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Questions about evangelism? Why not #AskTheArchbishop

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will answer questions about evangelism tomorrow

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(Thursday) in a question and answer session hosted on Twitter. Archbishop Justin will be live on the social media platform from 10am BST (9am GMT) on Thursday 1 June to discuss how Christians can share their faith.

The initiative comes in the middle of the Thy Kingdom Come global prayer wave for mission and evangelism.

To ask a question about evangelism, people are being encouraged to Tweet their questions in advance to [@JustinWelby](https://twitter.com/JustinWelby) using the hashtag [#AskTheArchbishop](https://twitter.com/AskTheArchbishop).

Archbishop Justin is a frequent Tweeter and has used social media platforms including Twitter and Facebook in the past to engage with the public.

Presbyterian General Assembly meets next week

Plans to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, relationships with other denominations, the role and ministry of chaplaincy in Ireland, concerns over the education proposals in the Republic of Ireland, the political situation in Northern Ireland and

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support for persecuted Christians around the globe are just some of the issues that will be on the agenda for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's (PCI) General Assembly, which opens in Belfast next week.

The annual weeklong gathering of 1,000 ministers and elders from the Church's 500-plus congregations across Ireland opens on the evening of Monday, June 5. Invited civic dignitaries and corresponding church representatives from denominations at home and overseas will witness the formal election and installation of the Rev. Dr. Noble McNeely, minister of First Holywood Presbyterian Church, as the new Moderator of the General Assembly.

Praise, Passion and Power, 50 years of Charismatic Renewal

50 years of Charismatic Renewal will be celebrated in the Concert Hall, RDS, Dublin on Saturday, 24th June 2017 10 a.m., concluding with Mass at 6.30 p.m. This is a one-day national event Tickets: €20

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Speakers: Fr Pat Collins, C.M., and Testimonies.
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Big Sing of a treasury of hymns at St Mark's Dundela

The countdown to what the BBC might call a
'Big Sing' is underway. The venue is St. Mark's
(Dundela), the date is Saturday, June 17 and the
event is 'One Song – An Appreciation of Hymns'.

This is an invitation to make your way to east
Belfast – for the benefit of the satnav-
dependent, 2 Sydenham Avenue, BT4 2D is the
address – there to join in singing some of the
great treasury of hymns dating from the
Reformation through to the present day. It is a
non-denominational event, everyone is
welcome.

In addition, with 'One Song – An Appreciation of
Hymns' being hosted by the Royal School of
Church Music (Ireland), that in itself should

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ensure a great selection of music. So if you enjoy singing great hymns, be there.

Please note that while tea and coffee will be provided, participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. This is a free event, though donations will be accepted. For information or to confirm attendance, please contact awards@rscmireland.com or text +44(0)7901 835771

Churches praised for quick snap election response

Churches have been congratulated for the speed of their response to the announcement there would be a snap general election next month.

The praise comes after it emerged a website for churches to promote their hustings events had seen dozens of events registered.

More than 70 of the events - where political candidates address voters - have been posted on the engage17 website created by the Christian organisation, CARE.

UK Director, Gareth Davies, said: "Even though there has been very little time to prepare for this

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snaps election the response of the church has been nothing short of amazing.

Churches mobilised as Sri Lanka floods death toll passes 200

Clergy in Sri Lanka have been urged to prepare their churches and church halls to provide refuge for people displaced by serious flooding in the country's Southern and Sabaragamuwa regions. This morning (Wednesday) Sri Lanka's Disaster Management Centre said that 202 people had died as a result of the devastating floods and landslides caused by severe rains which have hit the country since Friday when Cyclone Mora hit the island.

China's national news agency Xinhua reports that at least 83,200 people are seeking shelter in safe locations and many are unable to return to their homes due to fully damaged or partially damaged houses.

Residents of seven districts – Ratnapura, Kegalle, Galle, Kalutara, Matara, Hambantota, and Nuwara Eliya – have been served with evacuation notices. The UN, which is supporting relief efforts in the country, has urged residents

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to “follow evacuation orders to minimise loss of human life.”

Pope Francis condemns brutal killings in Kabul

A massive terrorist attack in Kabul has killed at least 80 people and injured over 350 people.

"Having learned with sadness of the abhorrent attack in Kabul and of the many dead and seriously injured, Pope Francis expresses his heartfelt condolences to all affected by this brutal act of violence," a May 31 telegram signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin said.

Pope Francis, he said, "commends the souls of the deceased to the mercy of the Almighty, and assures the people of Afghanistan of his continued prayers for peace."

The Pope's letter, addressed to Afghani ambassador to Italy, was sent hours after a suicide bomb exploded in the diplomatic quarter of Kabul, Afghanistan, killing some 80 people and wounding nearly 300 others, according to CNN.

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Hidden in a water delivery truck, the bomb exploded near the German Embassy and the Afghan presidential palace in one of the busiest areas in town. A major local cell phone company and a popular TV station, as well as several large shops and supermarkets, were in close vicinity, making the likelihood of a high number of civilian casualties a guarantee.

The BBC's Afghan driver Mohammed Nazir, who spent four years with the broadcaster and had a young family, was among the casualties. According to the BBC, four of their journalists were also injured in the attack, but are expected to live.

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