

**The essential daily
brief on the Irish
churches**

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Warning
on
dealing
with past**



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BBC - He was speaking in Belfast at a cross-community youth event, held to discuss the aftermath of the [Haass talks](#).

Lord Eames called on politicians to listen to the next generation who wanted the past resolved in order to forge a better future.

He said the controversial issues were based on recollections of the past.

"My view, quite honestly is that until you have solved how we deal with the past, the issues like parades and flags are not going to go away because both those issues are based on our recollection of the past," the former Church of Ireland primate said.

Five years ago, Lord Eames was involved in a failed attempt to deal with the past, [when a report he compiled with Denis Bradley failed to win widespread support](#).

The recent talks chaired by former American diplomat Richard Haass also ended in disagreement.

Asked for his message to politicians, Lord Eames said: "Listen, you're talking in many cases in the past, you're using the language of the past.

"Young people are saying 'for God's sake give us a future, give us something we can build on'."...

Prior to the event "Haas hope" the organisers had stated, "We have a 16 year old peace process but where is the 16 year old voice? This is the question a group of Christian agencies have been asking themselves recently following the failure of the Haass talks to reach an agreement. " This led to #Haass hope, a conference for 250 young people of Protestant and Catholic faith aged 16–25 held in the Riddel Hall at Queen's University Belfast on 23 March 2014.

Jasper Rutherford, from Summer Madness commented, 'The young people of today are the leaders of tomorrow. This was a day of challenge and inspiration, a day when permission was granted to younger generations to think and dream differently about the future of this island'.

The organisations involved all shared a Christian ethos and values and together seek the peace and wellbeing of all in our society. These organisations are Corrymeela, Evangelical Alliance, Irish Churches Peace Project, Summer Madness, Youth Link, Youth Initiatives, Living Youth, YMCA Ireland and the Chaplaincies at QUB.

'The Event' for Connor young people

Excitement is mounting as The Event, the first youth diocesan youth evening organised by the new Connor Youth Council, draws near.

The Parish Halls at St Patrick's, Ballymena, will be bursting with young people from right across Connor Diocese on the evening of March 29.

There will be music by the Mark Ferguson Band, interviews with local celebrities and plenty of goodies to enjoy, including oodles of pizza and a chocolate fountain.

The Event is open to all young people aged 11 and over, and gets underway at 7pm. The Rev Simon Genoe, Vicar at Lisburn Cathedral, will share on the theme of Following Jesus/Being a Disciple. The Rev Peter Ferguson, who is chairing 'Engage,' Connor's new Youth Council, said a great evening was

planned. “Above all, we want to grow in our sense of God’s family in Connor and what God is calling us to at this time,” Peter said. “We will enjoy fellowship, worship, pray and read God’s Word together.”

The Event is one of a number of activities planned by Engage. Other events to look forward to include the annual Summer Madness in Glenarm, a youth weekend at Castlewellan Castle, Co Down from September 5–7, a day at St Jude’s Muckamore on October 4 entitled ‘Reveal’ looking at how God can be real in our lives, and a Christmas special event on Saturday December 14.



New Archdeacon installed at ‘uplifting’ service

The new Church of Ireland Archdeacon of Clogher, the Venerable Helene Steed, was officially installed at a special service in St. Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday evening.

Impartial Reporter - She succeeds Archdeacon Cecil Pringle who held the post for 25 years.

Archdeacon Steed is the rector of the Clones Group of parishes in Co. Monaghan which includes Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss.

Archdeacon Steed described the service on Sunday as “very uplifting” with participation from people from across the diocese and many young people also took part. She was particularly proud of the young people from her own parishes including her daughter Grace, as well as Rebecca and Matthew, who led the intercessions. She was also greatly heartened by the large number of people who had travelled from the Clones area to support her for the service.

“It was important to involve all the family of God,” said Archdeacon Steed explaining how she invited all the children and young people at the service to gather around her.

The installation was carried out by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev. Kenneth Hall and the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Rev. John McDowell, led the celebration of communion.

The sermon was preached by the retired Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev. Nigel McCulloch KCVO who is a family friend. He is well known as the National Chaplain of the Royal British Legion and has appeared on the BBC TV Remembrance service from the Royal Albert Hall.

In his sermon, Bishop McCulloch explained various roles of being an Archdeacon which Archdeacon Steed said she found very encouraging.

She said she was very proud to witness such an uplifting service.

Archdeacon Steed has been in the Clogher Diocese since February 2008 when she was instituted as rector of Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss. Prior to serving in the Clogher Diocese, she served as Dean’s Vicar in St Fin Barre’s Cathedral, Cork for four years, and before that she held a number of rural ministerial positions in the Church of Sweden.

As a native of Sweden, Archdeacon 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, she spent time working in the Church of England, and has also pursued theological research in South Africa.

Since coming to the 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 and 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, Archdeacon 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.

Archdeacon Steed and her husband, Christopher and daughter were joined by close family and friends from England and Sweden at the service.

Dublin Guitar Quartet Album Launch

The [Dublin Guitar Quartet](#) perform at Christ Church Cathedral on the 10th of April 2014.



The [Dublin Guitar Quartet](#) are delighted to celebrate this milestone with a very special concert at Christ Church Cathedral. This album is a significant achievement for the quartet and is a culmination of years of work in developing and refining their arrangements of Glass' string quartets. They have avoided standard quartet pieces, choosing instead to expand the limited repertoire by adapting works from outside of the guitar repertoire. Glass' String Quartet No. 3, Mishima, was their first such transcription and they have been added and refined the remaining quartets over recent years." Doors 7.30PM Tickets €10 from www.tickets.ie

Tuam Quiet Day on centring prayer

The Rev Alan Lorimer was the speaker at a Quiet Day for Clergy and Readers in Tuam, Killala and Achonry diocese held in Straid Parish Church in Foxford. -



Revd Alan Lorimer and Bishop Rooke

Alan is a Minister in the Methodist Church in Ireland. He is a Counselling Psychologist(HCPC) and a Registered Psychologist(PSsl). He is also an Accredited Cognitive

Behavioural Psychotherapist (BABCP). - See more at: <http://tuam.anglican.org/clergy-and-readers-quiet-day/#sthash.eQ73T5Vc.dpuf>

Alan trained in Mindfulness- Based CBT while researching it from a Christian perspective as part of a PhD in Pastoral theology. This research led him to explore contemplative spirituality in Christianity and to the discovery of Centering Prayer through the work of Basil Pennington, Thomas Keating and Cynthia Bourgeault. Alan completed the Servant Leadership programme in Jan 2012 and is a member of the Core Team of Contemplative Outreach Ireland. - See more at: <http://tuam.anglican.org/clergy-and-readers-quiet-day/#sthash.eQ73T5Vc.dpuf>

President views St Patrick's exhibition

Methodist President, Rev Dr Heather Morris, visited Downpatrick on St Patrick's Day.

After participating in the ecumenical service at Saul and at Down Cathedral, she called at the Methodist Church to see the exhibition 'St Patrick's Picture' produced by the P7 classes of all the primary schools in Downpatrick and Saul. Dr Morris is pictured with Mrs Helen Turner of the Downpatrick congregation.



Moyross monk cooking up a storm thanks to French family background

The scent of freshly baked, traditional French breads is wafting through Moyross thanks to the skills of a monk who comes from a family of bakers in Normandy.

Irish Examiner - Each week, Fr Charles Reche, who is a member of the Franciscan Renewal order of monks which moved to the Limerick estate in 2007, holds baking sessions with local women.

Fr Charles is one of four monks who live in the friary at Delmege Park.

“When I came here over three years ago, I started a cooking club and we have about six regular members who call here once a week. I was



Fr Charles Reche giving baking lessons to residents of Moyross, Limerick, at the Cooking Club. From left: Margaret Foskin, Jessica O'Loughlin, Melissa O'Brien, Geraldine O'Brien, and Dolores Griffin. Picture: Kieran Clancy

brought up in a bakery in Normandy and am the sixth generation of bakers. I love baking traditional French bread, baguettes, and pastries.

“I have shared my recipes with the local women who attend the cooking classes,” he said. While he has introduced the French loaf to Moyross, his culinary skills have been enhanced by some Irish and local recipes. “I now make a good Irish stew and I am also able to do the famous Limerick dish of packet and tripe,” Fr Charles said.

Fr Charles left Normandy for New York in 2002 to join the Franciscan Friars of Renewal order of monks which works among disadvantaged communities in many parts of the world.

“For our cookery club, we create a very warm environment where we can have a chat while we share recipes and do some cooking. It has gone very well and the local women seem to be very pleased.

“All the monks share the cleaning, laundry, and cooking duties at the friary, but when we have guests, I am usually delegated to the kitchen,” he said.

Film-maker to speak at Portadown church forum

Many nations have been appalled to learn of atrocities on [school premises](#) in recent years – some of the school names and news pictures are impressed on the memory.

In 2006 a small Amish school in Pennsylvania was devastated by such a violation, leaving five young girls dead and many more families changed for ever. The gun-free tradition of the Amish community probably heightened the impact of the event.

‘A Step Too Far?’ – A contemplation on Forgiveness is one response to such situations, from award winning Portadown film-maker Paul Moorehead. Paul visited the affected community in the USA, conducting interviews and compiled some of these stories along with others from Northern Ireland.

Paul will visit Portadown Inter-Church Forum on Thursday, March 27, at 7pm, meeting in Seagoe Hotel. Following a screening of the film, Paul will lead discussions on the issues raised, and share more of what he has learned from the people he met in directing the film. The film shows that forgiveness is by no means an “easy option” for those impacted by violence and injustice, but it is often a powerful [tool](#) in building a positive future.

The film was recently awarded ‘Best Documentary Feature’ at the prestigious Peace on Earth Film Festival in Chicago.

Everyone is invited to come along to view this important film – especially timely in the aftermath of the Haass talks.

The forum gratefully acknowledges the support of the Good Relations Department at Craigavon Borough Council in organising this event.

Further details can be found at [:http://asteptooofar.com/](http://asteptooofar.com/)

Controversial Bible play to return to Ulster

A touring play which had faced a ban by Newtownabbey Borough Council is set to return to the Province.

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged) will be performed in Londonderry on April 30 and in Newry on May 6.



There was an outcry following the move to ban it, which was later reversed.

C of I Standing Committee record

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Tuesday 11 March 2014 in Church House, Dublin. Business included Prioritie Fund allocation and the monitoring of Charities registration.

The meeting was opened by the Archbishop of Armagh who noted with sympathy the recent deaths of the Archbishop of Dublin's mother, the Bishop of Tuam's mother, and Dr Valerie Jones, a former member of the Standing Committee; a moment of silence was kept to remember those who had been bereaved. Mr Sam Harper led the meeting in a scripture reading and prayers before the business of the meeting commenced.

The meeting was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and by the Archbishop of Dublin. The Archbishop of Armagh welcomed the Revd Alison Calvin to her first meeting of Standing Committee following her co-option and also congratulated the Ven. Adrian Wilkinson on his appointment as Archdeacon of Cork.

A summary of the meeting is at -
<http://ireland.anglican.org/news/5044>

Christ Church, Dublin, installations

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, was filled almost to capacity this afternoon, Sunday March 23, for the Installation of the 12th Canon and the new Canon Treasurer by Dean Dermot Dunne in the presence of Archbishop Michael Jackson.

Canon David Gillespie was Installed as 12th Canon while Canon Robert Dean was Installed as Canon Treasurer.

Canon David Gillespie is the Vicar of St Ann's and St Stephen's. He was born in 1968 in Derry and was educated in Faughan Valley High School in the city. Upon leaving school he worked as a journalist with Morton Newspapers. In 1999 he moved to Dublin to study for Ministry in the Church of Ireland Theological College (now Institute). He was ordained a Deacon in 2001 and a Priest the following year. In 2001, he was appointed Curate in Agherton (Portstewart, Co Derry) in the Diocese of Connor and in 2004 was appointed Rector of Moy. He was appointed Vicar of St Ann's and St Stephen's in December 2008.

Canon Robert Deane is Rector of Swords and Donabate and was born in 1952. After study he was ordained a Deacon in 1985 and a priest the following year. From 1985 to 1988 he served as Curate in Raheny and Coolock before going on to become Rector of Clonsast with Rathangan and Thomastown in the Diocese of Meath and Kildare. He was a Canon of St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare from 1997 to 2000 and Trim Cathedral from 1998 to 2000. In 2000, he was appointed Rector of Swords with Donabate and Kilsallaghan. In that capacity he also serves as Chaplain to St Ita's Hospital in Portrane. He is also Rural Dean of Fingal. He became a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in 2008.

The foundation of Christ Church Cathedral dates back to the Middle Ages and Canons are appointed to the Chapter from throughout the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough by the Archbishop. The Chapter is responsible for the fabric and life of the church. It meets six times a year to discuss the affairs of the cathedral and is also a spiritual body caring for the spiritual life of the cathedral and the dioceses. It is the Canons' privilege to preach in the cathedral twice a year.