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The challenge of maintaining the liturgy of your denomination in military chaplaincy situations is the focus of A short article in today's Clergy and Ministry section. See page 16 below.

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## Church's Ministry of Healing Annual Gift Day and Service of Thanksgiving, Wholeness, and Healing

**CMH:I warmly invites you to its annual Service of Thanksgiving, Wholeness, and Healing at Christ Church in Bray, Co. Wicklow, on October 20, 2024, at 3 PM.**

Rt Rev Patrick Rooke is the preacher. A former Bishop of the Diocese of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry, as well as Chair



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of Healing  
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**The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland  
invites you to its  
Annual Gift Day and Service of  
Thanksgiving, Wholeness & Healing  
Sunday 20th October 2024, 3pm  
Christ Church, Bray, A98 W866  
Preacher: Rt Rev Patrick Rooke  
All welcome!  
[www.ministryofhealing.ie](http://www.ministryofhealing.ie)**

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of the Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee and as a former Chair of CMH:I.

This service promises to be a gentle and uplifting experience for all. "We invite you to come and embrace God's healing love in your life. If you'd like to prepare, the liturgy is available in the Book of Common Prayer and online via -

<https://ministryofhealing.ie/text-of-service-of-celebration-of-wholeness-and-healing/>

Whether you seek healing for yourself, for someone you care about, or simply wish to bask in God's presence alongside a supportive community, this service is for you. "Our Ministry Leader, Lydia Monds, will guide us through mindful intercessions, and our dedicated prayer ministers will be available for personal prayer.

"Everyone is welcome! Ample parking is available at the church. And don't miss out on the chance to chat over refreshments after the service. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at [hello@ministryofhealing.ie](mailto:hello@ministryofhealing.ie). We can't wait to see you there! "

## **Irish Lung Fibrosis Association Ecumenical Service**

**The ILFA Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Reflection took place on 5th October 2024 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street Church, Aungier Steet in Dublin.**



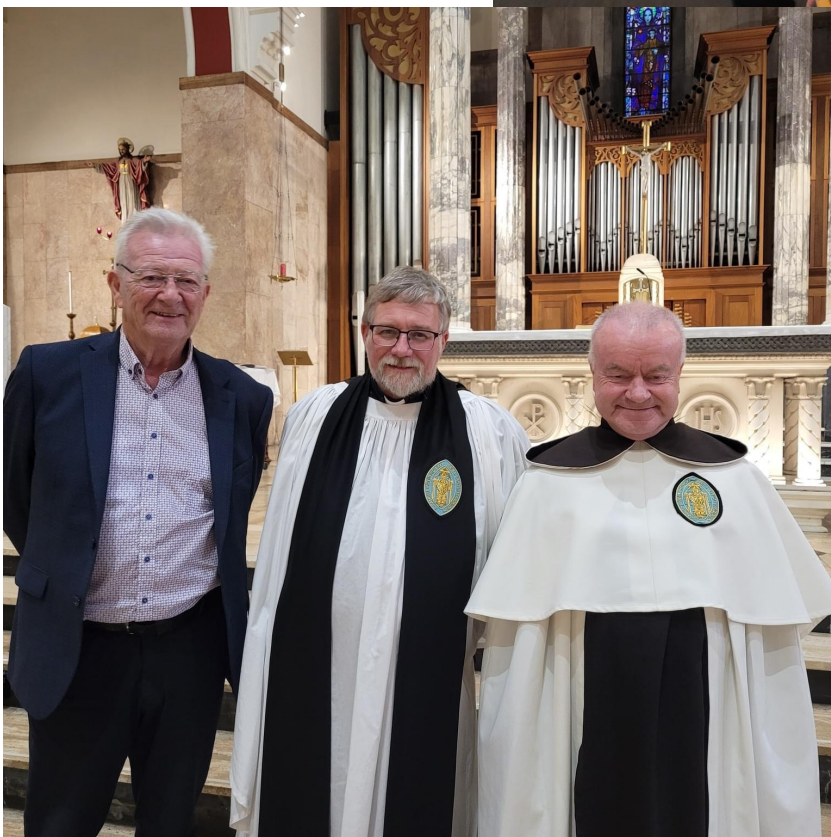
We gathered in this beautiful church once again for the annual ILFA Service and we were joined online by many people across the country who tuned into the live stream of the event.

The ILFA Service was led by the Reverend Canon Fr Brian McKay O.Carm, Prior of Terenure College and his good friend The Reverend Canon David Oxley, Rector of Santry, Glasnevin and Finglas. Unfortunately, the Reverend Canon Charles Mullen, Dean's Vicar at St Patrick's Cathedral was

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unable to continue in his role as ILFA Chaplain, but we were delighted to welcome Canon David Oxley for his first ILFA Service. We are very grateful to the clergy for their support. Special thanks to Fr Brian for a very moving address that focussed on the importance of living in the day and having hope to sustain us.

The ILFA Service contained meaningful



readings, prayers, poem and hymns. This year we were joined once again by our dear friend Harry Carpendale who played exquisite music on the harp including some of his own compositions. Simon Morgan was a fantastic cantor, and he was accompanied

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by on the organ by Dr Carole O'Connor. We are so grateful to our musicians and singer for providing wonderful, breathtaking music and song. Thank you to our readers, candle lighters, and volunteers who participated and made this a very special occasion.

We are enormously grateful to the staff at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and the Carmelite Community Centre for their warm welcome and kind hospitality. We were very well looked after. It was great to see so many people enjoying the social gathering in the community hall afterwards and lovely to welcome so many children and grandchildren. Thank you to all our guests who brought delicious home bakes and treats to share with everyone.

Thank you to everyone who contacted us after the Service to express their appreciation for the annual ILFA Ecumenical Service of Prayer and Reflection. Your wonderful feedback means so much to us.

## **Former Rector returns to Hillsborough Friendship Club**

**“Our 'Friendship Club' for seniors and friends spent a lovely afternoon with our guest speaker and former Rector of Hillsborough Parish Rev. John Dinnen, who shared interesting insight into his post retirement involvement as representative and work of ICS ( Intercontinental Society).**





“Many who remember John enjoyed meeting him, pictures he showed as well as fellowship around Scriptures, prayer and chat.

“Thank you everyone who joined us and special thanks to Barbara & Elizabeth who served us tea/coffee & biscuits”.

## **It's SEEK week in Cologne for Queen's Catholic Chaplaincy**

**“We are so excited that this year, the FOCUS Catholic SEEK conference will come to Europe. We have had wonderful experiences with our students at the SEEK Conference in the US over the years, and we are delighted that SEEK is making its way to our continent for 2024”.**



Chaplaincy is accompanying a group of students this week to this incredible conference in Cologne, Germany.

There is a lineup of world class speakers, opportunities for prayer and community with hundreds of other young Catholics across Europe,

Promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwQYrD3M0-8>

## **St John's Voices 'reincarnated' as the Cambridge University Schola Cantorum**

**The Cambridge mixed choir St John's Voices (SJV), which was disbanded by the College Council earlier this year to the dismay of its musicians, has been independently "reincarnated" as the Cambridge University Schola Cantorum**

The new mixed choir is being directed by Graham Walker, who is the Director Of Music at Emmanuel College and the former director of SJV (News, 28 March).

The choir, his idea, was established over the summer with help from its resident composer, Tim Watts, and a "wonderful" management team of staff and students, Mr Walker told the Church Times on Wednesday.

"We've been appointing talented and experienced singers from across the University and beyond, including several who have previously sung with King's and St John's College Choirs."

A new website, launched last week with new social media channels, describes the Schola Cantorum as "emerging from the embers of its predecessor St John's Voices" to offer "an exceptionally high-quality, committed musical experience for listeners and performers alike".

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# Cathedral Calls



## The legendary Capt. C.J. Brennan

**St. Anne's Cathedral and city organist with choristers.**

## Glasgow Evensong

**Choral evensong at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow on Sunday 13th October at 5pm. Do come and join us.**

Introit: Hope is the thing with feathers - Frikki Walker

Responses: The Morland Responses - Graham Ellis

Psalm: 85

Canticles: Sumsion in G

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Anthem: Love Divine - Howard Goodall

Organ Voluntary: Menuet Gothique - Boëllmann played by Eilidh Harris, Bernard Porter Organ Scholar

All are welcome!

## York Minster matchstick mystery

**The Minster writes - Lots of lovely people have forwarded us this equally lovely story about a gentleman who has spent the last few years making a fantastic matchstick model of the Minster.**

At nearly 2 metres long, it must really have been a labour of love.

We are trying to get in touch so if this is you, please do send us a message!

There's something poetic about this matchstick model coming to light (no pun intended) during the 40th anniversary of our last major fire in 1984!

A query please.... My Dad (87) has spent the last few years making York Minster out of matchsticks. The detail and hours invested is amazing. My Mum on the other hand is not quite so impressed that this is taking up space in the house. It would be fantastic if the model were able to go to an appreciative cause in York. We live in Durham so don't have any connections in the area. If anyone has any suggestions as to who to contact, I would be really grateful. Size is 6' x 4'. Happy to deliver for the cost of van hire

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## Downpatrick pottering

This unique and authentic Noahs Ark is new few from Mount Ida pottery. Only available at Down Cathedral.

## Clergy and ministry

## Pioneer Harvest at Lisburn Cathedral

“You would be most welcome to come along to our Community Harvest service on Friday at 7.30pm in the Cathedral. “



The Bishop of Connor, the Right Rev George Davison will commission Pete Meenagh as Pioneer Minister (in training) for ministry in the South Lisburn Community Church. The Preacher will be Rev James Boyd, Connor Diocesan Advocate for Pioneer Ministry.

## Deacon in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

**The Archdiocese of Armagh asks all to pray for seminarian Giacomo Taffi, Redemptoris Mater Seminary...**

as he makes final preparations for his ordination to the Diaconate in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, Sat 12th October at 2.30 pm. Archbishop Eamon Bishop Michael Router

## **Military Chaplaincy and the Church of Ireland Liturgy**

**Within the Armed Forces a significant number of Chaplains (Regular and Reserve) come from the Church of Ireland - a C of I Chaplain writes on a Facebook site mainly for chaplains.**

When we join the Armed Forces we receive our licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Even though we hold the Archbishop's licence we retain the uniqueness of the Anglican Province from which we come.

An essential part of being a Chaplain on the Armed Forces involves bringing the liturgical tradition of your sending Church to the people we serve. In our case that of course, involves the Book of Common Prayer as we have received it within the Church of Ireland.

For the past number of weeks I have been in Albania on exercise. Approximately 30 soldiers from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland deployed on the exercise. No less than 12 soldiers approached me to say that they were part of the Church of Ireland. The soldiers came from places such as Belfast, Larne, Londonderry, Ballymena, Enniskillen, Carrowdore and one person even from Passage in Cork!

On the exercise, I held a number of 'Field Services'. Each of the services were well attended. My smallest had 30 and the largest service had an approximately 100 in attendance. Interestingly they freely chose to join the services, no one



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forced them. As a Church of Ireland Minister in the Army I used the liturgy I am expected to use - the Church of Ireland, Book of Common Prayer.

It meant a lot to those 12 Church of Ireland soldiers to hear the familiar words of the Prayer Book. In a special way the liturgy reminded them of home. Hearing the words of the liturgy provided a real boost to their morale. Even though they were thousands of miles from home and in a difficult and arduous environment, the liturgy enabled the soldiers to find strength from God using the familiar words of the Prayer Book.

If you have soldiers from your parish who have joined the Armed Forces - fear not! There is a goodly number of Church of Ireland clergy in the Armed Forces who are caring for them and ensuring their faith not only grows but flourishes.

Please pray for all those Church of Ireland soldiers who are deployed overseas and away from their families.

\*I've not included pictures of individual soldiers to protect their security.

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**Visit the Henry Brothers' Nature Reserve**

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## **Calling all schools, nurseries, and community groups**

Book a visit to the Henry Brothers' Nature Reserve for a hands-on, educational adventure for your students!

Engaging games and activities will help your class explore the natural world, from identifying various trees and flowers to discovering the roles of insects and other animals. They'll learn about the ecosystems that sustain our environment while enjoying an exciting outdoor experience.

To arrange a visit, contact  
[deborah.ohanlon@henrybrothers.co.uk](mailto:deborah.ohanlon@henrybrothers.co.uk)

## **SAMS Ireland Zoom Prayer Time**

**The next SAMS Ireland Zoom Prayer Time will be on Tuesday 22nd October at 4pm (UK time).**

“If you would like to join us please complete the Jotform at the link below and the Zoom details will be sent to you!”

<https://form.jotform.com/212643039672355>

## **Marking Black History Month**

**Find events, exhibitions, services and more this Black History Month.**

Read how Black History Month is being marked in cathedrals and churches at [cofe.io/BHMEvents](https://cofe.io/BHMEvents).

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## Peace vigils in Limerick

**Peace Vigils are taking place in Limerick Quaker Meeting House on the second Saturday of each month.**

Drop in and stay as long as you like anytime between 3pm and 5pm.

The next Peace Vigil will be held this coming Saturday 12th October.

See our website for further details <https://buff.ly/3Y5ow66>

## Podcast - A vision for church planting in Ireland

**This episode explores PCI's vision for church planting across Ireland. It considers why we need more churches on this island, and how that can be an effective way to reach new people with the good news of Jesus Christ.**

Tom Gilliam, an elder in Maynooth, and Josh McCance, church plant leader in Balbriggan, share their experiences and insights into church planting along with ways everyone can be involved.

Listen to the podcast here:

<https://audioboom.com/channels/5019668-podcasts-from-the-presbyterian-church-in-ireland>

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## PCI Church Planting Taster Day

**In Maynooth on Saturday 16 November 2024.**

For more information and to register visit:  
[www.presbyterianireland.org/Events](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/Events)

## Perspective

### October 7, 2024 - A Year of Weeping - the Episcopal Church in Europe

**“As he came near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, ‘If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes....’ —Luke 19:41-42**

October 7 brings around the saddest of anniversaries. On this day a year ago, at 6:30 in the morning, some six thousand Palestinian militants entered Israel and murdered more than a thousand Israelis, the vast majority of them civilians. Some 265 Israelis were forced back into Gaza as hostages; while some have been released, many are known to have been killed or to have died in captivity, and at least sixty living hostages are believed to remain in Gaza.

An immeasurable amount of human suffering and misery has followed these horrifying events, but it is important to remember how it began. And while it seems almost ridiculous to have to say so, it is equally important to keep in mind some basic premises:

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Israel has a right to exist, and a right to exist as a Jewish state.

The Palestinian people have a right to live, to live in peace, and to be free to choose their own leaders.

No approach to security that holds as a premise the eradication of another people or another state can ever be justified.

Life is sacred, and those in positions of leadership are bound to respect the sacredness of all life in the policies they pursue.

We have no choice but to care about this. We are Christians; our own story is rooted in the ground now being devastated by war. Yet a grim year on from the beginning of a series of conflicts that have now taken the lives of some seventy thousand people, and caused two million to be forced from their homes, it is difficult to see how this violence can possibly be brought to a peaceful end. Each of the many parties to this conflict holds tenaciously to an existential understanding of the stakes in play, seeing their very survival as hanging in the balance. And that, to be sure, is not a promising beginning to any negotiation.

It seems clear that no peace can be found until the festering wound that has long been the frustrated aspirations of the Palestinian people for sovereignty over their own land is addressed. And it is equally clear that murder, rape, and kidnapping cannot be justified as means toward that end.

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Ultimately the work of peacebuilding in the Middle East cannot be based merely on a stalemate in military force or the exhaustion of violence on the part of the combatants. The only sound foundation for a sustainable peace will be the transformation of hearts. That alone can bring those who make their resort to war to regard their adversaries as human — as children equally beloved of God.

That may sound hopelessly Pollyanna-ish as the bombs and rockets rain down. But in the end, it is the only realistic option. Deterrence, that grand idol of high policy, has utterly failed. Humanitarian considerations have exerted little restraint on the actions of any side in this disaster; depravity has been evenly spread across this troubled terrain.

The things that make for peace are not things; they are the aspirations, the longings, the courage of the heart. Only when these can be summoned in sufficient measure will peace be found. That is why the leaders of warring states often only find that courage when the people they lead insist on a different way, when the conscience of the wider community recognizes a humanity that leaders blind themselves to.

Our call as Christians is to support those voices who call for a rapid cessation of conflict, the return of hostages, and the insistence on protecting the legitimate interests of both Israelis and Palestinians. It is not the case that they are utterly irreconcilable; it is rather that a lack of imagination and a failure of courage have opened the gates of hell in the Holy Land. Only love can close them. Our words, our prayers, our work must all align with that reality.

# Speaking to the soul

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