



## News diary - a look ahead to coming events

**11 OCTOBER**

### **C of I Children's Ministry courses**

In conjunction with the Church of Ireland Theological Institute the Cork branch of the Children's Ministry Network has announced that the Children's Ministry Certificate will be held again in Cork this year.

Course information together with the application form can be downloaded at [www.theologicalinstitute.ie](http://www.theologicalinstitute.ie) (course information). Full details are on the website but here at a glance, are the dates and modules to be covered:

#### **Saturday October 11th 2014**

10.30 - 12 noon: Children & Community  
12-00 - 12.30: Lunch  
12.30 - 02-00: Leadership Skills

#### **Saturday November 8th 2014**

10.30 - 12noon: Child Development  
12-00 - 12.30: Lunch  
12.30 - 02-00: Pastoral Awareness

#### **Saturday November 22nd 2014**

Building Blocks Conference, Dublin

<https://churchofirelandcork.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/church-of-ireland-childrens-ministry-certificate.pdf>

### **Affirming Catholicism Ireland Conference**

11 October, Affirming Catholicism Ireland will hold its annual seminar in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. This year's speaker is the Revd Dr Alison Milbank, Associate Professor in the Department of Theology in the

University of Nottingham, and Priest Vicar of Southwell Minster. She is the author of *Chesterton and Tolkien as Theologians* and, with Andrew Davidson, *For the Parish: a Critique of Fresh Expressions*.

The theme of the seminar will be 'Imaginative Evangelism: the Church, Culture & Mission'. Dr Milbank will deliver two lectures at the seminar and will preach at the Eucharist. The seminar will seek to consider how Catholic Anglican theological reflection and spirituality can contribute to and enrich the Church's understanding of evangelism. All members of the Church of Ireland, lay and ordained, and members of other Christian traditions are welcome. Attendance should be confirmed via [affcathire@gmail.com](mailto:affcathire@gmail.com). A fee of €20/£16 is payable on the day.

## 12 OCTOBER

### Armagh Organ Recital

Dr Stephen Timpany will give the second organ recital in this year's series on Sunday 12 October 2014 at 4.15pm in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh when he will play works by J S Bach, Pachelbel, Franck and Whitlock.

Stephen continues to support organ music in Armagh through his role as Acting Master of the Choristers for the Cathedral choir, and as President of the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters (USOC). Last month he arranged a visit to Armagh for the members of USOC, who visited St Malachy's Church and Armagh Public Library and who ended their day by attending Choral Evensong in the Cathedral.

Stephen will play Johann Pachelbel's Chorale Partita 'Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele', Bach's Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor, Cesar Franck's Choral in B minor and two pieces by Percy Whitlock, the Fidelis and the Fanfare from Four Extemporizations for Organ.

He explains his choice of programme as follows; "I will begin the recital with a Pachelbel Chorale Partita and variations. This piece is immediately attractive to player and listener alike and consists of a set of variations on a German hymn tune. I will follow this with J S Bach's Passacaglia and Franck's Choral Number 2. Both pieces are composed over a repeated bass line and are major cornerstones of the organ repertoire. I will finish the recital with two pieces by Whitlock. In addition to his work as a church organist and

composer, Whitlock was a cinema organist so the music owes something to that popular style”.

The Dean of Armagh, the Very Revd Gregory Dunstan, said, “You know a real musician when, between engagements, he slips into the Cathedral to practise. I cannot speak highly enough of Stephen’s contribution to our music. We look forward to his exchanging the conductor’s stand for some characteristically thoughtful and sensitive playing.”

As with all the recitals in this series, admission is free, with a retiring collection towards the further endowment of the Cathedral choir through the Archbishop’s Choir Fund.

## 16 OCTOBER

### **SEARCH– A Church of Ireland Journal to re–launch**

While SEARCH is updating its website, adding more information, easier payment methods and Facebook and Twitter feeds, it is also about to launch a redesigned paper edition. This will feature its usual mix of church and faith–related articles, aiming to stimulate discussion and fresh thinking in the C of I and beyond. But the articles will on the whole be shorter, more varied, and easier on the eye. Contributors will range from key figures in church life at home and abroad to recent graduates taking their first steps into print. “We aim to foster new talent as well as soliciting wisdom from the ‘elders’,” says editor Canon Ginnie Kennerley.

Two major launches, in Dublin and Belfast, are planned in chaplaincy premises of TCD and QUB: the first on October 16 at 5.45 pm in the Gallery Chapel, where the speaker will be Mr Adrian Clements, Chief Officer of the RCB, and the second on October 27 at 4.00 pm at 22 Elmwood Avenue, where Bishop Harold Miller will welcome those attending.

The fresh–off–the–press autumn edition will be available at both events, along with favourable deals for new subscribers and some cut–price back numbers. All those interested in exploring current theological, biblical and social issues in the Church are warmly invited to these events.



## 17 OCTOBER

### Dean of Christ Church Cathedral to Sleep Rough for Focus Ireland

On Friday 17 October, The Very Reverend Dermot Dunne, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, will be leaving the comfort of his own home, for one night to 'sleep rough' in the Iveagh Gardens and 'Shine a Light' on homelessness in Ireland. Whilst you are tucked up in bed, he will be sleeping on cardboard, battling Ireland's bitter cold winter with just a sleeping bag and a cup of soup.

The Dean thinks it is unacceptable that over 5,000 people are homeless in Ireland today and that one in seven is a child. He has signed up for 'Shine a Light Night' so that he can play his part in helping Focus Ireland provide vital prevention services which help change people's lives.

Focus Ireland aim to break the cycle of homelessness by giving people access to information, housing, childcare and a range of education services throughout Dublin, Cork, Kilkenny, Limerick, Sligo, Waterford, Clare and Wexford.



## 18 OCTOBER

### Meet and Sing Evensong, Kilkenny

**Saint Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 2:00 PM.** An opportunity to meet the RSCM Coordinator for Ireland, Mark Bowyer and to explore the work of the RSCM, look at accessible resources and the available RSCM training schemes. Following the information session there will be a rehearsal followed by Choral Evensong sung by the participants and led by cathedral musicians Malcolm Proud and David Forde. Open to choirs, individuals, clergy, affiliates and non-affiliates alike

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## **Lisburn event to help churches develop leaders**

A new CPAS training day entitled 'Growing leaders in the local church' is taking place at Christ Church Lisburn on Saturday 18 October.

Bishop Ken 'Fanta' Clarke will be speaking, along with CPAS general director John Dunnett and Kate Marshall, a facilitator and coach who runs her own business helping organisations grow and succeed through developing their people. The training day will enable participants to grow leaders within their local church, as well as help individuals further their own growth as a leader. It is open to ministers, vestry members, elders, Readers, youth leaders and anyone else involved in leadership in a local church.

Paul Dundas, Rector of Christ Church, said: 'We're very much looking forward to hearing leadership insights and wisdom from Bishop Ken, John Dunnett and Kate Marshall. We warmly invite anybody who is involved in local church leadership to come along to this training day to be encouraged and given tools to develop leadership, so that local churches across the country can become more effective in their mission and ministry.'

This is the seventh CPAS event at Christ Church Lisburn since Christ Church became a training centre for the Anglican evangelical mission agency in 2013. Previous events have covered key leadership topics such as mentoring, realising vision, sustaining oneself in leadership and managing change. Paul Dundas said: 'All the events have the aim of seeing lay and ordained leaders grow, churches strengthened, and many won for Christ through their mission.'

'Growing Leaders in the local church' will take place between 10am-3.30pm on Saturday 18 October at Christ Church Lisburn. Spaces are limited, and can be booked online at [www.cpas.org.uk/lisburn](http://www.cpas.org.uk/lisburn) for £20 per person. For every two places booked, a third place is free.

## **20 OCTOBER**

### **Service on Praying for those with cancer**

Bishop Ken Clarke, director of the South American Missionary Society, will be the speaker at a special service of healing in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on



Monday, October 20 at 8 pm. The theme of the service will be 'Praying for those with cancer'.

These special services have been held twice a year for a number of years, focussing particularly on those suffering from cancer, as well as their friends and family. Last year cancer accounted for almost 30% of people who died in Northern Ireland. Medical facilities for those suffering from this illness are well publicised. Not so much is known about spiritual healing, yet this dimension of healing is very important. Brother David Jardine, one of the organisers of the services, says *'It will help people in body, mind and spirit to come to that service on October 20 and receive prayer. Indeed, sometimes God does a miracle. Two or three years ago a woman suffering from an advanced stage of lung cancer was completely healed.'*

Personal prayer for healing and the anointing with oil will be available at this service. Although we will be concentrating particularly on the theme of cancer on October 20 people can come for prayer for anything. Some of the official cancer agencies will be present to give advice to people. Worship will be led by Caz Hamilton.

You will be very welcome to come along to this special service.

## 4 NOVEMBER

### Safeguarding Trust training for clergy

Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children

*Who is the training for?*

Clergy who are newly ordained, in a first incumbency, new to the jurisdiction, returning to parish ministry or who may have missed out on previous training. It is also suitable for clergy who would like to refresh their knowledge of the child protection policy.

Rectors have a key role in ensuring a high standard of safeguarding practice in their parishes. This training day provides an opportunity to increase knowledge of the requirements of the code and to learn about impending legal changes in relation to child protection in the Republic of Ireland.

*When:* Tuesday 4th November 2014

*Where:* Church House, Dublin 6

*Time:* 10.30am–4pm. Lunch will be provided

Please contact Renée English Child Protection Officer at  
[cpori@ireland.anglican.org](mailto:cpori@ireland.anglican.org)

Or telephone 01– 4125662 by Friday 24th October to book your place

## **2 NOVEMBER**

### **Come and Sing - Faure Requiem**

Saint Bartholomew's Church, Dublin - This regular 'Come and Sing' event will be held in the beautiful Saint Bartholomew's Church in Dublin 4. The event will be directed by Tristan Russcher, director of music at Saint Bartholomew's. The rehearsal will start at 2pm (with registration from 1.30pm). Refreshments will be available and the performance will take place at 4pm. The event is open to all, affiliates and non-affiliates as usual. The cost is €10 (affiliates) or €12.50 (non-affiliate fee).

Please confirm your attendance by downloading and completing the booking form available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

## **5 NOVEMBER**

### **Onwards Christian Soldiers - Remembrance**

The parish of Magheralin is taking a creative approach to outreach with a World War One remembrance event in their halls on 5 November at 7.30 pm.

'Remember, Remember' will include an exhibition of WW1 Memorabilia, a community sing along to war time songs and hymns and a presentation of the gospel entitled, "Onward Christian Soldiers? What place did faith have in World War One?"

Everyone will receive a copy of the 100th Anniversary edition of the Active Service St John's Gospel and at the end of the evening The Last Post will be played.

## **6 NOVEMBER**

### **Mental Health & Pastoral Care: A Specialist Workshop for Clergy & Pastoral Carers**

Trainers: Rev. Dr. Scott Peddie, Dr. Volodimir Bezulowsky (Psychiatrist) & Dr. Paul Miller (Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychogeriatrician)

Date: Thursday 6th November 2014 from 1-5pm

Venue: Mirabilis Health, Hollywood House, Hollywood, BT18 9HF

Cost: £45 per person (includes refreshments)

This interactive course is designed especially for Ministers/Priests/Pastors/Pastoral Carers and will comprise the following sessions:

- Exploding the myths surrounding mental illness.
- Exploring the pastoral implications of some commonly encountered mental illnesses (depression, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia among others).
- Exploring the range of Christian responses to mental ill-health.
- Revisiting that Christian response: the interface between faith and mental illness.

Scott Peddie comments - I do hope that you can join us on this exciting course! To book your place, please e-mail me ([scottpeddie@sky.com](mailto:scottpeddie@sky.com)) at your earliest convenience.

## 8 NOVEMBER

### Lift up your voice

St Bartholomew's Church, Clyde Road, Dublin 4, at 2.00 pm. A course for churches with no musical leadership. Intended for lay and ordained leaders, this course offers simple, achievable music for use where there is no trained musical leadership, and insights for celebrating the church's seasons creatively. Copiable resources are included in the cost, which is €12.50 per person. The event is directed by Mark Bowyer, RSCM coordinator for Ireland.

To book and for further details please download the booking form available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

## 15 NOVEMBER

### Come and Sing, Cork

St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. Come and join us on Saturday 15 November 2014 at 2pm at Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. There will be an opportunity to meet the RSCM Ireland coordinator, Mark Bowyer and view some of the resources that are available to help those who are involved in music in their church. The main event will be a Come and Sing Evensong where there will be an opportunity to join other singers in rehearsing for the service which will take place at 4pm in the cathedral. The cathedral director of



music Malcolm Wisener will lead this event and all are welcome to join the rehearsal and service. There is no charge for the event and all music will be provided. A contribution may be made towards the cost of refreshments. A booking form is available [here](http://rscmireland.com/events/). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

## 22 NOVEMBER

### **Inter-church children's ministry - Building Blocks Conference, Dublin**

<https://churchofirelandcork.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/church-of-ireland-childrens-ministry-certificate.pdf>

### **RSCM Awards Service - Celebration**

St Gall's, Carnalea, Bangor, BT19 1BT at 2:00 PM. Come and celebrate those who have successfully completed their RSCM Voice for Life awards during 2014. The awards ceremony will take place during Choral Evensong with the combined choirs of the award winners and local affiliate choirs. All are welcome to the service at 4pm. The event will be conducted by Rosemary Smyth (St Gall's). Please confirm if you are attending by calling +353 (0)87 117 2995 or email [mbowyer@rscm.com](mailto:mbowyer@rscm.com)

## 18 JANUARY 2015

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015**

The Well is Deep - This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil who are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable.

The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition as although the competition between our churches is less obvious, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18-25 January - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Materials are available to download or to purchase in hard copy by clicking here <<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/682/>>

**24 JANUARY 2015**

## **Voice for Life 'Taster' session**

St Gall's Church, Carnalea, BT19 1BT at 2.00 pm. Come and see what's involved in setting up, running and preparing candidates for the Voice for Life examinations. This session will give a brief overview of the scheme, look at the available resources and will include practical advice from those currently running the scheme. There is no charge for this event, but please let us know that you are coming by completing the booking form available [here](#). <http://rscmireland.com/events/>

**5 MAY 2015**

## **CTBI's Annual Conference**

Will take place on Tuesday 5 - Wednesday 6 May 2015 at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire.

**23 JUNE 2015**

## **"Cacophony or Conversation?"**

The Bible and Inter Faith Dialogue" 23-25 June 2015

How should Christians use the Bible in inter-religious dialogue? How can the Bible help us to be more effective in dialogue? Does dialogue with people of other faiths lead us to read the Bible differently?

This Conference aims to open up a rich conversation about the Bible in the context of religious pluralism. Organised by The Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group of CTBI

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