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Bat box, St Thomas's, Dugort

The parish comments - Lovely to see our bird and bat boxes, purchased with the grant awarded the parishes by Eco-Congregation Ireland , going up in the churchyards.

Our thanks to Westport-Dugort and

Castlebar vestry members, Roger, John and Susie, who did the necessary work and got the first four (of a total of 12) securely in situ.



Another Northern Lights scene

Christ Church Limavady 11/10/24. 12:29am

Magheragall 2024 Shoebox Appeal - How can you help?

The parish posted - We are focusing on teenage shoeboxes this year and are asking for the following items which are still needed:

- shaving foam,
- razors,
- brand new underwear including pants, socks and bras
- shoeboxes themselves - harder to come by now!

shoeboxappeal.org



Thank you so much! We have been supporting this cause for over a decade which is so wonderful and it makes such a difference to people at Christmas”. Magheragall Parish Church 70 Ballinderry Road Lisburn BT28 2QS

Music world premiere for Cork schools service

“We had a world premiere of a new piece of music this week at our Diocesan Service for Primary Schools in the Church of Ireland in Cork, Cloyne and Ross A setting of Psalm 100, composed by our own Peter Stobart, entitled ‘Shout to the Lord’ was sung by the children of St Mary’s National School in Carrigaline Union of Parishes”

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Huge kudos is due to all the schools which participate in our Diocesan Church Music Scheme led by Peter Stobart and assisted by Matthew Breen, both from St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. What's especially important about the Scheme is that it's not for school choirs. It's about getting all children of all musical abilities, singing. The senior pupils from Bandonbridge NS were one of two schools who sang at our annual Diocesan Schools Service in the Church of Ireland in Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Laurelhill Community College proud teacher moment

A very proud teacher moment for Miss Collins last week as she watched two past pupils take to the stage of The Waterfront Hall in Belfast with The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines.



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Dylan and Jay left Laurelhill , Lisburn, after completing Year 12 in 2019 and joined the Royal Marines School of Music in Portsmouth where their musical talents flourished. They have since graduated into the band where they will next parade at the Remembrance celebrations in London.

Last weeks concert had an amazing mix of film music, pop music and a poignant moment when What Did You Do in the War Daddy? was performed. This was a poem written by former Royal Marine percussionist, Brian Short.

Well done boys, keep up the great work! Miss Collins encouraged.

Neill Hannon is working on music for the Paddington in Peru film

It stars Olivia Colman, who will be singing a song penned by director Dougal Wilson that has been getting “polishing up” treatment by the Divine Comedy frontman.

Colman plays the Reverend Mother, a singing nun and boss of Lima's Home for Retired Bears, in the third instalment of the franchise.

Dougal told Empire magazine: “Olivia was fantastic. She plays this beaming nun who's keen on breaking into song.

“She's puzzlingly cheerful, and I say puzzlingly because we might get the impression she's not telling us the full story.”


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Neill Hannon helped write the soundtrack for last year's Wonka. He is the son of the late Rt Rev Brian Hannon of Clogher.

Thank you from Irish Methodist World Development & Relief

“We want to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who stepped up this summer!

To those who walked, fasted, cycled, grew potatoes, painted pictures, hosted lunches and so much more, your efforts have been so appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate and support their friends, church family and loved ones as they raised money for our WDR partners. Together you have raised over £23,000 for World Development & Relief!! 

This total is a huge encouragement to us as we see Step Up growing each year, we can't wait to do it all again in 2025!

BBNI companies amazing fundraiser for Children's Heartbeat Trust

These incredible BBNI companies have raised an amazing £21,836.60 for Children's Heartbeat Trust.

BBNI companies have been very creative in their fundraising efforts. Between Christmas jumper nights, colouring competitions, sponsored walks and so much

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more, they are helping Children's Heartbeat Trust support children, young people and their families affected by heart disease in Northern Ireland.

Bethany Smyth, Engagement Officer and Programme Co-ordinator said:

“This year, it has been fantastic to see the ways that our BBNI companies have raised money for Children’s



This corn dolly graced a recent Harvest Festival

Heartbeat Trust. When I visited the first company to launch the charity this year, I have learnt so much about how this wonderful charity supports children, young people and their families affected by heart disease in Northern Ireland.

I have seen Christmas jumper nights, leaders coming together at IFA with proceeds for Children's Heartbeat Trust, colouring competitions, sponsored walks and so much effort among our BBNI companies.

Thank you so much to each of our BBNI companies for their efforts in raising money for Children's Heartbeat Trust."

Lynn Cowan, Fundraising Manager from Children's Heartbeat Trust commented:

"Children's Heartbeat Trust is humbled by the incredible support of BBNI over the past year. It was a privilege to support and visit various companies and get the opportunity to thank them personally for their fundraising efforts. We want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all the boys, their families, leaders and BBNI Staff for their incredible efforts.

The astounding donations raised will help us to support more families like Charlie from 2nd Kilkeel Anchors, who helped us launch the BBNI partnership. His family received practical, emotional and financial support during the most challenging of times when they had to travel outside of Northern Ireland for Charlie's life-saving heart surgery."

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Thank you to everyone who participated in fundraising efforts to help us donate money to this fantastic charity.

Cathedral Calls

Sunday service from St Johns Cathedral, Hong Kong



Bishop Michael Beasley (Bishop of Bath and Wells), Canon Robert Martin, Bishop Murray Harvey (Grafton, Australia) Bishop Luke Pato (Namibia) and Dean KK Chan (Dean of Hong Kong).

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Members of a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Anglican Health and Community Network joined in worship at St Johns Cathedral, Hong Kong on Sunday and met members of the cathedral congregation afterwards.

St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂 The service is available on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/live/yLBjgUeamUU?si=5UmmaVZjGyFI9kvt>

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Tuesday, 29th October

7:00PM

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Online record of first Choral Evensong broadcasts

You can find the dates of the first Choral Evensong broadcasts from Armagh Cathedral, Londonderry Cathedral, St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Belfast Cathedral, St George's Parish Church, Belfast, St Bartholomew Parish Church, Belfast.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick, Armagh



The Dean and Chapter invite you to

CHORAL EVENSONG & THE INSTALLATION

of

The Reverend Canon William Adair BEM

as Chancellor

The Reverend Canon David Hilliard

as Treasurer

The Reverend Andrew Totten OBE

as Prebendary of Loughgall

&

The Reverend Gary McMurray

as Prebendary of Ballymore

on

Sunday 20th October 2024

at 3.15 p.m.

*Clergy and Readers are invited to robe in the Chapter Room.
Refreshments will be served in the Methodist Church Hall in Abbey Street,
immediately after the service.*

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It's a survey of all participating choirs and their first broadcast, with the earliest being from 1926. Other interesting facts are also included.

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Ripon Cathedral festal evensong

Check out this amazing festal evensong from Ripon Cathedral including the alumni of the choir.

About 100 singers performing Blest Pair of Sirens.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/nzdKfmtVbCQ?si=k2ZAbywFl6aguraB>

Is Keir Starmer going to kill the cathedral choir?

Labour's VAT raid on private schools could destroy a 1,000-year legacy of priceless choral education, says Peter Kingston in the Daily Telegraph.

In November 1963, Baa, baa, black sheep changed my life. My mother had brought seven-year-old me on my first trip to London on one condition: I had to sing. Why or to whom, I had no notion, but it seemed a good deal.

Years later, I discovered that my parents had rowed about putting me in for the chorister voice trials at Westminster

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Cathedral. There was just one full scholarship to its choir school and likely to be heavy competition from Catholic boys across the land. Unless I bagged it, I'd have no chance of going there. We scraped along in a crummy council house. Best avoid that likely disappointment, my dad argued, but mum won.

Colin Mawby, the cathedral's master of music at the time, tested my musical ear. I'd never been asked to sing the top, middle or bottom note of chords before. Then he asked me to sing my prepared piece. I didn't have one. Did I know any songs? He accepted the nursery rhyme I suggested, which turned out to be fine for assessing my voice, ear and ability to stay in tune.

A week later, the letter arrived that altered my world – though what I remember of the first evening I began boarding with eight other boys at the little school behind the cathedral off Victoria Street are the sausages. At 6.30pm, we were eating something called supper. Back home, the day's last cooked meal was 12 o'clock dinner.

More at -

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Clergy and ministry

Kilkenny harvest in Enniskillen



Bishop Adrian Wilkinson had to head home to Kilkenny from Enniskillen where he preached at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday morning.

Vicar of Ballywalter Parish

The Revd Adrian Green, Chaplain of the English-speaking Church in Ibiza and Formentera in the Diocese in Europe, has been appointed Vicar of the Parish of Ballywalter in the Diocese of Down.

<https://www.facebook.com/543613874535652/posts/880558674174502>

Hazelbank Presbyterian Church Ordination



Pictured at the Ordination and Installation service are our new elders Norman Black, Alan Marshall and Jeff Haslett. Included are members of the Presbytery Commission including Moderator of Presbytery Rev Gary Aitcheson.

Ordinands commissioned as Student Readers

Four Ordinands at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute were commissioned as Student Readers on Wednesday October 2 by the Archbishop of Dublin.

Neville Cobbe (Church of Ireland Diocese of Connor), Francis Khamanra (Diocese of Down & Dromore), Stephen Moore (Down and Dromore) and Ashley Morgan (Diocese of



Armagh) were licensed by Archbishop Michael Jackson during the Community Eucharist in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

The students were presented to the Archbishop for licensing by the Revd Dr Patrick McGlinchey who coordinates student placements. Student readers are called to lead worship, proclaim the word and assist in the distribution of the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

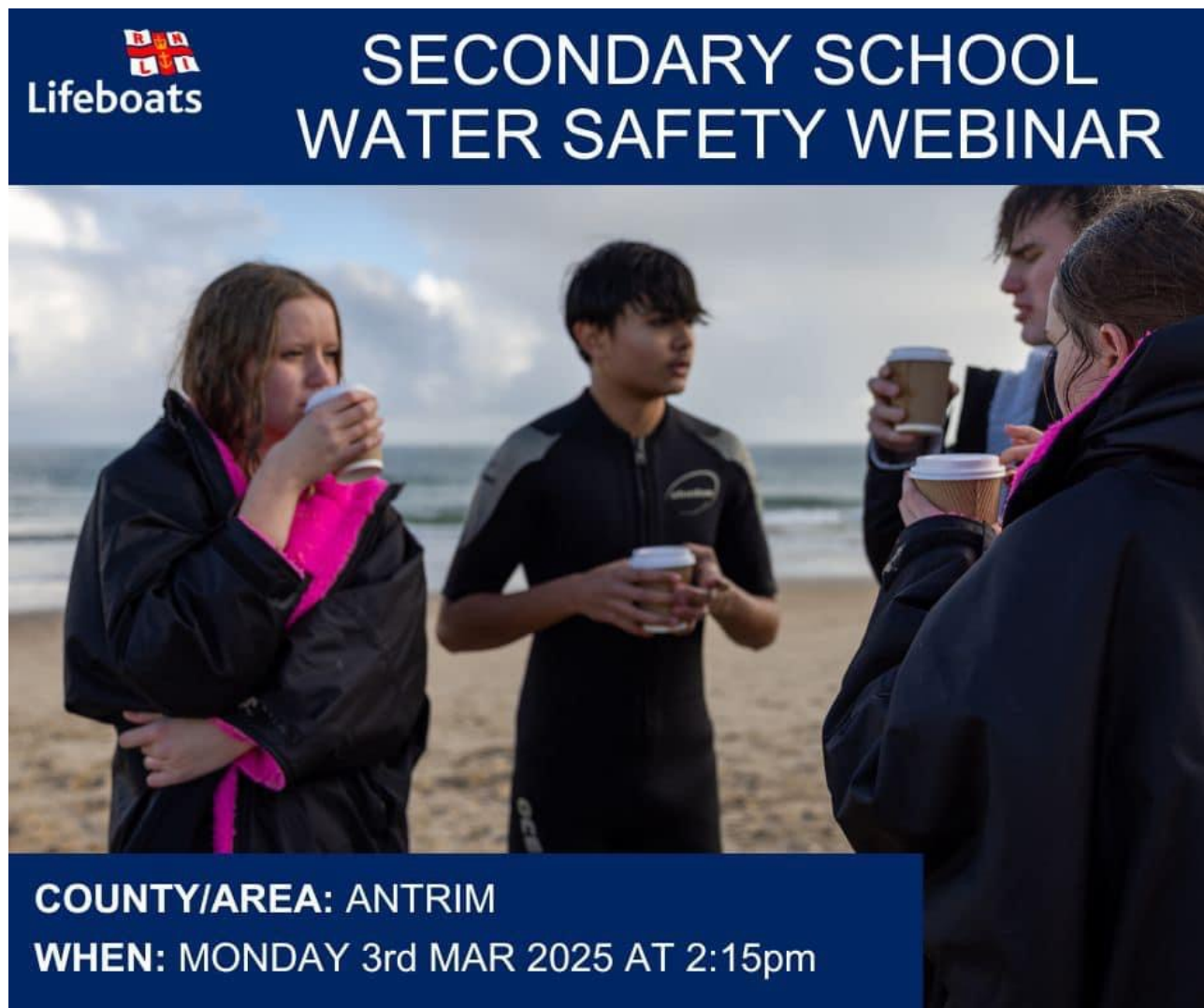
You can read more here: <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/10/09/relax-into-the-gifts-god>

Methodist growth in Cavan

Very encouraging morning in Cavan, where the congregation has recently grown to about 70. This week, let's pray for the church in Cavan, and pray for growth throughout Irish Methodism

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



The banner features the Lifeboats logo on the left, which includes a red and white flag icon. To the right of the logo, the text "SECONDARY SCHOOL WATER SAFETY WEBINAR" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters against a dark blue background. Below this header is a photograph of four young people on a beach. A girl on the left is wearing a black jacket with a bright pink lining and is drinking from a white coffee cup. In the center, a boy is wearing a black wetsuit and holding a white coffee cup. On the right, another person is partially visible, also holding a coffee cup. The background shows a sandy beach and the ocean under a cloudy sky.

COUNTY/AREA: ANTRIM
WHEN: MONDAY 3rd MAR 2025 AT 2:15pm

RNLI free water safety webinar - Calling all County Antrim and Belfast secondary schools

We know how quickly the school calendar can fill up so we are asking you to help us spread the word with your local secondary school so they can register now for the RNLI's free water safety webinar tailored specifically for the secondary school students of Antrim.

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We want schools based in Belfast to register using this Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/antrim-belfast-schools-rnli-water-safety-webinar-tickets-1006615523127> and book their place for our free event happening at 10am on Thursday 6 March.

Schools across county Antrim can register using this Eventbrite link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/antrim-schools-rnli-water-safety-webinar-tickets-1006612233287> and book their place for our free event happening at 2.15pm on Monday 3 March.

The webinar will cover water safety risks across Antrim including on beaches and inland waterways. Topics covered will include cold water shock, how to Float to Live, bystander rescue and how to report incidents using 999 or 112. Open to all classes, this webinar will particularly focus on raising water safety awareness and education among 15 and 16 year old students who research shows are in a high-risk age group for water incidents.

Share the link with your local school now or for more information, get in touch with Killian O'Kelly, RNLI Water Safety Education Manager at Killian_OKelly@rnli.org.uk or phone 00353 873385014. _

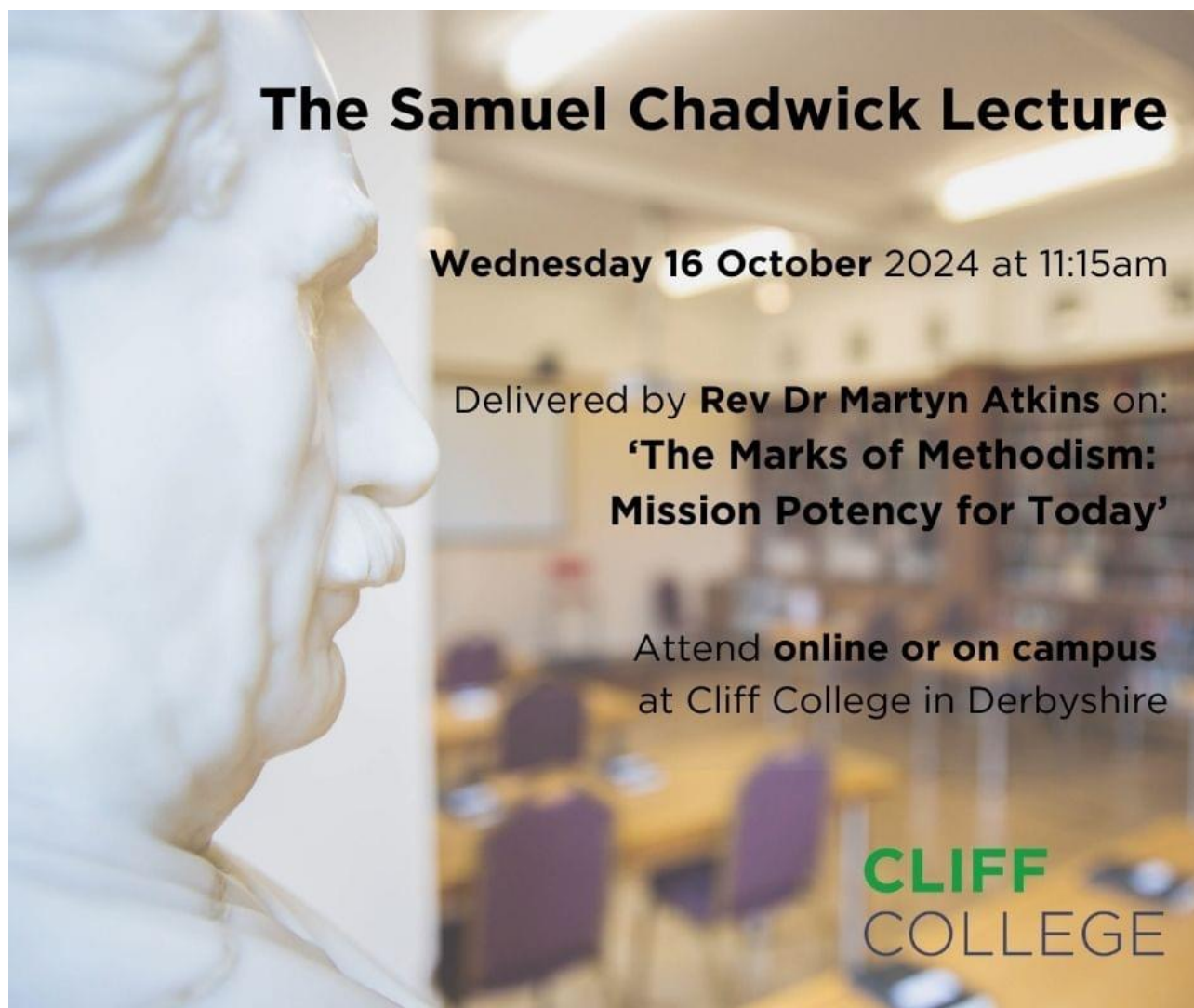
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2nd Randalstown Presbyterian 250 years

The next monthly meeting of Randalstown Historical Society takes place on Thursday 7 November at 8.00 pm in Arches Community Hall.

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Jim Hunniford will speak about the history of 2nd Randalstown Presbyterian Church as they mark 250 years as a congregation.



The Samuel Chadwick Lecture

Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 11:15am

Delivered by **Rev Dr Martyn Atkins** on:
**'The Marks of Methodism:
Mission Potency for Today'**

Attend **online or on campus**
at Cliff College in Derbyshire

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Cliff College Marks of Methodism lecture

**Bookings for the Samuel Chadwick Lecture next
Wednesday close on Monday night -**

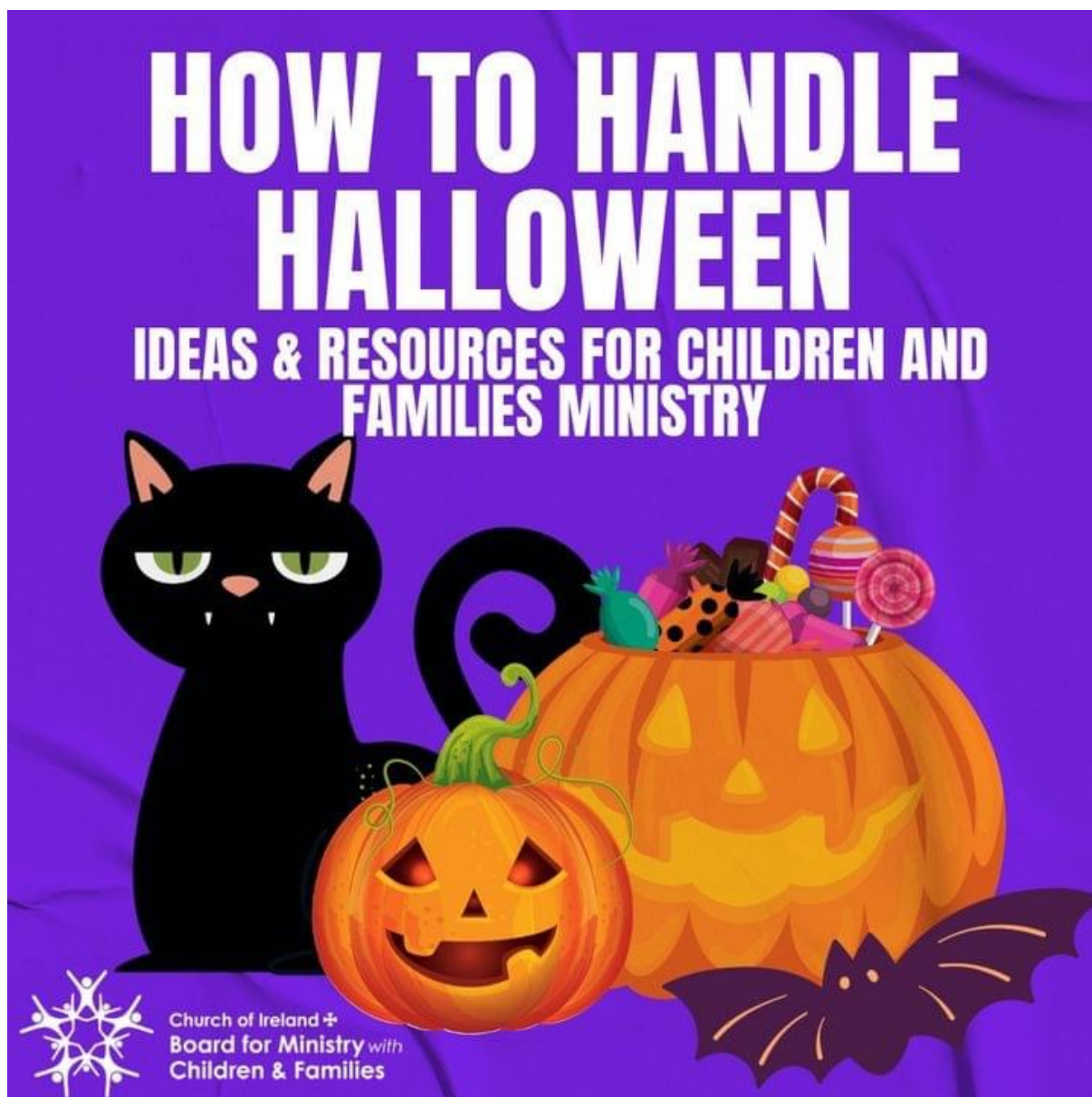
- so make sure you're booked in to attend, whether online or on campus. This year's lecture is titled 'The Marks of

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Methodism: Mission Potency for Today' and will be delivered by Rev Dr Martyn Atkins.

You can book your place here:

<https://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/news-events/samuel-chadwick-lecture-2024>



C of I CFM Halloween Workshop video

Well, after a myriad of technical problems (including a powercut!) we can finally bring you the video of our

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How to Handle Halloween Workshop along with the link for all the ideas, resources and videos.

Click here to access everything in your own time this weekend - who needs Netflix anyway!

<https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org/how-to-handle-halloween/>

<https://www.facebook.com/239169528439033/posts/581597317529584>

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