial-service-birstall-batley-and-spen-west-yorkshire-a7090296.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/jun/19/jo-cox-memorial-service-birstall-labour-mp>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/19/jo-cox-was-a-21st-century-good-samaritan-churchgoers-are-told/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/hundreds-mourn-jo-cox-emotional-8231850#ICID=nsm>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/681304/Jo-Cox-s-husband-children-memorial-camping-trip-MP-loved-outdoors>

<http://metro.co.uk/2016/06/19/husband-of-murdered-mp-jo-cox-takes-two-children-camping-to-remember-their-mother-5954228/>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/jo-cox-was-a-21st-century-good-samaritan-congregation-told-at-memorial-a3275461.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3649095/Jo-Cox-s-husband-takes-tragic-MP-s-children-camping-trip-remember-mother.html>

BBC/Guard/Mail

Politicians return to Westminster to pay tribute to Labour MP Jo Cox. MPs, who had been in recess for the EU referendum, were recalled to the Commons to remember Mrs Cox, who was described as "perfect" by her family. The Lords also returned. They processed to St Margaret's church for a short memorial service.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-36572968>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/jun/19/cross-party-unity-to-be-main-theme-at-mps-memorial-service-to-jo-cox>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3649679/MPs-recalled-Westminster-pay-tribute-killed-MP-Jo-Cox.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

BBC

The Archbishop of York pays tribute to murdered MP Jo Cox on the BBC *Sunday Programme*, calling her a martyr (Scroll to 39.05)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07gcsvk>

Yahoo

Lists some of the quotes from key voices in the EU referendum debate. It includes the Archbishop of Canterbury (scroll down) who warned that Britain was in danger of "succumbing to our worst instincts" by voting to leave the EU over fears of immigration.

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/key-voices-britains-eu-referendum-005939199.html>

BBC/Mail/Exp

Further reports that the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has called on the UK not to "turn a blind eye" to the current refugee crisis. Dr Williams, who now chairs the charity *Christian Aid*, said the UK had a proud history of offering refuge to those in need. And he said the rhetoric in the media suggesting Britain was "full" is unfounded. In the *Mail* and *Express*, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn backs Lord Williams comments in an interview on the BBCs *Andrew Marr Programme*.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36569616>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3649011/Voters-turn-anger-Tory-austerity-not-immigration-says-Jeremy-Corbyn.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3648928/UK-refugees-says-former-archbishop-Rowan-Williams.html>

Tel

Report that a poem by the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy claiming that "God is Gay" is like the writings of the Apostle Paul, an bishop has argued. The Bishop of Buckingham, Alan Wilson, said the outraged reaction in some quarters to Duffy's poem "After Orlando: Gay Love", is similar to the response some of the New Testament epistles would have attracted when first written. Bishop Alan pointed to the passage in St Paul's letter to the Galatians which speaks of there being "neither Jew nor Greek" and "neither male nor female. I think you can see that the language of what she is saying is very similar to some of the more shocking things that Saint Paul says about God," he said.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/19/god-is-gay-poem-like-writings-of-st-paul-says-bishop/>

BBC

Report that the number of people displaced by conflict is at the highest level ever recorded, the UN refugee agency says. It estimates that 65.3m people were either refugees, asylum seekers or internally displaced at the end of 2015, an increase of 5m in a year. This represents one in every 113 people on the planet. Meanwhile, the UN refugee chief says a worrying "climate of xenophobia" has taken hold in Europe as it struggles to cope with the migrant crisis.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-36573082>

Guard

Reports that the University of Cambridge has rejected calls to divest its £5.9bn endowment from fossil fuels, as students, academics and the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams have called for. A university working group on investment responsibility argued it was better to keep investments in oil and gas companies, and engage with them. Campaigners said the steps announced were too little and too slow, and said they would renew their push to force the university to divest.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jun/20/cambridge-university-rejects-calls-divest-fossil-fuels>

FT/Newcastle Evening Chronicle

Reports that "Kynren", billed as the UK's most spectacular open-air live action night show since the opening of the London 2012 Olympics, staged its first full-scale performance this weekend in Bishop Auckland Castle ahead of its official opening on July 2. This "epic tale of England" depicts key moments of 2,000 years of English history, from the Romans to the second world

war. The show is mostly funded by Jonathan Ruffer, an evangelical Christian and chairman of Ruffer LLP, who bought the property from the Church Commissioners in 2010.

https://next.ft.com/content/bcc7d0b2-3620-11e6-9a05-82a9b15a8ee7?FTCamp=engage/CAPI/webapp/Channel_Moreover//B2B
<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/dress-rehearsal-kynren-heralds-spectacular-11493933>

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