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INTRODUCTION

A new way of TELLING OUR STORY

Welcome to the 2026 Annual Report of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.

This publication reflects on the life and ministry of our United Dioceses over the past year and also looks forward.

Last Spring, members of Diocesan Synods responded to a Survey, reviewing how well Synods work. Many members suggested that our traditional Book of Reports needed to be refreshed. Your comments and suggestions have inspired this new format for 2026.

As we worked on its contents, our guiding question has been: "What story can we tell about the life and ministry of our United Dioceses?"

We want this publication to move beyond a simple review of committees and activities and help readers see the bigger picture:

how the many strands of diocesan life contribute to our shared mission, and where they may be leading us next.

We want this to be a publication that members of Synods – and others – would want to read: lively, engaging and pleasing to the eye, while still fulfilling its important role as a record of the work undertaken across the United Dioceses. You may like aspects of the new format and dislike others – we would love to hear from you so that we can make this publication even better for you next year.

Our United Dioceses needs to keep moving forward. We need to move from being inward-looking and focused on the administration of the Dioceses, to being outward-looking and drawing people around us into what we are about.

We want you, members of Synods, to engage in the mission and life of our Dioceses.

WHY THE NEW FORMAT?

To make the Book of Reports easier to read, easier to navigate and more engaging - while telling the story of how our work supports the mission and ministry of the Church.

We hope this refreshed format will encourage members of

Synods to explore the breadth of ministry represented in these pages and to celebrate the many ways in which clergy, lay readers, volunteers and diocesan staff serve Christ together across Dublin and Glendalough.

Above all, we want to honour the people in our United Dioceses who give so much and help all of us appreciate the impact of their work.

"To better the future, we must disturb the present"

Catherine Booth (1829–1890), co-founder of The Salvation Army, was a pioneering Christian leader and social reformer. Her words above, capture the spirit of this year's Annual Report: a willingness to challenge familiar ways of doing things in order to build a stronger future.

Ruth Gyves
Lay Honorary Secretary, Dublin

Harold Hislop
Member of Diocesan Councils

PRAYERS

FOR THE WORK OF SYNODS

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: Bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of these Synods; keep us steadfast in faith and united in love, that we may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 2004



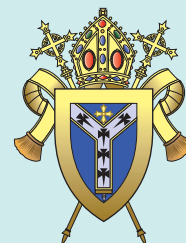
God, whom from of old taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Book of Common Prayer, 2004



A Thiarna Dia, a Athair na Soilse agus a Thobair na heagna uile, a gheall, trí do Mhac Íosa Críost, go mbeifeá in éineacht led Eaglais uilí go deireadh an tsaoil; Guímid go umhal Thú féachaint go ceansa ar ár Ardeaspag Míchéal, ar an gCléir, agus ar an bPobal, atá cruinnithe le céile i gcomhairle id Ainmse ar son na hEaglaise seo. Deonaigh go trócaireach go luí do Spioraid Naomh orainn, go soilsí agus go dtreoraí sé sinne; agus go soirbhí ár gcomhairle ar fad chun d'onóra agus do ghlóire, agus chun leasa d'Eaglaise. Treoraigh sinn i dtreo na fírinne iomláine; chun go mbí buanchónaí go deo ag an Eaglais seo sa chreideamh Aspalda Fíorchaitliceach, agus í ag déanamh seirbhíse duit gan eagla le glaine adhartha agus beatha, de réir do thola naofa; trí Íosa Críost ár dTiarna agus ár Slánaitheoir. Áiméan.

Oiriúnaithe ó Leabhar na hUrnaí Coitinne, 1965



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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE

CALLED TO ONE HOPE...

A reflection for Diocesan Synods 2026

A SHARED THEME

"*Called to one hope...*" was the theme of the nineteenth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Belfast earlier this year.

The theme is an obvious and a compelling one for any group of committed people. I am delighted to take it and adopt it in our own United Dioceses. I do so in the hope that it may become a theme threading through our Diocesan Synods 2026.

A CALL TO RECONCILIATION

"*Called to one hope...*" is a cry for reconciliation from the Letter to the Ephesians, a cry from the days of the emerging Christian Church when harmony in local churches was in short supply and when the yardstick of identity was the saving work of Jesus Christ. Harmony remains in short supply in local churches today as also does a sense of spiritual cohesion. The gift of such salvation to everyone through the mission of God in the church was the calling of all the members, as St Paul frequently reminds us. In Ireland generally, we have politicised reconciliation to the point of near exhaustion, whether it be in relation to the Troubles in Northern Ireland

or the Centenary of Commemorations in the Republic of Ireland. There has to be more to it.

"*Called to one hope...*" in a spiritual sense takes us into a different type of reconciliation altogether. It invites the dismantling together of the old walls of division and the building together of the new house of community. It is the coming together that makes reconciliation. People need to want to do it. The alternative is stalemate, stagnation, decline. This local and positive reconciliation is what we are after in the Prayer and Mission Programme for 2026. We look forward to hearing more about its

"People need to want to do it."

forward march through the year at our Diocesan Synods. We continue our engagement by our energy of prayer and by our empowerment in the Holy Spirit to do good and Godly things.

"A different type of reconciliation."

NEW WINE – NEW WINESKINS

"Called to one hope..." As we reflect on Jesus' teaching in Matthew 9:14–17, we are reminded of the fundamental error of putting new wine into old wineskins. The Archbishop of Canterbury drew out the two ideas embedded in this image. (For us today it might be trying to carry something precious in a bag made from paper that had been recycled once too often.) The first is the loss of the precious new thing – the wine. The second is the loss of the precious old thing – the wineskin. Both are needed for different reasons. There are different types of new, maturing and matured wine on the go all the time. This captures exactly the pivotal point we inhabit in these dioceses right now and why we all need to engage energetically in the Prayer and Mission Programme over again and why it needs our voice at its heart:

- What of the new and what of the old are lifegiving?
- What of the new and what of the old can sustain the pressures of witness in a complex and confused world?
- What of the new wine and what of the old wine are we willing to share freely with those who have no wine?

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The future lies before us in the present time.

**The time of need
is the time of opportunity.**

**The time of fracture
is the time of reconciliation.**

**The time of reconciliation is the
dawning of the New Jerusalem.**

+Michael, Dublin and Glendalough

MISSION PRAYER

**Almighty God,
we ask your blessing
on the people of the Dioceses of
Dublin and Glendalough
as they go about
the work of mission in the
everyday things of life.**

**As you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to live the life of the world you
created and to die for our sins,
so give us a mission of worship and
service in the same world
during our days on earth.**

**Equip us to embrace our
neighbour, to serve our society
and to usher in the principles and
the practices of your kingdom on
earth as it is in heaven.**

**This we ask in the name
of the Risen Christ
and in the strength
of the Holy Spirit.**

Amen



DIOCESAN COUNCILS

SERVING THE MISSION OF THE DIOCESES

through good governance, stewardship and strategic leadership

OUR ROLE

Diocesan Councils is the body that oversees the administration of the finances, assets and work of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough from one Synods to the next. You will find the name of members of Councils in the Appendix of this book.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Throughout the year, Diocesan Councils have provided strategic leadership and oversight for the governance, stewardship, finance, property and mission of the United Dioceses. Working in partnership with diocesan committees, parishes and staff, Councils seek to ensure that diocesan resources are managed responsibly, that good governance is maintained, and that parishes are supported in their ministry and witness across both dioceses.

GOVERNANCE

Provided continued oversight of governance, finance and strategic policy across the United Dioceses.

Advanced compliance with the Charities Governance Code and the registration of diocesan trusts.

Strengthened risk management through ongoing development of the Diocesan Risk Register.

Supported the digitisation and long-term preservation of diocesan records.

Reviewed regular reports from the Audit and Risk, Mission, and Glebes, Property and Finance Sub-Committees.

Commenced a review of the effectiveness of Diocesan Councils through member consultation.

Approved recommendations arising from the Diocesan Synod Review Group and began establishing new arrangements for the planning and organisation of future Synods.

Continued to strengthen safeguarding oversight and monitor compliance across the dioceses.



PARISH SUPPORT AND PROPERTY

Approved parish building, conservation and development projects across both dioceses.

Overseen property transactions involving glebes and parish facilities.

Approved environmentally sustainable initiatives, including renewable energy and biodiversity projects undertaken by a number of parishes.

Progressed parish vacancies and supported appointment processes.

Assisted parishes experiencing governance or financial challenges.

Approved licences and agreements supporting community partnerships and ecumenical use of church property.

Begun a review of the future role of the Diocesan Architect in supporting parish property management.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Maintained regular oversight of diocesan finances through reviewing quarterly financial reports.

Approved and adopted the audited 2025 Financial Statements.

Continued prudent management of diocesan investments and reserve funds, including the investment of surplus funds to maximise income while maintaining appropriate security.

Continued the review of parish assessments, agreeing a revised framework for diocesan obligations to provide a fair and sustainable basis for future funding.

Encouraged greater engagement with parish honorary treasurers through deanery-based initiatives.

Worked with diocesan committees to ensure that budget applications for 2027 adequately support their ongoing work.

Continued our oversight of trusts to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the dioceses.

MISSION AND MINISTRY

Received regular reports from the Mission Sub-Committee.

Supported the continued development of the Diocesan Mission Plan.

Supported consultation and engagement across both dioceses.

Encouraged initiatives promoting clergy wellbeing and ministry development.

Identified opportunities to help parishes access external grant funding.

Commenced planning of a diocesan mission follow-up event to be held following Synod.

Continued to support Pioneer Ministry and other initiatives encouraging new expressions of ministry throughout the Church of Ireland.

LOOKING AHEAD

Implement recommendations arising from the Diocesan Synod Review.

Progress the review of Diocesan Councils.

Strengthen safeguarding compliance and governance.

Continue improving stewardship, financial resilience and risk management.

Support parishes in planning for future ministry and mission.

Continue developing the Diocesan Mission Plan.

SERVING TOGETHER

The work of Diocesan Councils is undertaken in partnership by clergy and lay members drawn from across Dublin and Glendalough. Their commitment, wisdom and generosity of service enable Councils to exercise careful stewardship on behalf of the dioceses while supporting the Church's mission in every parish.

Councils wish to record their sincere appreciation to members of the Glebes, Property and Finance, Mission, and Audit and Risk Sub-Committees, together with the diocesan staff and all who contribute to the governance, stewardship and mission of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.

The work outlined in this report represents only a selection of the many matters considered during the year. Behind every decision lies a shared commitment to serving Christ through responsible governance, faithful stewardship and the strengthening of parish ministry across the dioceses.



GLEBES, PROPERTY AND FINANCE

PRACTICAL SUPPORT, FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

WHAT WE DO

The Glebes, Property and Finance Sub-Committee supports the work of, and reports directly to, Diocesan Councils.

It provides oversight and recommendations on glebe and parochial property management and on financial reporting.

It is supported by four sub-groups: Property, Allocations, Assessments and Finance, and met six times during the year, plus one special meeting.

A key role is reviewing parish proposals to purchase, sell or lease property, or to carry out significant building work, ensuring each is in the best long-term interests of the parish and dioceses and conforms to best practice and regulation. Proposals for building work must be supported by a Select Vestry resolution, three recent quotations, confirmation of planning status and funding details. Property sales or purchases require early contact with the Diocesan Secretary, an independent valuation, and floor plans or site

details. A summary of the Sub-Committee's recommendations to Councils this year is set out in the accompanying table.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

PROPERTY

Following the retirement of the Diocesan Architect, a Property Sub-Group was established to review future property reporting needs. It recommended trialling a small panel of property specialists (one now commissioned for five inspections), categorising recommended works in glebe inspection reports as a threat to life, essential or aspirational, and reviewing the inspection form and report.

ALLOCATIONS

A new Allocations Sub-Group carried out an independent assessment of funding applications from the following: Church Music Dublin, Ministry of Healing, Who Cares for the Carers, the Archbishop's Application, Children's Ministry, Diocesan Lay Readers, Pioneer Ministry (Paternoster), the Communications Committee, the Mission Sub-Committee and Clergy Wellbeing, meeting



with each applicant. The outcome fed into the 2027 Financial Plan, and the approach will be developed further in future years.

FINANCE

The Finance Sub-Group completed its review of all Diocesan Investment Trusts, and redirected income from certain trusts to its proper beneficiaries via the Representative Church Body. The sub-group also supported the 2025 Annual Report and Audit, Quarterly Accounts review, the 2027 Financial Plan, a draft Reserves Policy and reclassification of reserves, among other matters.

ASSESSMENTS

Work continued on reappraising the parish assessment model (last reviewed in 2014) to better balance parish revenue and parish membership numbers. A revised methodology, including an allowance for non-stipendiary staff costs, was approved by Councils in June 2026 and is due to take effect from January 2027, subject to approval of Synods.

REPORTING, COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Diocesan Secretaries met the Representative Church Body on the Charities Act reporting requirements; parishes are advised to list all properties as balance sheet assets and the Sub-committee is seeking clarification on whether this will have any implications for financial reporting requirements.

All parish residential property valuations were submitted to the RCB for Local Property Tax registration; relevant trusts were registered under CRBOT, with a review ongoing.

An adjusted Share Scheme payment arrangement began at the end of 2025 with estimated Share Income from the Scheme offset against the Parish 2026 annual assessment for parishes in the Scheme.

The Shine a Light Appeal raised a further €31,018.54 for the Diocese of Jerusalem's outreach and ministry, including its work with Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza.

Peter Roberts retired as Diocesan Architect after 27 years' service; Trevor Holmes resigned as Hospital Chaplain.

WHY IT MATTERS

This work keeps parish property decisions well-governed, financially sound and compliant with regulation, while strengthening transparency and oversight of Diocesan investments and reserves for the benefit of parishes and beneficiaries alike.

The move toward a fairer, evidence-based assessment model helps balance the resources parishes contribute with their membership.

Closer engagement with the Representative Church Body and Charity Regulatory Authority requirements helps parishes navigate an increasingly complex compliance landscape.

LOOKING AHEAD

Provide targeted support to the work of the Diocesan Office and assist the Diocesan Secretary with oversight of Diocesan Obligations and Assessments.

Conclude the process for appointing a new Diocesan Architect.

Further develop the Allocations Sub-Group's approach to assessing funding applications.

Assist parishes, where requested, with Accounts reporting, and improve communications between Councils and Select Vestries on finance and property matters.

Develop a comprehensive guide to grants, allocations and other financial supports available to parishes.

Advise Councils on the implications for parishes of new or emerging legislation and support parishes moving to individual charity registration.

CHURCHES

Church	Recommendations made regarding proposals from parish
Bray	Recommended the appointment of a conservation architect for the refurbishment of church windows
Castlemacadam	Recommended the creation of a Garden of Remembrance
Clondalkin	Reviewed Glebe Inspection Report with recommendations
Coolock	Recommended the licensing of the church and hall at times to be agreed
Drumcondra	Recommended the licensing of St John the Baptist Church to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, to use for worship, under terms and conditions to be negotiated
Holmpatrick Group	Recommended advertisement of parish vacancy subject to clarifications
Howth	Recommended the churchyard cherry tree can be removed and six yew trees to be professionally pruned and conserved
Irishtown	Recommended use of churchyard for a Saturday community market
Leeson Park	Recommended the allocation of portion of proceeds arising from the sale of the church towards repairs to St Bartholomew's Church
Leixlip	Recommended entering into a Licence Agreement, to install mobile phone equipment in the tower of St Mary's Church Recommended advertisement of parish vacancy subject to clarifications
Lucan	Reviewed Glebe Inspection Report with recommendations Recommended construction of a columbarium within the churchyard
Mulhuddart	Recommended licensing of St Thomas's church to Blanchardstown Methodist Church
Powerscourt	Recommended the allocation of various funds towards the cost of the construction of the Community Nest in the churchyard
Redcross	Recommended construction of a new church in the churchyard adjacent to the current church (subject to planning permission and the submission of three quotations)
Sandford	Recommended the creation of a biodiversity garden within the churchyard
St Ann & St Stephen's, with St Mark	Recommended advertisement of parish vacancy
St Bartholomew's	Recommended the allocation of portion of proceeds arising from the sale Leeson Park towards church repairs
St George & St Thomas	Recommended a licence agreement with Abbey Street Methodist Church
Taney	Recommended the submission of a planning application for the construction of padel courts on tennis site
Tullow	Recommended advertisement of parish vacancy





ECCLESIASTICAL RESIDENCES AND GLEBE LANDS

Location	Recommendations made regarding proposals from parish
Castleknock	Recommended that a Heads of Agreement could be entered into with regard to the purchase of the plot at the rear of the sexton's house, subject to planning approval
Clontarf	Recommended the allocation of the proceeds arising from the sale of The rectory towards the cost of the purchase of a suitable glebe
Delgany	Recommended sustainability works to old schoolhouse
Donabate	Recommended the allocation of portion of the proceeds, arising from the sale of glebe land, towards a feasibility study for the sale of the remaining glebe land and the cost of repairs to the cottage and drains at the playschool
Donoughmore & Donard with Dunlavin	Reviewed Glebe Inspection Report with recommendations
Killiney, Ballybrack	Recommended the installation of solar panels on the roof of the rectory in accordance with the plans submitted
Kilternan	Recommended change of use of sexton's cottage
Lucan	Reviewed Glebe Inspection Report with recommendations
Monkstown	Recommended the sale of the former glebe and purchase of a suitable replacement
Rathdrum	Recommended allocation of funds from sale of part of glebe land towards repairs to glebe and windows in St Saviour's Church
Taney	Recommended the parish be allowed to apply for planning permission for padel courts on portion of the Tennis Club site
Tallaght	Reviewed Glebe Inspection Report with recommendations

OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

Location	Recommendations made regarding proposals from parish
Coolock	Recommended the licensing of parish hall to St Mary's Knanaya, Church for worship
Rathfarnham	Recommended the licensing of two car parking places in the grounds of the War Memorial Hall
Timolin	Recommended the lodging of a planning application for the extension of childcare facilities Recommended the removal of portion of the wall between sexton's cottage and parochial hall
Whitechurch	Recommended the licensing of the former school to the HSE for a period of three years from 1 October 2026 to use for social gatherings for senior citizens
Zion	Recommended the installation of solar panels on the roof of the parish hall in accordance with the plans submitted



AUDIT AND RISKS SUB-COMMITTEE

STRENGTHENING

stewardship, accountability and confidence

WHAT WE DO

The Audit and Risk Sub-Committee helps ensure that the financial affairs and risk management of the United Dioceses are robust, responsible and well monitored.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Met four times during the year to review financial and risk matters.

Reviewed and strengthened the Diocesan Councils' Risk Register, recommending additional areas for consideration.

Provided a sample Risk Management Policy to support consistent approaches across the dioceses.

Recommended that the diocesan accounts be prepared in FRS 102 format, supporting clear and appropriate financial reporting.

Worked with the auditors to agree the annual audit timetable and reviewed the draft diocesan financial statements before their approval and adoption.

Held a post-audit review with the auditors, considering any risks or issues arising from the audit.

WHY IT MATTERS

Good governance and careful financial oversight provide a strong foundation for the life and mission of the dioceses. Effective risk management helps us identify potential challenges early, while robust financial processes give confidence that diocesan resources are being managed responsibly and transparently.

The Sub-Committee is pleased to report that the audit process went very smoothly, with the auditors commending the efficiency and professionalism of the diocesan staff.

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue to strengthen risk management and financial oversight across the United Dioceses.

Maintain close engagement with the auditors and diocesan committees.

Continue to develop clear, consistent and effective financial and governance practices.

Support the diocesan staff in maintaining the high standards recognised through this year's successful audit.



SAFEGUARDING

CREATING SAFE PLACES

where everyone can flourish

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Introduced the new Child Safeguarding Policy across the dioceses.

246 staff and volunteers trained.

50 Panel Members completed specialist safeguarding training.

31 parish safeguarding audits completed and at the time of writing, all but one parish are compliant with the audit requirements.

All but two parishes submitted their 2025 Annual Safeguarding Return by the deadline. It is expected that the remaining two will have done so by the date of Diocesan Synods.

Continued practical support for parishes implementing new procedures.

Provided regular reports to Diocean Councils on the implementation of safeguarding policies in the diocese.

The United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough are committed to ensuring all children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm.

MAJOR FOCUS

The introduction of the revised Church of Ireland Child Safeguarding Policy was the major focus of the year. The Diocesan Safeguarding Compliance Officer worked closely with parishes to:

- Explain the new policy
- Provide practical guidance
- Deliver training
- Support implementation
- Encourage full compliance.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Embed the new Safeguarding Policy.
- Expand training.
- Increase locally delivered panel member training.
- Strengthen engagement with parishes requiring additional support.

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MISSION SUB-COMMITTEE

RENEW, RELEASE, REACH

Listening, discerning and shaping the future of mission across Dublin and Glendalough

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Led a diocesan-wide listening and consultation process.

Engaged clergy and lay members in shaping a shared vision for mission.

Identified three strategic priorities: Renew, Release, Reach.

Begun developing a Diocesan Mission Plan.

Supported local parish prayer initiatives through Mission Grants.

Continued to encourage ecumenical partnership through Ecumenical Bible Week.

Planned the next phase of diocesan-wide consultation and action.

LISTENING TO THE DIOCESES

The first phase of the Mission Plan, Casting and Gathering, focused on listening to the people of Dublin and Glendalough.

This included seven consultation sessions held across the dioceses and break-out discussions held at Diocesan Synods.

Feedback was received from clergy and lay representatives. The response demonstrated a shared desire for renewal and confidence in the Church's mission.

A SHARED VISION EMERGING

Three key themes emerged from the consultations:

Renew - Renewing our spiritual life, confidence and identity

Release - Releasing people, gifts and resources for mission

Reach - Reaching communities, making disciples and serving the wider world

Together these themes express a Church seeking to move:

- From scarcity to abundance
- From maintenance to mission
- From dependence to shared ministry
- From caution to confident witness.

WHAT WE HEARD

Through conversation, a shared and hopeful vision for the Church started to emerge. Participants expressed deep gratitude for the Church's faithfulness, heritage, pastoral care, and community presence, while also acknowledging the urgent need for renewal, greater confidence, and cultural change. The following priorities were consistently expressed:



- Developing a renewed focus on mission
- Investing in young people and intergenerational faith
- Strengthening welcome, hospitality, and inclusion
- Renew prayer, worship, and discipleship
- Equip every-member ministry, and sustain clergy wellbeing
- Collaborate and steward resources for mission.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next phase of the Mission Plan we call Resource and Act. What actions do we need to take to best address our priorities? How can we resource this most effectively. Priorities include:

- Developing practical mission priorities
- Asking what changes do we need to make to what we do?
- Thinking about the structures we need to enable churches to flourish
- Identifying actions for parishes and dioceses
- Providing tools and resources to support local ministry
- Continuing consultation and shared learning
- Holding a diocesan gathering in November 2026 to identify practical next steps.

SUPPORTING MISSION

During the year the Mission Sub-Committee supported the following:

Prayer Movement Grants

Supported parish initiatives encouraging prayer and spiritual renewal, including:

- Youth and Young Adult Pizza & Prayer events
- Back to Church Sunday Prayer Breakfasts
- Lenten Prayer Gatherings.

Ecumenical Bible Week

The dioceses continued their strong ecumenical commitment through Ecumenical Bible Week 2025.

Highlights included:

- Opening worship in St Finian's Lutheran Church
- "Thinking Allowed" panel discussion
- Bible conference in Stillorgan
- Closing Choral Evensong in Christ Church Cathedral.

PRAYER

The Mission Sub-Committee continues to encourage parishes to use the Archbishop's Mission Prayer and the Children's Mission Prayer as part of the shared vision for mission across Dublin and Glendalough.

FROM VISION TO ACTION

The Mission Plan is continuing to develop through prayer, consultation and collaboration.

The vision is for our dioceses to be:

- **Renewed in faith**
- **Released for ministry**
- **Reaching every community with the hope of Christ.**



Renew | Release | Reach

United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough



PIONEER MINISTRY REACHING PEOPLE

with little or no connection to church

OUR ROLE

Pioneer Ministry is about looking beyond the Church's traditional boundaries, listening for where God is already at work and finding new ways to connect with people and communities. Launched in 2023, the ministry is still developing but is already showing encouraging signs of growth across the Church of Ireland.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

BUILDING THE PEOPLE, NETWORKS AND STRUCTURES FOR PIONEER MINISTRY

14 diocesan Pioneer Hubs are now established across the island, each supported by a Pioneer Ministry Advocate. In Dublin and Glendalough, Rev Scott Evans serves as our Advocate.

14 pioneers completed the Church of Ireland's first bespoke pioneer training programme in 2024 and 2025, delivered through CITI and Church Army.

Five more pioneers will begin training in autumn 2026, bringing the total to 19 pioneers across the Church of Ireland including Shane Maguire (St Catherines, Thomas Street), Aaron Halliwell (Cricken) and Shamiso Chigorimbo (Kiltarnan) in our own diocese.

A national Pioneer Ministry Gathering in Mullingar in November 2025 brought together

132 people, including clergy, laity, bishops and representatives of the Representative Body and Standing Committee.

New licensing services for pioneers have been developed, with further work continuing on licensing and liturgy.

Two new pioneer congregations are being developed within Dublin and Glendalough, alongside projects elsewhere in the Church including church plants, pilgrimage initiatives, parish renewal and community outreach.

WHY IT MATTERS

CREATING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Pioneer Ministry encourages the Church to go where people are, rather than expecting people to come to existing church structures.

Pioneer Ministry creates opportunities to listen, experiment and build relationships in new contexts, while also bringing fresh energy and imagination into established churches.

Projects currently supported across the Church include pilgrimage and spiritual tourism,



nursing and wellbeing ministries, church plants, parish renewal, outreach to immigrants and new communities, and ministry in new urban developments.

For Dublin and Glendalough, Pioneer Ministry offers an opportunity to explore new expressions of Christian community alongside the life of our existing parishes.

Pioneer Ministry asks: "Who are we not yet reaching, and how might we meet them?"

LOOKING AHEAD

REVIEWING, STRENGTHENING AND GROWING THE MINISTRY

A review of Pioneer Ministry in 2026 will consider the future of leadership, finance, training, Pioneer Hubs and Advocates, with the aim of creating a sustainable structure for the next stage of development.

Diocesan Synod members are encouraged to:

- **Pray** for pioneers, Advocates and Hubs
- **Promote a pioneer culture** within parish and diocesan life
- **Look for opportunities** to engage with people and communities beyond traditional church settings
- **Support and encourage** those exploring new forms of ministry.

Applications are now open for 2027 projects; please visit our website for more information.

The invitation is simple: be curious, be courageous and look for where God may already be opening a door.

THANKS

To the House of Bishops, RCB, General Synod, Standing Committee, CITI and Church Army.

CONTACT

Further information and opportunities to engage with Pioneer Ministry are available at www.pioneerministry.org and at the Pioneer Ministry stand at Synods.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

GROWING FAITH,

building community and equipping leaders

YEAR AT A GLANCE

CONNECTING LEADERS

Five in-person networking gatherings.

Regular Zoom meet-ups.

Facebook & WhatsApp communities providing year-round encouragement.

EQUIPPING PARISHES

Seasonal resources shared throughout the Church year.

Support for Messy Church, Parent & Toddler Groups and family ministry.

Storytelling and ministry training.

Practical advice for new ministry teams.

National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups launched in June.

LEARNING TOGETHER

National Writers' Retreat held in October 2025.

Children's & Family Network Gathering at Dromatine Centre and a Service to celebrate 250 years of ministry with children, young people and families in the Church of Ireland.

Playtime Conference, Belfast run by "Care for the Family".

Church of Ireland training events.

RECONNECT COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT

One of the highlights of the year has been the Reconnect project. Children across participating parishes decorated individual craft sticks as expressions of faith and belonging. These are now being assembled into a travelling artwork which will visit parishes alongside the commemorative plaque celebrating 250 years of ministry with children, young people and families.

This project beautifully illustrates our theme of many individual gifts coming together as one community of faith.

WHY IT MATTERS

Every resource shared, every volunteer equipped and every child welcomed helps build lifelong faith.

This year we have seen stronger connections between parishes, greater confidence among leaders and increasing opportunities for children and families to encounter God together.

Our ministry is not simply about programmes—it is about encouraging local churches to create places where children belong, grow in faith and become active members of the worshipping community.

WORKING TOGETHER

Strong partnerships continue with the Church of Ireland Board for Ministry with Children and Families through:

- National training
- Online learning
- New worship resources
- Accessible children's materials
- Baptism resources
- *And Also With You* publication.
- 'Out of the Box' Storytelling training bursaries
- National Month of Prayer for Parent and Toddler Groups in June 2027
- Family events
- Children's gatherings, including children's event for those in 3rd to 6th classes
- Moving On event with DGYC – a gathering to support children from 6th class and their parents as pupils transition to secondary school
- Continued networking and mentoring.

LOOKING AHEAD

Coming this year...

- Prayer-Poem Cards printed and distributed to parishes and schools
- Holy Week & Easter resources published for parishes
- Pumpkin Trail designed and printed for parishes to borrow
- Summer with God: a resource to encourage faith at home for families during the summer holidays
- Moving On schools' resource for use with 6th class pupils
- Playground & Pew Prayer Packs

THANK YOU

The growth of Children's Ministry across our United Dioceses is only possible because of the dedication of clergy, volunteers and parish leaders who faithfully invest in children and families.

Together we are helping the next generation discover and grow in faith.





DGYC - DUBLIN AND GLENDALOUGH YOUTH COUNCIL



GROWING YOUNG FAITH

Building young leaders and strengthening church communities

YEAR AT A GLANCE

We welcomed our first interns, Molly Clarke and Nana O'Sullivan, to the DGYC team in September 2025. We, and their placement churches of Kiltarnan and KOTG, were blessed through their ministry to young people over the course of 10 months.

In October, over 100 young people converged on Taney for DGYC's Big Day Out. An afternoon of fun activities, barbeque and live music led up to a history-making youth service during which DGYC's interns, were commissioned by Archbishop Michael Jackson.

We offered 15 different training opportunities to youth workers, interns, chaplains and parents over the course of the year. Some were hosted by local parishes and others by DGYC, which were offered to other youth organisations and churches.

Advent saw us hand out 500 Advent Challenge Calendars encouraging our young people to act upon their faith.

Emma and Molly helped facilitate two weeks of TY School retreats in St Patrick's Cathedral, alongside Luke from CIYD and the Cathedral Education Officers.

DGYC hosted Winter Madness in February where we packed out Holy Trinity Church in Rathmines. Shane Maguire was the speaker, and we welcomed young people from all around the dioceses, and from Longford, Mullingar and Limerick!

In June, nearly 100 people from youth groups around Dublin and Glendalough went to Summer Madness with us.

Emma, Nana and Molly ran a venue at the Summer Madness festival called "The Hatch", and we were blessed to have our groups join with other Southern COI youth groups in a shared marquee and food arrangement by CIYD. As always, it was a life-changing five days!

LOOKING FORWARD

We are aiming to support churches, clergy and youth leaders in the following few ways over the next year.

CENTRALISED EVENTS

Our events are available to all diocesan youth groups, or for the one or two young people who can come along with a parent. Young

CREATING MORE YOUTH WORK OPPORTUNITIES

We want to provide more opportunities for young people to interact with the church (and Jesus!)

We are exploring avenues of increasing engagement through schools, of helping churches hire youth pastors (and providing support and training) as well as continuing to offer our internship programme to young adults.

SAYING YES!

Emma, our Youth Ministry Development Officer, is always keen to help churches with their youth ministry, of being a sounding block, giving talks, running games, creating programmes, coming up with ideas or resources and generally saying yes to whatever crazy idea you have as long as it connects young people to God. So, get in touch!

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people in our churches don't miss out if they don't have a youth group! We currently have 3 events planned for the 2026/27 academic year:

Big Day Out, Tallaght, 3rd October 2026

We have a swimming pool, sports hall and astro pitches for an afternoon of fun, but not without an emphasis on faith and community.

Winter Madness.

Rathmines. 27th Feb 2027

This Summer Madness taster worship night will be hosted by DGYC and promises to have great worship and great teaching.

Summer Madness,

Portglenone, 2nd - 6th July 2027

Ireland's largest Christian youth festival. It might be muddy and loud, but it's also faith forming and life changing.

RESOURCES

We will endeavour to keep our website up-to-date with resources and ideas, and this year we are producing devotional material to be used in January, written by Emma and our own youth leaders from around the dioceses. Watch this space.



TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUBLIN CHAPLAINCY

OFFERING CARE, COMMUNITY AND HOPE

YEAR AT A GLANCE

A YEAR OF CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY

Chaplaincy at TU Dublin has navigated a year of change and challenge, continuing to offer a steady presence to students and staff across the university.

Changes within the chaplaincy team required flexibility and resilience, with Finbarr O'Leary, Catholic Chaplain in Grangegorman, recently stepping in as interim coordinator.

Major university-wide challenges following the introduction of a new computer system affected both students and staff. Chaplaincy responded by advocating for students and providing a listening ear for academics.

PASTORAL CARE AT THE HEART

Pastoral care remains the most important part of chaplaincy ministry.

- Supported students referred by lecturers with financial, academic and personal difficulties.
- Walked alongside students through difficult seasons of university life.
- Offered particular support to the university community following the death of a much-loved international student, demonstrating chaplaincy at its most compassionate.
- Offered pastoral and spiritual support across religious and cultural boundaries, including a memorable opportunity to pray with a Muslim student during a time of global crisis.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Chaplaincy has created many opportunities for students to connect and find belonging.

Orientation: welcomed new students and introducing them to chaplaincy and wider support services.

Remembrance Wall: provided space for staff and students to remember people and places, culminating in music, poetry, prayer and candle-lighting.

Christmas gathering: more than 100 students took part in making decorations for the university Christmas tree.

Postgraduate breakfasts and mature student lunches: around 38 students participated, helping those new to Dublin build friendships and community.

Well-fest: a new partnership with the Medical Centre promoted wellbeing, community and connection.

Daffodil Day: a joint staff and student collection raised €595 for the Irish Cancer Society.

EQUIPPING AND CONNECTING

A new peer-mentor training programme brought students together from across the university to develop teamwork, listening and critical-thinking skills.

Relationships have been strengthened with the Christian Union and Students' Union, creating opportunities for further collaboration and outreach.

WHY IT MATTERS

The value of chaplaincy is often seen not in statistics but in the individual lives touched by its ministry.

As one pair of graduating students expressed it:

"This year of college was a lot lighter with a great support system, and you were a huge part of that."

That is the heart of chaplaincy: listening, accompanying, encouraging and helping people discover that they do not have to navigate difficult times alone.

LOOKING AHEAD

Chaplaincy will continue to strengthen pastoral support, develop partnerships across TU Dublin and create welcoming opportunities for students and staff to find community, wellbeing, friendship and hope.



DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

GROWING FAITH, COMMUNITY AND WELCOME

*Supporting the DCU
community*

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Throughout the year, the chaplaincy continued to represent the Church of Ireland within Dublin City University while helping connect the university with the wider Church through pastoral ministry, worship, public engagement and educational partnerships.

Weekly Soup Lunches welcomed 60–70 students, creating a regular space for hospitality, friendship and pastoral support.

Daily rhythm of worship maintained through weekly Anglican Morning Prayer and end-of-term Holy Communion services.

Ecumenical celebrations held, including Ash Wednesday and Advent services, bringing Christians together in worship.

International engagement welcomed around 80 international students to Glendalough and led a Christian heritage tour of Dublin's cathedrals for approximately 30 students.

DCU Interfaith Centre welcomed around 100 visitors each day for prayer, study, reflection and encounter.

Supported diverse faith communities, including practical assistance for the Muslim community during prayer and Eid celebrations.

Provided inclusive pastoral care for students exploring faith, LGBTQ+ students and others seeking support or belonging.

Renewed collaboration with Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic university chaplains through the re-establishment of the CN3 network.

WHY IT MATTERS

Chaplaincy continues to provide a visible Christian presence within university life and spaces where students can belong, reflect and grow. It also provides pastoral care for those facing personal, academic or spiritual challenges and opportunities for worship, discipleship and ecumenical partnership. In addition, it gives practical support to a diverse, multi-faith university community.

LOOKING AHEAD

Strengthen the Church of Ireland Centre for Education as a spiritual home within DCU.

Expand opportunities for worship and Christian formation.

Build on the success of the weekly Soup Lunches.

Develop the Interfaith Centre as a welcoming hub for all.

Deepen partnerships with faith communities across the university.

Strengthen the renewed CN3 network.

Continue inclusive pastoral care for every member of the university community.

The ministry remains committed to ensuring that every student and member of staff encounters a welcoming Christian presence, compassionate pastoral care and opportunities to explore faith within the life of the university.

*A welcoming Christian
presence, compassionate
pastoral care and
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faith within the life of the
university.*



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN CHAPLAINCY

GROWING FAITH, FINDING COMMUNITY

YEAR AT A GLANCE

A YEAR OF CHANGE AND RENEWAL

The 2025–26 academic year brought change to UCD Chaplaincy, including the departure of the Rev Scott Evans and the retirement of the overseer of St Stephen's Chaplaincy Building. The team remains grateful for their contribution and welcomed new colleagues during the year.

The chaplaincy continues to benefit from a strong ecumenical partnership, working alongside Methodist and Roman Catholic colleagues to serve the university community.

DEEPENING CHRISTIAN FAITH

As the team reviewed its ministry, a clear opportunity emerged: alongside pastoral care, to nurture and strengthen students who want to grow in their Christian faith.

Two new initiatives developed from this:

- **Falling in Love with the Bible:** a six-week lunchtime course led by Dr Katie Heffelfinger of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. 15 students took part and participants responded very positively, discovering Scripture in fresh and life-giving ways. The aim is for the course to become a regular part of chaplaincy ministry.
- **Grounded:** a week of guided prayer, giving staff and students an opportunity to pause and pray with trained prayer guides. Participants valued the chance to encounter God amid the pressures and busyness of university life.

PASTORAL CARE REMAINS AT THE HEART

Throughout the year, the chaplaincy has provided one-to-one support for students and staff facing:

- Academic pressures
- Personal and family difficulties
- Questions of faith
- Bereavement and significant life changes
- Other challenges encountered during university life
- The opportunity to listen, accompany and pray with individuals remains one of the most valued aspects of the ministry.

CREATING COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Informal opportunities for connection have included:

- Weekly Tuesday Soup Lunches
- Hot chocolate stands
- Participation in events such as *Relay for Life*
- Close working relationships with university student support services.

The chaplaincy also continues to advocate for multi-faith prayer and quiet spaces, helping people of all faiths and none to find places for reflection, prayer and belonging.

LOOKING AHEAD

Strengthen pastoral care.

Create opportunities for students to grow in Christian faith.

Develop *Falling in Love with the Bible* and other forms of spiritual formation.

Encourage prayer and reflection through initiatives such as *Grounded*.

Work collaboratively across the university to foster a community where people can find faith, friendship, support and belonging.

FAITH, WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY

at the heart of college life

YEAR AT A GLANCE

RECONNECTING WITH COLLEGE LIFE

The Church of Ireland Chaplaincy continues to be part of Trinity's wider Ecumenical Chaplaincy, chaired by the Dean of Residence, working alongside Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian colleagues. This year brought renewed energy and connection:

Strong relationships have been developed with the Student Counselling Service and peer-to-peer counselling, connecting chaplaincy with Trinity's wider pastoral support.

A new monthly social group has been established for Church of Ireland students.

Links have been developed with the Christian Union, with opportunities for greater collaboration ahead.

The Dean has also sought to build relationships across the wider student and staff community — even joining the Dublin University Cricket Club!

A RICH PATTERN OF WORSHIP

The chapel continues to provide a regular rhythm of prayer and worship throughout the academic year including Mattins every weekday, Eucharist on Tuesdays and Sundays, and other services.

Our Tuesday Soup Lunch is a free weekly opportunity for students to meet and share community.

Major services during the year included the Annual Memorial Service, Nine Lessons and Carols, Opening of the Academic Year, Trinity Monday and Easter Day Eucharist.

The chaplaincy was delighted to welcome the Rt Rev Adrian Wilkinson and the Most Rev Dr Michael Jackson to preach at key college services.

MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP AND WIDER CONNECTIONS

The Trinity Chapel Choir has continued to build relationships beyond the college:

A visit to St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, included singing at the Sunday Eucharist.

A tour to Romania saw the choir sing at the Church of England Chaplaincy in Bucharest and perform a concert at the Bucharest Atheneum.

The Easter Day Eucharist welcomed Rev Canon Dr Victoria Johnson, Dean of Chapel at St John's College, Cambridge, Trinity's sister college.

The historic link with St John's has been renewed, with an invitation for the Dean of Residence to preach there at the Feast of Christ the King.

WHY IT MATTERS

The chaplaincy is working to become an increasingly integral part of college life — a place where students and staff can:

- Worship and explore faith
- Find friendship and community
- Receive pastoral support
- Remember and grieve
- Encounter Christian ministry within the life of the university.

Above all, the Church of Ireland Chaplaincy remains open and welcoming to everyone, regardless of faith or background.

LOOKING AHEAD

Deepen relationships with student support services.

Develop links with the Christian Union and student community.

Strengthen the Church of Ireland student group.

Build ecumenical relationships.

Develop the connection with St John's College, Cambridge.

Continue a vibrant pattern of worship, music, hospitality and pastoral care.

The Chaplaincy Common Room is open Monday–Friday, 8am–8pm, and the Dean of Residence remains available to any student or member of staff who would value a conversation, support or accompaniment.





HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

PRESENCE, COMPASSION AND HOPE

in times of need

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Chaplaincy across the main acute hospitals in the greater Dublin area continued every day of the year.

Staffed by two full-time Chaplains, Hilda Plant and Patrick Ryan, major sites are covered including St Vincent's, Tallaght, St James's and the Mater Hospitals.

Rev Ruth Noble took up chaplaincy cover in Beaumont Hospital two days a week, filling the vacancy left by Trevor Holmes, who moved on 15th November 2025 to become Full-Time Chaplain at James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown.

The team kept a daily WhatsApp update running between chaplains, logging patient numbers and conditions so that Out-of-Hours (OOH) Chaplains had the information they needed at hand before any night-time call-out.

Eight OOH Chaplains; Rev David Bowles, Rev Kevin Conroy, Rev Adrienne Galligan, Rev David Gillispie, Rev Colin McConaghie, Rev Ruth Noble, Rev David Pierpoint and Rev Leonard Ruddock; sustained a 24/7, 365-day service, each alongside their own parish responsibilities.

Rev John Tanner also retired from OOH Chaplaincy on his retirement as Rector of Tullow Parish.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Chaplains are present at the best of times and the worst of times, offering spiritual and practical care to patients, families, and often to hospital staff, who frequently turn to the Chaplaincy team as a listening ear.

Hospital chaplaincy continues to bring the Church's presence into places where people experience crisis, vulnerability, grief, hope and recovery.

Whether during a sudden emergency or a lengthy rehabilitation journey, chaplaincy offers a visible reminder that no one walks alone.

The daily hand-over of information keeps OOH Chaplains properly briefed, meaning care continues seamlessly through the night rather than depending on chance or memory.

This is a significant personal commitment: OOH Chaplains carry this rota on top of full parish ministry, and their willingness to be called



out at any hour keeps the Church of Ireland's presence in hospitals genuinely round-the-clock. The value of this ministry is also being recognised beyond our own hospitals — discussions are currently under way with the CEO of St Vincent's Private Hospital, where nursing staff and consultants have expressed how much patients benefit from a chaplain's visit in what is a very sensitive setting.

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue building the case with St Vincent's Private Hospital for the ongoing value of chaplaincy within its care setting.

Maintain the dedicated Chaplaincy phone line as the single point of contact for the team, available 24/7.

Ask parish clergy visiting their own parishioners in an acute hospital to notify the Chaplaincy team first, avoiding duplicate visits and freeing the full-time Chaplains to reach more patients.

Protect the personal time of Hilda and Patrick by directing all contact through the Chaplaincy Emergency number rather than their private mobiles.

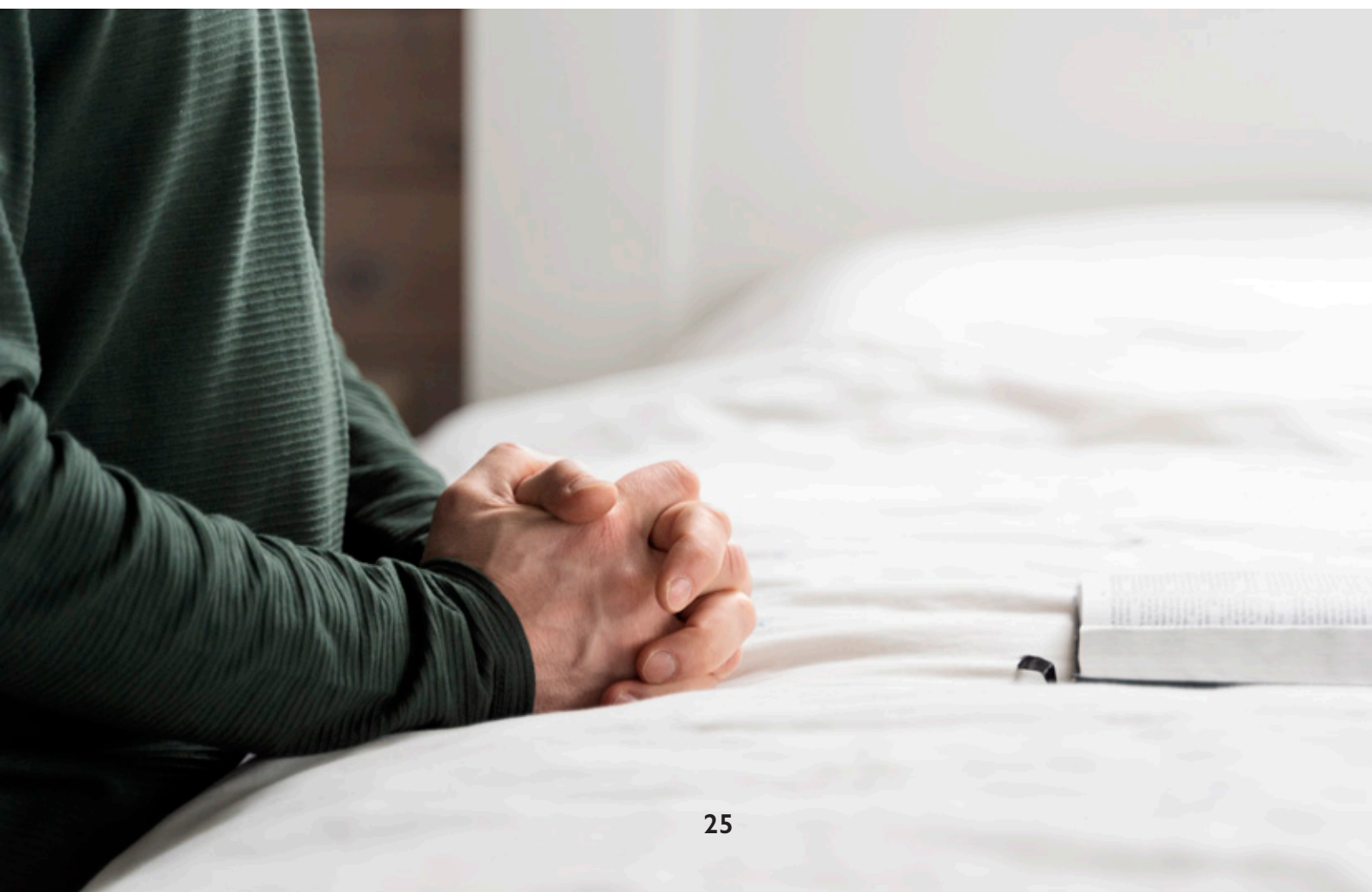
Please continue to pray for patients and their families; doctors, nurses and all healthcare staff; and the continuing ministry of hospital chaplaincy across both hospitals.

THANKS

On behalf of the United Dioceses, to every Chaplain, full-time and Out-of-Hours, a sincere "thank you" for their dedication and commitment to this much-valued ministry.

CONTACT

Dedicated Chaplaincy line, available 24/7:
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(voice messages only, no texts)





DIOCESAN DIRECTORS OF ORDINANDS

LISTENING, DISCERNING, AND ENCOURAGING VOCATION

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Quarterly gatherings continued for those exploring God's call to ministry within the Church of Ireland.

Our discernment group has grown to more than 20 people considering lay readership, pioneer ministry and ordained ministry.

Two candidates were recommended by Bishops' Selection Conference and will begin the CITI Master's programme in September 2026.

The year concluded with a morning of reflection and prayer in partnership with the Church of Ireland Ministry of Healing and Pioneer Ministry, exploring vocation and the many ways God calls people to serve.

LOOKING AHEAD

We look forward to continuing to walk alongside those discerning God's call, helping individuals explore the next steps in their vocation through prayer, teaching, mentoring and shared fellowship.

We hope to see more people responding to God's call to lay and ordained ministry and are encouraged by the growing number of people seeking to serve Christ and his Church.

It is an exciting time for the Church of Ireland as we invest in the next generation of Christian leadership.

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DIOCESAN LAY READERS

SERVING THE CHURCH *through worship and leadership*

SUPPORTING MINISTRY ACROSS THE DIOCESES

Diocesan Lay Readers continue to play a vital role in the worshipping life of Dublin and Glendalough.

Licensed by the Archbishop, they:

- Lead Morning and Evening Prayer and other authorised services
- Preach and present the prayers and offerings of God's people
- Provide valuable support during clergy holidays, illness and parish vacancies
- Offer this ministry voluntarily in parishes across both dioceses.

DEVELOPING THE MINISTRY

- **Leadership has transitioned** following the retirement of Rev John Tanner after almost twenty years as Warden of Readers.
- **New Co-Wardens were appointed:** Rev Canon Prof Anne Lodge (Dublin) and Rev Conor O'Reilly (Glendalough), took up their roles in March 2026.
- **Seven new Diocesan Lay Readers** were commissioned in June 2026.
- **Four trainee Readers** continued their formation, with commissioning expected in 2027.

WHY IT MATTERS

Diocesan Lay Readers make an important contribution to the mission and ministry of the Church by:

- Strengthening worship across the dioceses
- Providing dependable support to parish clergy
- Ensuring continuity of ministry during vacancies and periods of absence
- Bringing skilled and committed lay leadership to parish life.

LOOKING AHEAD

A confidential survey of all licensed Readers has provided valuable insight into the future development of this ministry. Priorities now include:

- Strengthening initial Reader training
- Expanding opportunities for continuing professional development
- Producing a Diocesan Lay Readers' Handbook
- Developing more effective deployment across the dioceses in partnership with Rural Deans.

These developments will help ensure that Diocesan Lay Readers continue to be equipped, supported and encouraged in this valued ministry.

CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING

PRAYING, CARING AND ENCOURAGING

healing ministry across the dioceses

WHAT WE DO

The Church's Ministry of Healing (CMH) continues to support individuals, parishes and the wider diocesan community through worship, prayer and opportunities for spiritual renewal. Our ministry is made possible through the commitment of clergy, prayer ministers and volunteers who faithfully offer Christ's healing presence in a variety of settings.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Weekly Healing Eucharist held at Christ Church Cathedral, with prayer ministry available every Thursday at 12.45pm, continuing to welcome worshippers from across the dioceses and beyond.

Monthly Service of Wholeness and Healing held at St Nahi's Church, Dundrum, on the final Friday of each month at 11am, offering prayer and healing ministry in a peaceful setting.

Monthly online Healing Prayer Circle provided a regular rhythm of contemplative prayer and spiritual encouragement, meeting online at 7pm on second Monday of each month.

Dedicated Intercessory Prayer Team faithfully supported individuals and communities through ongoing prayer.

Annual Spring Retreat, *Finding Peace in Rest, Healing and Hope*, offering teaching, reflection, worship and healing prayer was held in Whitechurch Parish in March.

GIVING THANKS

This year we give special thanks for the ministry of the Very Rev Dermot Dunne, whose faithful support of the Cathedral healing ministry over the past eighteen years has strengthened clergy, prayer ministers and all who have attended the weekly services. His leadership, pastoral care and encouragement have been deeply appreciated.

WHY IT MATTERS

CMH seeks to:

- Proclaim Christ's healing and hope
- Accompany people through illness, grief and difficult times
- Encourage prayer, spiritual renewal and wholeness
- Support parishes in developing healing ministry
- Provide opportunities for worship, reflection and pastoral care.

LOOKING AHEAD

Strengthen diocesan healing ministry through regular services and prayer.

Encourage participation in the Healing Prayer Circle and Intercessory Prayer Team.

Work closely with Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland in promoting resources, training and parish support.

Invite more people to share in this ministry of prayer, healing and hope.

Prayer requests continue to be welcomed through the diocesan CMH website, and all are invited to participate in the ongoing ministry of healing across Dublin and Glendalough.

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CHURCH MUSIC DUBLIN

EQUIPPING MUSICIANS

and enriching worship

YEAR AT A GLANCE

TRAINING

The important work of training organists for the Archbishop of Dublin's Certificate in Church Music (ACCM) continued. There were eight students during the 2025-26 academic year. Currently, 16 ACCM graduates serve in the Diocese of Dublin, eight in Glendalough, and nine in other churches.

LIVING WORSHIP

In October 2025 organists, singers and ACCM students participated in a lively Come and Sing training rehearsal in St Stephen's Church, followed by a service. The event was led by conductor Amy Ryan and organist Siobhán Kilkelly (St Stephen's).

In February 2026 organists, choir directors, and singers gathered in Rathfarnham Parish Church for a Sing the Eucharist workshop led by Adrienne Galligan, David O'Shea and Jacqueline Mullen, concluding with a Service, during which Peter Thompson's setting of the Eucharist from Thanks and Praise was sung.

GIFTS

Church Music Dublin offers a range of free useful items, created by James Pasley, to those who attend our workshops.

COMMUNICATIONS

We continue to maintain an online presence by means of our Website and Facebook. These are of interest to all who attend church.

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Music Dublin will continue the important work of training organists. The syllabus offers flexibility to choose repertoire that will suit the musical requirements of sponsoring parishes.

A workshop on organ playing in conjunction other instruments is planned for Autumn 2026. Tips for cooperative planning and accompanying will be given, and guidance on part-writing for various instruments.

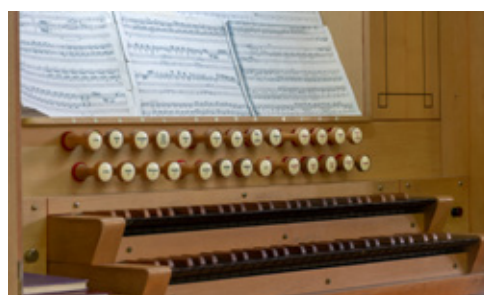
A further workshop is planned for early 2027 offering an opportunity for singers from the dioceses, and further afield, to sing more substantial material than usual. Such events are led by experienced conductors and offer an opportunity for fellowship and fun as well as singing.

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

TELLING THE STORY *of our dioceses*

OUR ROLE

Every day, people and parishes across Dublin and Glendalough are serving God in remarkable and faithful ways. Communications helps those stories to be seen, shared and celebrated.

The Communications Officer works to tell the story of life across our dioceses—from parish milestones and community initiatives to mission, ministry and major Church events.

Our stories reach people through:

- The Dublin and Glendalough website, social media and *The Church Review*
- The Church of Ireland website, social media and *Church of Ireland Gazette*
- Local and national media, and the wider Anglican Communion
- Photography, media interviews and support for the Archbishop on current issues.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

A clearer picture: a new diocesan camera, purchased in May, is helping us capture sharper photographs of diocesan life.

Connecting the worldwide Church: the DCO provided communications and photography support at the historic meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Belfast, hosted by the Church of Ireland, including the first visit of Archbishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, and representatives from 38 Anglican provinces.

Supporting the wider Church: during the vacancy in the Church of Ireland Press Office, the DCO provided support as required.

Keeping people informed: *The Church Review*, edited by Rev Nigel Waugh, continued to provide an important offline source of diocesan news. Despite rising production costs, it remains self-sustaining and costs the dioceses nothing.

WHY IT MATTERS

OUR STORY REACHES FAR BEYOND OUR CHURCHES

Good communications do more than report what has happened. They help us see the bigger picture of who we are as a Church.

When one parish shares its story, another parish can be encouraged and inspired. When we celebrate what people are doing in their communities, we demonstrate the difference faith makes in everyday life. And when people outside our churches encounter these stories, they get a glimpse of a Church that is active, welcoming and engaged with the world around it.

OUR REACH IS GROWING

- **1.23 million** Facebook views in the past year **↑ 108%**
- **66.1%** of Facebook views came from people who do not follow the page
- **25,782** Instagram views in the three months to August 2026
- **110,000** active users of the diocesan website between August 2025 and August 2026

People are particularly interested in photographs, people and stories of parish life, reminding us that, above all, communications is about people and their faith in action.

Our website's most visited areas are the home page, parishes and news, while our social media provides a way of bringing those stories to audiences well beyond our existing membership.

Online worship also continues to extend our reach. Services from Christ Church Cathedral and St Patrick's Cathedral are streamed live, while many individual parishes now provide online services for those unable to attend in person.

LOOKING AHEAD

COMMUNICATING OUR MISSION

The coming year will see communications increasingly aligned with the Mission Plan for Dublin and Glendalough. Following communications-planning training with The Wheel, the DCO will work alongside

the Mission Sub-Committee to ensure that the priorities of our Mission Plan are clearly reflected in the stories we tell.

We will also continue to:

- Encourage every parish to share its good news
- Build our reach through digital and social media
- Strengthen links with national Church and media communications
- Support initiatives promoting a welcoming and inclusive Church
- Encourage greater readership of *The Church Review*
- Explore opportunities for parishes to host RTÉ broadcast services.

The DCO is also involved in Belonging Without Boundaries, an ecumenical initiative promoting truth with compassion and working towards an inclusive and welcoming society across Ireland. The group continues to challenge the misuse of Christian faith and Scripture to justify hatred and supports the Sanctuary Movement.

YOUR STORY MATTERS

The Communications Committee wants every parish to know that your good news is worth sharing. Whether it is a new initiative, a significant anniversary, an act of service, an inspiring individual or something happening quietly in the life of your parish: tell us about it.

Together, we can tell the story of a Church that is alive, active and making a difference.

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Diocesan Schools Service

DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

encouraging learning and nurturing inclusion

OUR ROLE

The Diocesan Board of Education supports the education of children in Church of Ireland-managed schools across Dublin and Glendalough, working with principals, teachers and boards of management and providing financial, practical and educational support. It is also responsible for the management of all property vested in the Board.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Met regularly throughout the year to support schools and respond to the challenges facing education, including financial pressures, teacher shortages and increasing demands on school leaders.

Continued to have concerns for primary school principals, many of whom are teaching principals, and are experiencing significant levels of stress relating to non-teaching issues such as the hot meal scheme, emergency works, special classrooms and contract cleaning.

Noted that the Department of Education and Youth has commenced a pilot area-based Single Application System for Post-Primary School Admissions. The Board considered that there would be implications for the Protestant sector as minority faith schools tend to have widely spread populations.

Had concerns regarding the Patronage Survey which had been released without much warning by the Department of Education and Youth. It was felt that as with the Admissions scheme, the survey was blunt and binary and did not take minority faith schools into account.

Hosted Patron's Day for primary school principals and chairpersons, providing an opportunity for professional development, encouragement and networking.

- The 2026 event marked 50 years of primary school boards of management.
- Highlighted emerging developments in Religious Education, including the continuing development of the *Follow Me* programme and new resources for 1st and 2nd Class.
- Promoted greater inclusion and understanding of neurodiversity through the introduction of Project All Rise and its vision for school communities where every neurotype is welcomed and enabled.

Brought together almost 400 pupils and teachers from 40 schools for the annual Diocesan Service for Primary and Junior Schools in Christ Church Cathedral. With the theme 'Sanctuary', the service explored welcome, equality, diversity and belonging.

Provided €45,000 in supplementary development funding to schools for projects where Department of Education and Youth funding was unavailable.

Continued to distribute Parish Educational Endowment income to schools and parishes.

Provided educational assistance through the Ralph Macklin Endowment/Love's Charity and Gardiner's Charity, with grants awarded to eight pupils in three second level schools for the 2026/27 academic year.

Continued to offer support for students undertaking a Professional Master of Education (PME) who intend to teach Religious Education or serve in chaplaincy.

Continued to strengthen governance and compliance, reviewing and updating procedures in line with the Charities Governance Code.

WHY IT MATTERS

Our schools are places where children learn, grow and discover their place in the world. Supporting them is an important part of the Church's witness and commitment to the next generation.

The Board provides practical support at a time when schools are facing increasing pressures, while also encouraging faith development, inclusion, good leadership and educational opportunity. The annual cathedral service is a particularly visible expression of this, bringing children and teachers from across the dioceses together in worship and reminding them that every person is valued and belongs.

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue to support principals, teachers and boards of management as schools respond to financial, staffing and operational pressures.

Consider the implications for Church of Ireland schools arising from the Department's Admission Scheme and Patronage Survey.

Maintain financial assistance for school development and educational opportunity.

Continue supporting Religious Education resources, including Follow Me.

Encourage schools to become increasingly inclusive places of welcome and belonging, including through greater understanding of neurodiversity.

Continue to strengthen governance, compliance and responsible stewardship of Board resources.

Build on opportunities to bring schools together through worship, learning, professional development and shared experience.

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Patron's Day

DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Receipts and Payments Accounts for Year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Endowment Funds 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts					
Investment Income	72,422	94,304	1,935	168,660	159,605
Donations	4,815			4,815	5,524
Transfer	7,205			7,205	8,326
Rent	52,250	10,500		62,750	9,100
Sale of Assets				-	-
Bank & Deposit Interest		423		423	354
Miscellaneous		3,514		3,514	1,798
Total Receipts	136,692	108,740	1,935	247,367	184,707
Payments					
Wages/Salaries	18,896			18,896	19,487
Diocesan Costs	1,379			1,379	1,500
Administration Costs	1,675			1,675	1,528
Patron's Day	4,242			4,242	4,562
Primary Schools' Service	1,244			1,244	1,059
Grants	23,600	64,379	2,600	90,579	106,217
RE Studentship	558			558	-
Transfer to Investment (RCB Trust)				-	-
Transfer		7,205		7,205	8,326
Property Administration Costs	825			825	1,644
Recapitalisation		12,798		12,798	8,217
Legal Fees	6,968	3,444		10,412	-
Bank Charges		133		133	143
Misc	1,012	1,830		2,842	1,152
Total Payments	60,399	89,789	2,600	152,788	153,835
Excess of Receipts over Payments	76,293	18,952	-	665	30,872

Assets and Liabilities 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 €	Restricted Funds 2025 €	Endowment Funds 2025 €	Total 2025 €	Total 2024 €
Cash Funds					
Current Accounts	308,943	171,718	1,413	482,074	387,485
Deposit Accounts	64,153	-	-	64,153	64,153
Total Cash Funds	373,096	171,718	1,413	546,227	451,638
Investment Assets					
Equity Investments	-	-	900	900	485
RCB Unit Trusts	2,664,276	3,460,366	12,136	6,136,778	5,776,364
Common Investment Fund	-	-	77,852	77,852	73,629
Total Investment Assets	2,664,276	3,460,366	90,888	6,215,530	5,850,478
Other Assets					
School Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
Property	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0	0	0	0	0
Liabilities					
	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3,037,372	3,632,084	92,301	6,761,757	6,302,116

MOTHERS' UNION

150 YEARS

of faith, fellowship and practical care

2026 marks 150 years since Mothers' Union began with Mary Sumner's vision of women coming together in faith to strengthen family life. Today, with around four million members in 84 countries, Mothers' Union continues that calling through prayer, fellowship, advocacy and practical support for families and communities.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Celebrated 150 years of Mothers' Union through worship, fellowship and special events, including our Annual Festival Service, Diocesan Tea Party and celebrations at St Paul's Cathedral, London, and Christ Church Cathedral.

Continued to provide a place for faith, friendship and prayer, including monthly Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral, available both in person and online.

Spoke out against domestic abuse and gender-based violence, participating in the annual 16 Days of Activism and raising awareness of the impact of abuse on women and families.

Continued practical support for those in need through knitting, sewing, donations and appeals, supporting hospitals, homeless services, refuges, Seafarers and people in Direct Provision.

Supported families experiencing hardship through the Christmas Appeal, providing gifts and personal care items for Jigsaw Crèche in Darndale and women's refuges across the dioceses.

Continued the Mustard Seed project, providing practical items such as hats, scarves, gloves and hygiene products for people experiencing homelessness.

Provided cost-of-living vouchers through parishes, enabling clergy to discreetly support families experiencing financial pressure.

Continued to support AFIA (Away From It All), helping families experiencing stress or financial hardship to enjoy short breaks and days out.

WHY IT MATTERS

Mothers' Union puts faith into action.

Alongside worship and fellowship, members respond to real needs in families and communities — offering practical help, advocacy, prayer and a listening presence.

From challenging gender-based violence to providing a Christmas gift, a warm knitted item or support for a family under financial pressure, Mothers' Union continues to make a difference through small acts of care multiplied by a committed community.

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue to celebrate and build on 150 years of Mothers' Union witness and service.

Strengthen opportunities for prayer, fellowship and participation across the dioceses.

Continue to support families experiencing hardship, homelessness and vulnerability.

Maintain a strong voice on issues affecting women, children and family life, including domestic abuse and gender-based violence.

Encourage new and existing members to "Join us, join in!" as Mothers' Union looks to the future.

THANKS

With thanks to the many Mothers' Union members whose time, generosity, prayer and practical service continue to make a difference across Dublin and Glendalough and far beyond.

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CHURCH OF IRELAND MARRIAGE COUNCIL

ENRICHMENT AND SUPPORT *for married life*

YEAR AT A GLANCE

2025 has been a very busy year for the Marriage Council, with four new members joining, and several very successful events.

WEBINAR

On 21st October, the next in the Council's series of webinars was facilitated by Rev Canon Judi McGaffin. The topic was Blended Families, and a lively discussion was generated, which we hope is just the start of a new path for the Council to explore.

VISION DAY

The Council members met for a full day meeting on 4th November in CITI, to assess what is working well and plan for the coming year. Our facilitator was Ms Dianne Morris, and it was a truly inspiring and energizing day. It is planned to hold this day every second year.

ONGOING WORK

The Council continues to offer six free counselling sessions per couple while funds last. Clergy are encouraged to contact the Synod Administrator.

LOOKING AHEAD

Webinar: The next webinar will take place in October 2026 and will be on the topic "When Children Come".

Online Marriage Preparation Course: Commencing in January 2027, the Marriage Council will be running a 5-week marriage preparation course in conjunction with Alpha Ireland.

Online Marriage Course: Following the success of the 2026 course with Alpha Ireland, it is hoped that the Marriage Council will run this course on an annual basis.

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Pictured: Seán Goan, Dr Julie McKinley and the late Fr Kieran O'Mahony at Ecumenical Bible Week, September 2025 in St Brigid's Church, Stillorgan

BIBLE SOCIETY IRELAND

MAKING SCRIPTURE *accessible, engaging and life-giving*

OUR ROLE

Bible Society Ireland continues a historic vision: enabling all people, regardless of background or language, to encounter the life-giving words of Scripture. We are grateful for the individuals, churches, groups, trusts and organisations whose support makes this work possible.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Continued our fruitful collaboration with the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland (CMH) through initiatives including Under the Tree, Restival and Wellspring, offering accessible ways to encounter Scripture.

Participated in Ecumenical Bible Week 2025 and provided opportunities for Bible engagement and stud.

Supported New Testament distribution through the Bible Society of Lebanon.

Developed resources for the seasons of the Church year, including Lent for Everyone 2026.

Contributed to the Mothers' Union Triennial Conference.

Created opportunities for deeper Bible study through Scripture Circle, an online exploration of Genesis 1–3.

Explored the relationship between Scripture, faith and creation through a Biblical Plants tour at the National Botanic Gardens.

Strengthened international connections through the United Bible Societies Fellowship Event in Jakarta.

WHY IT MATTERS

Bible Society Ireland helps people encounter Scripture in ways that connect with everyday life. Through study, outdoor reflection, seasonal resources, ecumenical partnerships and international relationships, the Society seeks to make the Bible accessible and meaningful to people from different backgrounds and in different circumstances.

Our partnerships — locally, nationally and internationally — enable us to share resources, encourage Bible engagement and support the wider work of Bible translation and distribution.

LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrating 220 years in Ireland: Bible Society Ireland will mark this significant anniversary in 2027, with Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London and President of Bible Society England and Wales, joining the celebrations on 26 January 2027.

Explore the development of Bible resources in Irish Sign Language, in partnership with Bridge Connectivity Solutions Ltd during 2026–27.

Continue developing accessible and engaging ways to encounter Scripture, building on partnerships such as those with CMH.

Strengthen connections with churches, supporters and the wider United Bible Societies family.

To support the work of Bible Society Ireland or receive updates, visit the Bible Society Ireland website www.biblesocietyireland.ie or follow us on social media.



THE GIRLS' BRIGADE IRELAND

GROWING FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

YEAR AT A GLANCE

A YEAR OF ACTIVITY AND GROWTH

The Girls' Brigade Ireland enjoyed another busy and successful year, providing girls and young women with opportunities to grow in faith, friendship and service.

Well-attended Annual General Meeting held in September 2025.

Companies across Ireland delivered the Headquarters programme throughout the year.

PE Demonstration Classes, supported by volunteer Set Writers, prepared companies for the year's activities.

Spiritual programme explored the theme "Calling You".

Continued support provided for the charity AslAm, with fundraising through sponsored events, bake sales and national competitions.

Strong participation in National and Intermediate Competitions, including Choral Speaking, Musical Theatre, Art, Crafts, Feis, PE and Modern Dance.

We opened of the 18th Company, Enniscorthy, under the leadership of Clare O'Kennedy—a welcome sign of continuing growth.

WHY IT MATTERS

Girls' Brigade continues to:

- Nurture Christian faith and values in young people
- Encourage confidence, creativity and teamwork
- Provide opportunities for leadership and service
- Build lasting friendships through local companies and national events

The organisation's work is made possible by the dedication of volunteer leaders who generously give their time and gifts in support of girls across Ireland.

LOOKING AHEAD

Deliver a full national programme of activities and competitions.

Continue the review of the Constitution to meet Charity Regulator requirements.

Welcome new members and recruit additional volunteer leaders.

Support existing companies while encouraging further growth.

The Girls' Brigade Ireland looks forward to welcoming girls of all ages back to companies in September 2026 and invites anyone interested in joining or volunteering to find out more through the organisation's website and headquarters.

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE IRELAND

GROWING YOUNG PEOPLE

in faith, confidence and community

WHAT WE DO

The Boys' Brigade (BB) has been working with children and young people in Ireland for 135 years. Its programme combines informal education, activity and Christian faith, welcoming young people of all faiths and none while seeking to encourage their personal, social and spiritual development.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

14 active Companies are currently serving young people across the Region.

296 young people took part during 2025–26 an increase of 34 on the previous year.

80 Leaders were actively involved, an increase of 10 — strengthening the capacity of Companies to support young people.

Supported Companies through leader training, grants, programme resources and practical guidance, including visits to Companies throughout the year.

Worked with local leaders and parishes to encourage the reopening and development of Companies; new Companies are being established at Ballina and Bunclody.

Provided opportunities for young people to learn, compete, build friendships and develop confidence, including adventure activity days, bowling, quizzes, chess, badminton, FIFA and five-a-side football.

Nearly 300 people connected to BB took part in the Emerald Park event, strengthening the sense of belonging to the wider BB family.

Celebrated outstanding achievement, including 7th Dublin Junior Section reaching 3rd place BB in the International Team Games from a global field of 289 teams.

Continued to strengthen safeguarding, leader vetting and training, updating the Child Safeguarding Policy in line with changes in Garda vetting procedures.

Continued engagement with the National Youth Council of Ireland, including participation in its Shared Service Project supporting good governance and financial compliance.

WHY IT MATTERS

The BB creates spaces where young people can belong, grow and discover their potential. Through relationships, activity, challenge and Christian values, it helps young people move towards greater confidence, independence and responsibility. Its growth in both membership and leadership is especially encouraging. Behind the numbers are leaders giving time and energy to young people and Companies providing places where friendships, skills and faith can develop. The organisation's Christian foundation remains central to its purpose: the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among young people.

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue growing and strengthening Companies, particularly through recruitment, retention and support for leaders.

Support the reopening of Companies and develop new opportunities for children and young people.

Provide further leader training, including preparation for residential activities.

Continue to strengthen safeguarding, governance and organisational resilience.

Build on partnerships with parishes, youth organisations and the wider BB family.

Encourage more young people to participate in local, national and international activities and competitions.

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COWPER CARE

CARE WITH COMPASSION -

excellence with purpose

OUR ROLE

Cowper Care exists to ensure that older people receive care that recognises their dignity, individuality and worth. Our work is not simply about providing services, but about creating places where residents feel valued, respected and at home.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Continued to provide high-quality, person-centred residential care for older persons within a compassionate and supportive environment.

Maintained our commitment to excellence through our internationally recognised Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation, demonstrating the highest standards of quality, safety and governance.

Enhanced resident wellbeing through a wide range of social, therapeutic, pastoral and recreational programmes.

Invested in staff development, training and leadership initiatives to support the delivery of outstanding care.

Progressed strategic planning to respond to evolving healthcare needs and opportunities within the wider health service.

Strengthened relationships with healthcare partners and community stakeholders to support integrated care and improved patient outcomes.

WHY IT MATTERS

Through compassionate, professional and person-centred care, we seek to promote independence, enhance quality of life and support residents and their families through every stage of their journey. As part of the Church of Ireland's wider mission of service, Cowper Care continues to offer care based on need, welcoming people of all backgrounds and faiths. The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough is a shareholder in Cowper Care DAC and nominates two members of the company's board of directors.

LOOKING AHEAD

Expand our role in the provision of short-term therapeutic and convalescent care services, supporting older people transitioning from hospital to home.

Explore opportunities arising from HSE initiatives and service developments aimed at increasing community-based and step-down care capacity.

Continue to build on our JCI accreditation framework to drive quality improvement, resident safety and clinical excellence.

Further enhance staff education, recruitment and retention strategies to support future service development.

Strengthen partnerships with acute hospitals, primary care services and community providers to create seamless care pathways for older persons.

Continue to invest in innovative models of care that meet the changing needs of an ageing population while maintaining excellence in long-term residential care.

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KIRWAN HOUSE

YEAR AT A GLANCE

The charitable objectives of Kirwan House continue to be advanced through the administrative auspices of Protestant Aid.

In June 2025, the Board approved education support grants for families with students enrolled in Protestant-managed secondary schools for the 2025/26 academic year.

The collaboration with Protestant Aid has enabled a streamlined application process and strengthened organisational synergies, ensuring that applicants are supported in an efficient, transparent, and compassionate manner.

Kirwan House retains its distinct identity and enduring legacy as Ireland's oldest charity, having been established in 1791.

LOOKING AHEAD

Application forms for education grants are made available each April and may be requested by contacting Kirwan House via email at info@kirwanhouse.com.

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THE CLAREMONT TRUST

The Claremont Trust has a long and respected history in the Republic of Ireland, providing support to families facing the cost of education for children and young people (ages 6–21) who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHOH). This caring work continues today, carrying forward a strong tradition of practical and compassionate assistance.

CONTACT

Applications for assistance may be made by contacting Claremont Trust c/o Protestant Aid, 202A Merrion Road, Dublin 4, D04 R9W8.

THE IRISH CLERGY SONS EDUCATION SOCIETY

Established in 1854, the Irish Clergy Sons Education Society continues its long-standing mission of supporting the education of the sons of clergy within the Church of Ireland.

The Society seeks to uphold a tradition of care, encouragement, and practical support for clergy families, by means of financial assistance towards second-level education.

CONTACT

For further information or to request an application form, please contact ICSES, c/o Protestant Aid, 202A Merrion Road, Dublin 4, D04 R9W8.

DR GRAHAM'S HOMES

YEAR AT A GLANCE

The Irish Committee for Dr Graham's Homes has worked for many years to support some of the poorest families in India, especially the children who go to Dr Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, in West Bengal.

Dr Graham's Homes is one of the finest schools in India. It was founded in 1900 by Graham, a young missionary who later became the first missionary to be Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

This year we decided to close the Irish Committee, and we have negotiated with the

UK Committee, who are the largest group in support of the Homes. They have agreed to take over the care of those individuals we currently support.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are deeply grateful to all who have supported our work over the years.

Any remaining funds will be transferred to the UK Committee, and the Charity closed with the Charities Regulatory Authority.

THE BISHOPS' APPEAL

BRINGING HOPE

*responding to need and
sharing god's love*

WHAT WE DO

The Bishops' Appeal is the Church of Ireland's programme of world aid and development, established by the bishops in response to the biblical call to bring good news to the poor and relief to those who suffer. Through the generosity of parishes and individuals, the Appeal seeks to ensure that help reaches people experiencing desperate need.

WHY IT MATTERS

The Bishops' Appeal provides a practical expression of the Church's commitment to:

- Responding to poverty and suffering
- Bringing relief to those in urgent need
- Supporting people through the generosity of the Church
- Ensuring that donations are passed on quickly and effectively to those who need them most.

GIVING THROUGH THE BISHOPS' APPEAL

To help ensure donations are accurately recorded and reach their destination without delay:

- Parish contributions should be sent directly to the Bishops' Appeal at Church of Ireland House
- Donations should clearly indicate the parish from which they have been made
- The Representative Church Body has confirmed that procedures are in place to identify and analyse donations accurately
- 31 December is the annual closing date for recording contributions in that year's report. Donations should therefore be received before this date.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Bishops' Appeal continues to depend on the generosity of the Church. Every contribution, given in a spirit of compassion and Christian responsibility, helps turn concern for those who suffer into practical action and hope.

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ENSURING ADOPTED CHILDREN

experience a loving, caring, supportive childhood and have the opportunity to thrive

YEAR AT A GLANCE

PACT'S work is made possible through the core funding we receive from Tusla, the Child and Family Agency. 2025 was a year of meaningful progress, steady consolidation, and renewed affirmation of PACT'S vital role in the adoption landscape in Ireland.

A significant milestone in 2025 was our triennial inspection by the Adoption Authority of Ireland (AAI), a rigorous process that ensures accredited bodies like Pact maintain the highest standards of practice. The inspection reaffirmed our accreditation status and recognised the professionalism, diligence, and integrity of our team.

In Q2 2025, Tusla issued a Data Sharing Agreement, which Pact was required to sign up to.

Compliance requirements during the year were exceptionally rigorous. In fact, our GDPR support service advised that, in meeting these standards, the organisation was operating at a level consistent with the threshold for ISO 9001 - Quality Management and Information, Security Certification. To this end in 2025, the board approved the application for the gold standard of ISO 9001 for compliance ensuring that the agency remains a transparent, accountable, and resilient organisation.



In furtherance of governance measures, the board also reviewed and updated its Governance Code with the Charity Regulator, further evidencing our observance of and commitment to quality standards.

Across 2025, the Social Work Team worked on one hundred and twenty-five assessments, fifty-five of which were newly transferred from Tusla. Stepparent assessments continued to make up the majority of the workload, reflecting ongoing demand.

The number of assessments presented to the Adoption Committee increased. A total of forty-one assessments were presented in 2025, with an additional four completed and ready for submission before year end, an increase of six from the previous year.

Again in 2025, almost 50% of the Adoption assessments referred by Tusla to Pact originated in Tusla catchment areas Dublin Mid Leinster (DML) and Dublin North-East, (DNE) indicating a strong demand for our service in the Dublin and Leinster region.

WHY IT MATTERS

Pact is accredited by the Adoption Authority of Ireland to provide a range of adoption services to families. Founded in 1952 as an independent charity, Pact's services include information and support on matters relating to adoption, domestic and intercountry adoption assessments and a temporary short term pre-adoptive foster service.

Pact's work is informed by four sets of values: Child Centredness, Respect and Compassion, Quality and Accountability, and Learning.

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POS CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULTS' EDUCATION FUND

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

OUR ROLE

POS Children's and Young Adults' Education Fund was established in 1828. Today it incorporates the Protestant Orphan Society (POS), the Meath Trust and the Harding Trust.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

POS provides financial assistance to children and students in their education years where one or both of their parents have died. Grants are available for children, where at least one parent was/is a Protestant. Payments are made monthly. Our support continues up to completion of a third-level qualification or other training. Grants are geared to the financial circumstances of each family. POS currently supports 61 young children, secondary and third level students

Meath Trust provides an annual grant to students attending second level education. Families and students are likely to be in receipt of an SEC Grant. Grants are available for children, where at least one parent is a Protestant. Meath Trust currently assists 25 students.

Harding Trust provides an annual grant to young adults of limited means for apprenticeships, training and further education. All funds are allocated by need. Enquiries are welcome from applicants countrywide. Grants are awarded on a non-

denominational basis. Harding Trust currently assists 22 students and apprentices.

The money that the Fund distributes each year comes mainly from its investment income, but an important part comes from generous donations from parishes, individuals and trusts.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we approach our 200th Anniversary, a demand remains from families and students for support. We keep ongoing contact with all our families and the individual adult students to know a little of how they are progressing, helping to ensure our support and policies are relevant to the lives of families and their educational needs in the years ahead.

Enquiries are welcome from any source and further information may be obtained from the office by letter, telephone or email. Do also visit our recently updated website: www.poscyaef.org

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A CHALLENGING YEAR for the vulnerable

YEAR AT A GLANCE

For many individuals and families, 2025 was marked by persistent and acute financial pressure. Rising food costs continued to place an unfair burden on those already living on low incomes, forcing difficult choices and deepening existing hardship. In response to this growing need, Protestant Aid's General Grant programme saw a 7% increase in applications, alongside an 11% rise in expenditure for this programme alone — clear indicators of both the scale of need and the urgency of our response.

General Grants: The General Grant programme exists to provide financial assistance to individuals and families experiencing particular or unexpected financial hardship. During 2025, applications increased by 7%, with grants totalling over €600,000 awarded — representing a striking 11% increase on the previous year. These grants were distributed with fairness and dignity, responding to need without distinction of religious, ethnic, or social background.

Heating Annuities: The Heating Annuities programme offers vital support during the winter months, primarily to individuals aged over 65 who are living independently at home. Prospective recipients are identified by their rector, who refers applications to Protestant Aid. For many, this assistance provides not only financial relief but also reassurance — offering the certainty of warmth and comfort during the coldest periods of the year.

General Annuities: General Annuities are designed to enhance the quality of life of individuals or couples aged over 65 who are living at home or in sheltered housing. Paid on a quarterly basis, this regular financial support helps ease ongoing pressures and contributes to greater stability and peace of mind. Applicants are identified through the General Grant programme by clergy, ensuring that support is directed where it is most needed. As with the Heating Annuities, this sustained assistance brings meaningful comfort and helps to alleviate the financial anxiety that so often accompanies later life.

Emergency Vouchers: Recognising the particular strain faced by families during the winter and festive season, Emergency Vouchers were distributed at Christmas, offering timely and practical support at what can be an especially challenging time of year.

Education Grants: Protestant students attending Protestant managed Secondary Schools may be eligible to apply for the following grants:

- **School Fee Grants:** This programme is intended to help with Day or Boarding school fees for second level students.
- **School Expenses Grant:** A grant for general school expenses (books, uniforms etc.) may be available subject to families' income level.
- Expense grants may also be available for students attending Protestant managed Comprehensive Schools.
- A limited number of interest-free loans may also be available to assist third-level students.

THANK YOU

Throughout the Republic of Ireland, Protestant Aid continues its work in close partnership with clergy, whose insight, compassion, and commitment remain central to the effective distribution of grant aid across our programmes. We are deeply grateful to the clergy of this diocese, who play a vital role in identifying need and submitting applications on behalf of parishioners. Their pastoral care and advocacy ensure that support reaches those who need it most.

Equally essential to this work are our donors, whose generosity sustains our mission year after year. Many now choose to give online via www.protestantaid.org or through standing orders, providing reliable and ongoing support. We offer our sincere thanks for this practical expression of solidarity and care.

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CHRISTIAN AID IRELAND

TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE

*can live a full life, free from
poverty*

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Christian Aid Ireland continued to work with people of all faiths and none to help end poverty, injustice, inequality and violence, supporting work in 27 countries through local partners.

We supported long-term development, peacebuilding and humanitarian work, including responses to the Venezuela earthquake and the Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

Christian Aid Week 2026 brought churches across the Island together from 10–16 May, sharing the story of families in Dagoretti, Nairobi, where our partner Beacon of Hope is helping people grow food, earn an income and build resilience through urban farming.

We were especially grateful to Church of Ireland dioceses and parishes who helped share the appeal and encouraged people to pray, give and act. With special mention to Rev Sonia Gyles and Sandford and St Philip's, Milltown, who helped lead Christian Aid Week worship through the RTÉ service.

In September 2026, Christian Aid Ireland was part of the Global Solidarity Hub at the National Ploughing Championships, helping bring conversations about development, climate, food, farming and global solidarity to one of Ireland's largest public events.

Christian Aid Ireland also continued to speak out for justice, including through advocacy around the Occupied Territories Bill and climate justice work around COP30.

LOOKING AHEAD

We will continue to stand alongside local partners and communities facing poverty, conflict, inequality, climate injustice and humanitarian crisis.

We want to keep building our partnership with churches across Dublin and Glendalough, offering practical ways for parishes to engage with global justice through Christian Aid Week, worship resources, speakers, appeals, campaigning and local events.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity and support. It is part of a much bigger story: people of faith standing with our global neighbours and helping build a world where everyone can live with dignity.

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MISSION TO SEAFARERS

WHAT WE DO

Mission to Seafarers, previously known as Mission to Seamen, was founded by Rev John Ashley in Bristol in 1856. In the year 2000 Mission to Seamen was changed to Mission to Seafarers as there are many ladies involved in working at sea.

The latest figure known to us in the world is 2.57 million seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers operates 121 physical Seafarers' Centres, often known as Flying Angel Centres, worldwide. This while maintaining a wider operational presence across over 200 ports in 50 countries.

CONTACT

The Seafarers' Centre in Dublin is accessible to all seafarers of all nationalities and creeds.

The centre is available to seafarers 24/7 with the lobby area providing seating and Wi-Fi.

Port Chaplain: Rev Willie Black

The Ship's Visito: Michael Kenny

The Centre Coordinator's position is currently vacant.



CMS IRELAND

CONNECTING GOD'S GLOBAL FAMILY

equipping for mission and sharing transforming love

YEAR AT A GLANCE

CMSI's headline objective to connect the churches around the world to support each other in mission has been well received and demonstrated in Dublin and Glendalough Dioceses this year.

Through the CMSI partnership model, *Partner Link Parish*, Kill o' the Grange supported a sustainability project in Yei Diocese, South Sudan which is now in its third year and moving towards its first commercial harvest of coffee.

Rathfarnham Parish Curate Rev Mike Buchanan, spent five weeks serving in All Saints Cathedral, Cairo, and learning from the fantastic outreach ministries of the Diocese of Egypt. Thank you to the Council for Mission for collaborating with CMSI on this placement, with financial support.

As for our second objective, to equip the church in mission, CITI was the venue for the CMSI AGM early this year, at which we commissioned our new Mission Director, Linda Abwa, and shared stories to thank and inspire our members, many of whom faithfully support CMSI from parishes throughout Dublin and Glendalough Dioceses.

CMSI is preparing several individuals from within the Dioceses to visit the Centre for Christian Muslim Understanding in Cairo, as part of an Interfaith Pilgrimage Learning visit, which is planned for the end of October 2026.

The mission society itself has been equipped for mission by the vital support of Mission Link Parishes who generously remember us in their annual giving.

THANKS

We express our thanks to CMSI members, Mission Link parishes and Partner Link Parishes within Dublin and Glendalough Dioceses; together we are part of the transformation of God's world in matters of humanitarian assistance, spiritual growth, working for peace and justice. Therefore, together, and with your prayers, we reach our third objective to transform and be transformed.

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S.A.F.E. (SUPPORT AFGHAN FURTHER EDUCATION)

HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN OF AFGHANISTAN:

empowerment through education and training

OUR ROLE

SAFE has been supporting education projects in Afghanistan for the last 35 years. It works in partnership with an Afghan charity CAWC (Central Afghanistan Welfare Committee), who oversee the projects and report to the SAFE chairperson regularly.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Our funding in 2024-2026 concentrated on two schools in Mirazar in the Wardak district. SAFE funded wells for both schools, security walls, a new playground and major repair in the second school. This school educates girls up to the age of 15/16 and has female staff members.

LOOKING AHEAD

For 2026-2027, with the help of SHARP (Southern Health Area for the Relief of Poverty) we have completed payment of local workers in these schools and funded the materials sourced from local merchants.

THANKS

SAFE would like to acknowledge some of the many donors who have helped our projects in recent years: Sharp, Bishops' Appeal, The Quaker Poverty Fund, Cashel Blue, Arklow Group of Parishes, Castlemacadam Parish, St Columba's College, Carysfort School, Arklow, Monkstown Church and many private donors.

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TEARFUND IRELAND

WORKING TO SEE FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES

*that are free from the impacts
of poverty and injustice*

YEAR AT A GLANCE

ETHIOPIA SELF HELP GROUPS

We were delighted that the Minister of State Neale Richmond TD visited Tearfund Ireland partners in Ethiopia in February, meeting Self Help Group members and hearing about their businesses and hopes for the future.

126 new Self-Help Groups with 12-15 members each were established during the year, with a further 1,036 receiving capacity building support.

Business skills training enabled 1,075 individuals to launch, diversify, or expand small businesses, and hundreds of farmers were trained in climate mitigating agriculture techniques transforming participants' ability to feed their families and sell in the marketplace.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION (CCT)

This year partners in Cambodia and Ethiopia worked with more than 70 churches to envision and equip them to positively play their part in transforming the poorest communities. As a result, churches looked for ways to support their own communities and solve local problems using their own resources.

DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES

With your support, we were able to respond to a number of emergencies related to conflict and natural disasters providing emergency food, shelter, hygiene and medical supplies.

In addition to our ongoing response in the Middle East, in November 2025 an entire village in Ethiopia was destroyed by a landslide following unusually heavy rains. 14 individuals lost their lives, and 400 families lost their homes and livelihoods. The regional government tasked our partners with constructing a medical facility for those displaced by the disaster.

Tearfund Ireland provided the emergency support for the construction of a Maternal and Child Health facility.

KEEPING CHILDREN IN FAMILIES

During the year, we carried out research on the extent to which Christians and churches in Ireland support orphanage and institutional care for children overseas. The research found that their support totals about €14million every year. The 'Caring for Children Overseas – how do Christians in Ireland engage' research report is available on our website.

IRELAND

We were delighted to be invited to join the Church of Ireland tent at the National Ploughing Championships in September where we chatted to hundreds of people through the week. We continue to partner with CIYD to build the capacity of youth leaders to explore global justice issues with young people. This year, it included 'Before you Finished Breakfast', a collection of Assembly Talks on global justice themes with a follow up edition coming soon.

In March we held a Conference 'Who is my Neighbour?' Lessons from the Church in Lebanon. We also held global conversations on Refugees and migration with Tearfund Ireland partners and supporters and provided workshops on global justice themes to church groups. For more, please see Tearfund Ireland's annual report 2025-26 which is available on our website.

THANKS

We are grateful to everyone in the Dublin and Glendalough Dioceses for your support through prayer, giving and fundraising for the work of Tearfund Ireland this year. We thank God for all Tearfund Ireland's partners who continue to serve their communities despite multiple challenges; building local capacity to overcome poverty, withstand crises and transform communities.

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FIELDS OF LIFE

To see educated and skilled young people, inspired by faith, hope and love,

TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Fields of Life seeks to transform the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalised people in East Africa through the provision of quality education, clean water, health promotion and other community-based programmes. It has been an incredible year for FOL, God has moved in some incredible ways, yet our great financial year has been dampened by personal trials and challenges. Some staff members have had serious illnesses, loved ones in hospital, and a season of difficulties.

INCOME

With consolidated income just north of €4,327,000, our incredible supporters have helped to make an impact in East Africa like never before.

QUALITY EDUCATION

We continued to implement child sponsorship and the THRIVE programmes across 40 schools, reaching over 22,000 children.

In one area, 40 Early Childhood teachers were trained in skills of teaching using locally sourced materials.

Opened a new classroom block at Namatumba, Eastern Uganda.

Completed a new Early Childhood facility at St Stephen's Nakapinyi Primary School, Uganda.

We were able to see 50,575 young people nurtured holistically to develop spiritually.

15,138 bibles were distributed.

316 church partners were supported to deliver effective discipleship.

4,775 students were supported to attend Christian leadership programmes.

From cattle shed to classroom - another learning environment was transformed thanks to generous supporters and the vision of our local team. The project has delivered a new, fully constructed nursery block with three bright, spacious classrooms, child-appropriate furniture, including desks, chairs, and chalkboards, a dedicated kitchen to support school feeding, teacher offices to improve lesson preparation and coordination, and a toilet block with handwashing facilities, improving children's hygiene and wellbeing.

One Early Childhood teacher, Janepher, had this to say about the teacher training she received: "I used to find it difficult to draw and help my learners understand the abacus, but with the use of locally available materials, the learners will surely find it easier to draw properly and understand the content. We used the fresh banana leaf stem for those small round pieces to come up with the illustration."

LOOKING AHEAD

Secure 40 key partnerships with churches, schools and groups.

Have 100 people on the ground in East Africa.

Raise enough for a new drilling rig allowing us to continue to provide clean water for 40 new villages in that time.

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INTERCONTINENTAL CHURCH SOCIETY

**SEEKING TO HELP
PEOPLE FIND JESUS**
*through mission and ministry in
English for everyone*

YEAR AT A GLANCE

With the appointment of a Church Planting Enabler, the Rev Canon Ben Harding, new congregations are being planted across Europe seeking to meet the needs of those living and working away from home, migrants and retirees.

Bridging the two roles of ICS recruitment in associated chaplaincies, and short-term mission, the Rev Canon Tim Wright was appointed as Recruitment and Short-term Mission Manager in October 2025. Tim is Canon Missioner in the Diocese of Kilmore Elphin and Ardagh, Chair of the Church of Ireland Council for Mission and a former Dean of Kildare, and therefore well suited to continue nurturing our vital relationships with the churches in Ireland.

Short-term Mission is thriving with over forty clergy volunteering in locations in Switzerland (Interlaken, Wengen and Zermatt) and in Greece (Corfu).

LOOKING AHEAD

In July 2026, the Rev Canon Richard Bromley retired as Mission Director after thirteen years in post. Council has appointed the Rev Simon Cansdale, formerly Vicar of Christ Church Winchester, as the new Mission Director to start on 1 September.

To develop the church planting vision alongside the Diocese in Europe, with a conference planned in October 2026 and regular online meetings taking place with church planting teams.

Continuing our commitment to recruit gospel-hearted, mission-minded clergy to minister in ICS chaplaincies at the time of writing in Christ Church Lille, Christ Church Rio de Janeiro and St John and St Philip The Hague.

The continued development of our short-term mission opportunities.

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EQUIPPING LOCAL LEADERS

Resourcing the Church, and sharing in God's mission

OUR ROLE

SAMS Ireland continues to build partnerships with the Anglican Church across South America, supporting local churches and leaders as they share the hope of the gospel within their own communities and cultures.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Strengthened our partnership with CeFA (Centro de Formación Anglicano) in Northern Argentina, supporting theological training for a new generation of indigenous clergy and lay leaders.

Responded to the significant loss of church leadership during COVID-19 - including 80 church leaders - by helping equip and encourage new indigenous leaders across the Gran Chaco.

Supported the ministry of Rev Marcos Humacata, who equips indigenous tutors with biblical resources, training and ongoing encouragement.

Supported the Vida Abundante (Abundant Life) discipleship programme, helping local leaders engage faithfully with Scripture and share it within their communities.

Refreshed communication with churches and supporters in Ireland through a new website, regular social media updates, prayer requests and mission resources.

Launched FLIPSIDE, a new annual gathering bringing together supporters, churches and mission partners to celebrate God's work across South America and encourage renewed involvement.

Produced new resources for local churches, including SAMS CINCO, a five-session small-group Bible study, and an annual Harvest Resource helping children discover God's mission in South America.

WHY IT MATTERS

Mission is strongest when the local Church is equipped to flourish in its own context.

By investing in Indigenous leaders, theological training and discipleship, SAMS is helping local churches grow through faithful leadership, compassionate service and the hope of the gospel.

At the same time, SAMS helps churches across Ireland to pray, learn and participate in God's mission, connecting people here with the life and witness of the Anglican Church in South America.

LOOKING AHEAD

Continue to strengthen relationships with Anglican partners across South America.

Support the development and equipping of indigenous clergy, lay leaders and tutors.

Continue resourcing local churches through Bible studies, children's resources, prayer and mission opportunities.

Build on the momentum of FLIPSIDE and improved communications to deepen engagement with churches and supporters across Ireland.

Continue to encourage prayer, generosity and practical partnership in God's mission across South America.

THANKS

To the churches, supporters, volunteers, staff and Council members whose prayers, generosity and faithful service make this partnership possible.

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Elected 2026

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CATHEDRALS

Christ Church Cathedral

O'Brien, Very Rev Thomas A (Dean)	Refaussé Raymond
Byrne, Rev Canon Roy H	Comeford, Barbara
(Residential Precentor)	Toland, Ciarán

St Patrick's Cathedral

Morton, Very Rev Dr William W (Dean)	Fenton, Albert
Mullen, Rev Canon Charles W	Hoey, Aaron
	Houston, Kerry
	Parminter, Louis
	Power, Andrew
	Ruttle, Sandra

BENEFICES

Christ Church Cathedral Group:

United Parishes of St Andrew, Grangegorman, St Michan, St Paul, St Mary, St Werburgh	Dawson, Susan
Pierpoint, Ven David A	Gorman, Helen
(Vicar) (Archdeacon) (Treasurer)	Somers, Beatrice

St Ann and St Mark with St Stephen

<i>Vacant</i>	Vincent, Arthur
	McCrodden, Peter
	Morrow, Ruby

St Bartholomew with Christ Church (Leeson Park)

McCroskery, Rev Canon Andrew	Ferguson, Traudi
	Slattery, John
	Wrigley, Margo

Boooterstown and Blackrock (Carysfort) with Mt Merrion

Wharton, Rev Canon Gillian V	Morris, Stephanie
	Wiessner, Isabella
	Chamberlain, Sheila

Bray

Madden, Rev Leonard M	Corr, Julie
	Reynolds, Carol
	Smith, Catherine

Bray Crinken (St James)

<i>Vacant</i>	Scargill, Geoffrey
	Ellis, Andrew
	Rooke, Peter

Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla

McConaghie, Rev Colin A	Good, Olive
Chikezie, Rev Cennis I (Curate)	Devlin, Rachel
	Melbourne, Barbara

St Catherine and St James with St Audoen

Gardner, Rev Mark D	
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Clondalkin and Rathcoole

Rufli, Rev Alan J	O'Callaghan, Barbara
	Armstrong, Sylvia
	Sherwood, Joy

Clontarf

<i>Vacant</i>	Morton, Alan
	Walsh, Carole
	Boyle, Lynn

St Columba's College

Owen, Rev Daniel J	Swift, Ronan
	Clarke, Tristan
	<i>Vacant</i>

CORE

Heaslip, Rev Eoghan	Maguire, Shane
	Watts, Joy
	McCauley, Laura

Crumlin and Chapelizod

Noble, Rev Ruth	Moynan, Wendy
	McAdam, Janice
	Rusk, Shona

Dalkey

Elmes, Rev Ruth	Miller, John
	Tarleton, Don
	<i>Vacant</i>

Drumcondra, North Strand and St Barnabas

Bunting, Rev Canon E Garth	Denner, Jean
	Kemp, Lorna
	Privett, Alan

Dún Laoghaire (Christ Church and Mariners')

Brunn, Rev Steven	Hastings, Shirley
	Rhodes, Jackie
	Davis, Gareth

St George and St Thomas

<i>Vacant</i>	McKinley, Julie
	Monds, Lydia
	Mushonga, Evonne

Glenageary

<i>Vacant</i>	Wayman, Sheila
	Earley, William
	Grier, Robert

Holmpatrick and Kenure, with Balbriggan and Balrothery

<i>Vacant</i>	Plant, Linda
	Graham, Sylvia
	Anderson, Leslie

Howth

Heak, Rev Philip	Galway, Fiona
	Sleator, Adele
	Mooney, Oscar

Irishtown and Donnybrook

Ruddock, Rev Canon Leonard W	Gillatt, Avril
	MacCann, Lyndon
	Wheeler, Claire

Killiney (Ballybrack)

Evans, Rev J Scott	Henston, Matthew
	Salter, Jeanne
	Crampton, Ronald

Killiney (Holy Trinity)

Burns, Rev Jane E	Middleton, Helen
	Laing, Zandra
	Burns, Dermot

Kill o' the Grange

Breen, Rev Canon Alan	Shepherd, David
	Kinch, Brian
	Roulston, Claire

Kilternan

Clements, Rev Rob	Chigorimbo, Shamiso
Brennan, Rev Caroline (Curate)	Newell, Stephen
	White, Mary
	Fisher, Kerrith
	Burns, Robbie
	Keogh, Fintan



The King's Hospital Campion, Rev Canon Peter R (Precentor) (Chaplain)	Aiken, John Ua Bruadair, Cormac Wallace, Mark
Mageough Chapel Kingston, Rev Robert G	Stephen, Irene Lane, Louisa Leahy, Sally Ann
Malahide Union and St Doulagh Gillespie, Rev Canon David I	Michael, Lucy Barker, Pat Daly, Karl
Monkstown <i>Vacant</i>	Oldham, Elizabeth Duncan, Valerie Kirker, Roger
Raheny with Coolock Ronné, Rev Kevin M	Jorgensen, Alice Doak, Malcolm Kenny, Joanne
Rathfarnham Galligan, Rev Canon Adrienne Buchanan, Rev Michael (Curate)	Deacon, Leslie Kyle, Andrew Johnston, David Middleton Philip Whyte, David Donovan, Paula
Rathmichael Hanily, Rev Sean	Byrne, Lily Barron, Paul Wahessy, Aine
Rathmines with Harold's Cross Jones, Rev Robert D Hamilton, Rev Colin (Curate) Hamilton, Rev Rebecca (Curate)	Lewis, Edward Gyves, Ruth Kelly, Joe Black, Andrea Daley, Nic Jones, Ethan Jones, Dilys Clarke, Andrew Donnan, Chloe
Sandford with Milltown Gyles, Rev Canon Sonia O	McMahon, Helen Richards, Graham Potterton, Ruth
Sandymount (St John) <i>Vacant</i>	Benson, Nicola <i>Vacant</i> <i>Vacant</i>
Santry and Glasnevin with Finglas Oxley, Rev Canon David W	Patton, Alan Gray, Brian Heather, Stephen
Stillorgan with Blackrock Conroy, Rev Kevin	Hopper, Sandra Nathan, Mark Barrett, Rosemary
Swords, Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan with Donabate and Lusk Phair, Rev Neal	Snow, David Hughes, Eric Scott, Brian
Tallaght Deverell, Rev Canon William R H	Fryday, Laura Huxley, Braden Hutchinson Edgar, David
Taney Pierpoint, Rev Nigel	Ganly, Sandra Doake Howe, Rachel Connor, Peter

Tullow <i>Vacant</i>	Cooper, Barbara Rhodes, Alan Swanwick, Nigel
Whitechurch Bowles, Rev David	St Leger, Hugh Hislop, Harold Connolly, Jane
Zion Church (Rathgar) White, Rev David	Forrest, Andrew Revington, Carol Barber, Sue

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Byrne, Rev Canon Roy H (Residential Precentor)	Zaradich, Matthew Furlong, Danielle

BENEFICES

Arklow, Kilbride and Inch

Doyle, Rev Alistair C	Paul, Rosemary O'Malley, Patricia Dillon, Mary
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Athy, Kilberry and Fontstown

O'Reilly, Rev Conor	Young, David Greene, Richard Yates, Bruce
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**Blessington and Kilbride with
Hollywood and Ballymore**

Stratford, Rev Niall R	O'Brien Corry, Lisa Stanley, Hilary Gilmore, Kevin
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Castlemacadam with Ballinaclesh

Harris, Rev Canon Suzanne S	Middleton, Bruce Tyner, Dawn Phelan, Valerie
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**Celbridge and Straffan with
Newcastle-Lyons**

Neill, Rev Stephen M	Moody, Robert Pasley, James McMaster, Geoffrey
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Delgany

Quinn-Thomas, Rev Natasha	Beck, Julie Kerr, Tracey Ingram, John
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**Donoughmore and Donard with
Dunlavin**

<i>Vacant</i>	Moody, Heather Moody, Adrienne Honner, Shirley
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Dunganstown, Redcross and Conary

Heaney, Rev J Roland	MacDonald Hill, Anne Ramsey Dicks, Pamela Woolmington, Sammy
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Greystones

Mungavin, Rev Canon David S
(Chancellor)

Connolly, Frank
Handy, Ruth
Keating, Stephen

Leixlip and Lucan
Vacant

Cooper, Inez
Twomey, Valerie
White, Gordon

**Narraghmore and Timolin with
Castledermot and Kinneagh**
Vacant

Halligan, Paddy
Hendy, Philip
Chambers, Charles

**Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy
with Calary**

Styles, Ven Ross (Archdeacon)

Norse, James
Byrne, Joanna
Neilson, Derek

Powerscourt with Kilbride, Bray
Hallissey, Rev Cathy J

Davis, Gillian
Strickland, Carl
Fraser, Rachel

**Rathdrum and Derralossary with
Glenealy**
Burke, Rev William BF

McWilliams, Peter
Armstrong, Jack
Faull, Nicola

Wicklow with Killiskey
Kinead, Rev John (Jack) A H

Glanville, Lynn
Minion, Allyson
Golden, Scott

OTHER CLERICAL MEMBERS OF SYNODS

Clergy holding Licences to officiate or preach in the Dioceses at large, and for whom no Parish, Church or Chapel in the Dioceses shall be entitled to return Synod members (2023-2026):

Arbuthnot, Rev Canon Paul I,
Dean of Residence, Trinity College, Dublin

Elliott, Rev Canon Maurice J,
Director, C of I Theological Institute

Empey, Rev Canon C Adrian,
Chaplain, The Brabazon Trust

MacBruithin, Rev Criostóir,
C of I Theological Institute

Miezis, Rev Imants,
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide

OTHER ARCHIEPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINS

Becky Heaslip	UCD
Eric Hughes	DCU
Rev Canon Paul Arbuthnot	TCD
Nigel Mackey, Andrew Somerville and Cathy Boobbyer	TUD

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Hilda Plant and Patrick Ryan
St Vincent's, Tallaght, St James's and Mater Hospitals

Rev Ruth Noble
Beaumont Hospital

NON-STIPENDIARY MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESES

Alcock, Rev Terry	Lew, Rev Henry E A
Baker, Rev Charles E	Lilburn, Rev R I Terence
Bennett, Rev Avril E J	Marshall, Rev Robert
Casserly, Rev Caroline	O'Connor, Rev Martin
Ginnelly, Rev Yvonne	West, Rev C Cecily
Heaney, Rev Michael R	

SELF SUPPORTING MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESES

Lodge, Rev Canon Prof Anne
McCauley, Rev Dr Mathew (Curate)

NAMES OF MEMBERS THAT COULD BE ELECTED BY THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCILS TO THE DIOCESAN SYNODS UNDER SECTIONS 10 AND 11 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Diocesan Councils lay down that in accordance with Chapter 2.10 of the Constitution, the Councils elect one lay member per licensed clergy (currently 18) and in accordance with Chapter 2.11. of the Constitution, the Councils elect eight lay members per dioceses (i.e. 16). The maximum number to be elected is 34.

DUBLIN

Barden, Morgan
Copley Brown, Craig
Daly, Marcus
Deverell, Lionel
Dunne, William
Ebbs, David
Featherstone, Kim
Fennelly, Ken
Heaslip, Becky
Lawson, Ada
McCabe, Connor
Ogbonna, Gladstone
Perrin, Geoffrey
Richards, Gordon
Teggin, Quentin

GLENDALOUGH

Blackley, Sandy
Dunne, Emelina
Neill, Robert
Smith, Sally

Signed

+ Michael Dublin and Glendalough 31 August 2026

DIOCESAN CLERGY AND LAY READERS SERVING CLERGY

The names of all serving clergy in the Unites Dioceses are listed in the membership of Diocesan Synods above.

CLERICAL CHANGES (STIPENDIARY) SINCE THE LAST REPORT TO SYNODS

Institutions		
Rev JE Burns	Incumbency of Killiney, Holy Trinity	22.09.25
Rev AC Doyle	Incumbency of Arklow, Kilbride & Inch	02.10.25
Rev WBF Burke	Incumbency of Rathdrum, Derralossary with Glenealy	05.06.26

Appointments		
Rev P Heak	Rural Dean of Fingal Rural Deanery	15.01.26
Rev Canon RH Byrne	Residential Precentor of Christ Church Cathedral	27.02.26
Rev Canon Prof A Lodge	Warden of Diocesan Lay Readers	01.03.26
Rev C O'Reilly	Warden of Diocesan Lay Readers	01.03.26
Rev R Elmes	Rural Dean of Monkstown South Rural Deanery	01.03.26
Rev N Quinn-Thomas	Warden of Parish Readers	14.04.26
Rev N Stratford	Rural Dean of West Glendalough Rural Deanery	01.06.26
Rev K Conroy	Rural Dean of Monkstown North Rural Deanery	01.07.26
Rev CI Chikezie	Curate of Castleknock & Mulhuddart with Clonsilla	26.07.26
Resignations and Retirements		
Rev A Kelly	Incumbency of Holmpatrick & Balbriggan	31.08.25
Rev L Llewellyn-MacDuff	Dean's Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral	31.08.25
Rev JE Burns	Curate of Taney	21.09.25
Rev NJ O'Raw	Incumbency of Donoughmore & Donard with Dunlavin	12.10.25
Rev JS Peoples	Incumbency of Leixlip Union	30.11.25
Rev LJ Tanner	Incumbency of Tullow, Rural Dean of Monkstown South Rural Deanery and Warden of Readers	26.02.26
Rev Canon RH Byrne	Incumbency of Monkstown	28.02.26
Rev KG Rue	Incumbency of Narraghmore & Timolin with Castledermot & Kinneagh and Rural Dean of West Glendalough Rural Deanery	31.05.26
Rev Canon GG Dowd	Incumbency of Glenageary and Rural Dean of Monkstown South Rural Deanery	30.06.26
Obituaries		
Rev RK Brookes		27.08.25
Rev WJ Marshall		26.09.25
Rev SP Semple		31.10.25
Rev GDB Smith		02.01.26
Rev CW Bryan		06.01.26

RURAL DEANS

DIOCESE OF DUBLIN

ST ANN

St Ann with St Stephen; St Bartholomew with Christ Church, Leeson Park; St Catherine and St James with St Audoen; Donnybrook with St Matthew, Irishtown; CORE; Rathmines and Harold's Cross Union; Sandford with Milltown

Rev Canon Andrew McCroskery
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FINGAL

Clontarf; Holmpatrick with Balbriggan; Howth; Malahide; Raheny with Coolock; Swords with Donabate

Rev Philip Heak, The Rectory, 94 Howth Road, Howth, Dublin 13 D13 FW63

ST MARY

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Rev Kevin Conroy
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MONKSTOWN SOUTH

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Rev Ruth Elmes
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TANEY

Clondalkin & Rathcoole; Crumlin with Chapelizod; Leixlip-Lucan; Rathfarnham; Tallaght; Taney; Whitechurch; Zion; St Columba's College

Rev David White
The Rectory, 18 Bushy Park Road, Dubin 6.



DIOCESE OF GLENDALOUGH

NORTH-EAST GLENDALOUGH

Bray; Bray-Crinken; Delgany; Greystones; Kiltarnan; Newcastle and Newtownmountkennedy with Calary; Powerscourt with Kilbride (Bray); Rathmichael

Rev Cathy J Hallissey

The Rectory, Cookstown Road, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow

SOUTH-EAST GLENDALOUGH

Arklow, Kilbride and Inch; Castlemacadam with Ballinaclash; Dunganstown & Redcross with Conary; Rathdrum with Glenealy; Wicklow with Killiskey

Rev Jack AH Kinkead

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WEST GLENDALOUGH

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Rev Niall Stratford

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Lynn Adams
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Stephen Gardiner
Olive Good
Helen Gorman
Hazel Graves
Ruth Gyves
Paddy Halligan
Daphne Harvey
Becky Heaslip
Philip Hendy

Scott Hill
Dee Huddleston
Eric Hughes
Trilly Keatinge
Joanne Kenny
James Kilbey
Bill King
Paul Lavin
Edward Lewis
Ernest Mackey
Thabi Madide
Kris McCaffery
Geoffrey McMaster
Philip Middleton
Myra Moody
Nyaradzo Mutangirwa
Živa Newman
Stella Obe
Lisa O'Brien-Corry

Barbara O'Callaghan
Desmond O'Carroll
Uta Raab
David Reynolds
Alan Rhodes
Shona Rusk
Jeanne Salter
Derek Singleton
David Snow
Beatrice Somers
David Stanford
Mandy Swanwick
Caroline Tindal
Bert-Jan Van Embden
Bernard VAPJ Woods
Irene Young

RETIRED DIOCESAN READERS

Boyle, Thea
Heard, Ruth

Kidd, Golding
King, Thelma

Smith, Audrey

OFFICERS OF DIOCESAN SYNOD, MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIOCESES TO OTHER BODIES

The following are the names of the officers of Synods, together with members of Committees and representatives of the Dioceses to other bodies elected or appointed for the triennium 2023-26. Where relevant, the names below are listed in order of votes received except where, through a shortage of nominations, no election was necessary, and in such cases, they are listed in alphabetical order.

HONORARY SECRETARIES

Dublin

Tanner, Rev L John (Retired February 2026)

White, Rev David PJ (April 2026)

Gyves, Ruth (October 2024)

Glendalough

Harris, Rev Canon Suzanne S (April 2024)

Neilson, Derek

HONORARY TREASURERS

Dublin

Byrne, Lily

Glendalough

Richards, Gordon P

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DIOCESAN TRUSTEES

The Archbishop of Dublin

Dublin

Perrin, Geoffrey D

Webb, Michael

MacCann, Lyndon JW

Glendalough

Greenlee, Derek

Hendy, Philip TR

Neill, Robert S (Oct 2025)

DIOCESAN COURTS

Chancellor - Ciarán Toland, SC

Dublin: Clerical

Morton, Very Rev William W

White, Rev David PJ

Hanily, Rev Seán

Dublin: Lay

MacCann, Lyndon JW

Richards, Graham C

Vacant

Glendalough: Clerical

Kinthead, Rev Jack AH

Hallisey, Rev Cathy J

Stratford, Rev Niall (Oct 2025)

Glendalough: Lay

Felton, Mark D

Greenlee, Derek H

Vacant

EPISCOPAL ELECTORAL COLLEGE

(Diocesan Representatives)

Clerical

Morton, Very Rev William W

Clements, Rev Rob

Gyles, Rev Canon Sonia O

Hallisey, Rev Cathy J

Jones, Rev Robert D

Elliott, Rev Canon Dr Maurice

Kinthead, Rev Jack AH

Wharton, Rev Canon Gillian V

Pierpoint, Ven David A

Hanily, Rev Seán

Arbuthnot, Rev Canon Paul I

Galligan, Rev Canon Adrienne

Lay

Glanville, Lynn

Perrin, D Geoffrey

Hayes, Scott

MacCann, Lyndon J

Handy, Ruth

Neill, Robert S

Hislop, Harold

Scargill, Geoff

Richards, Graham C

Barker, Patricia

White, Mary E

Webb, Michael J T

Clerical Supplementalists

White, Rev David PJ

Breen, Rev Canon Alan T

Bowles, Rev David GD

Mungavin, Rev Canon David S

Lay Supplementalists

Aiken, John

McKinley, Julie

Forrest, Andrew

Hendy, Philip TR

Fennelly, Ken

Fraser, Rachel

Byrne, Lily

COMMITTEES OF PATRONAGE

(Diocesan Nominators)

Dublin

Morton, Very Rev William W

Galligan, Rev Canon Adrienne

Arbuthnot, Rev Canon Paul I

Hanily, Rev Seán

Perrin, D Geoffrey

Glendalough

Hallisey, Rev Cathy J

Mungavin, Rev Canon David S

Neilson, Derek

Kinthead, Rev Jack AH

Neill, Rev Stephen M

Supplementalists

Wharton, Rev Canon Gillian V

Gyles, Rev Canon Sonia O

White, Rev David PJ

Bowles, Rev David GD

Supplementalists

Dowling, Lucas

GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Dublin: Clerical

Gyles, Rev Canon Sonia O

Wharton, Rev Canon Gillian V

Jones, Rev Robert D

Morton, Very Rev William W

Arbuthnot, Rev Canon Paul I

Gillespie, Rev Canon David I

Hanily, Rev Seán

Elliott, Rev Canon Dr Maurice

White, Rev David PJ

Clements, Rev Rob

Tanner, Rev L John

Bowles, Rev David GD

Burns, Rev Jane

Pierpoint, Ven David A

Ruddock, Rev Canon Leonard W

Dowd, Rev Gary G

Robinson, Rev Canon E C Lesley

Dublin: Clerical

Supplementalists

Galligan, Rev Canon Adrienne

Elmes, Rev Ruth

Bunting, Rev Canon E Garth

Pierpoint, Rev Nigel

Dunne, Very Rev Dermot P M

MacConaghie, Rev Colin A

Dublin: Lay

Good, Olive

Gyves, Ruth

Hayes, Scott

MacCann, Lyndon JW

Aiken, John

Houston, Kerry

Richards, Graham C

Obe, Stella T

Barker, Patricia

Hislop, Harold

Perdue, Joyce

Reynolds, Carol

Cromer, June E

Duncan, Valerie

Middleton, Philip

Healion-Campbell, Margaret

Plant, Linda

Scargill, Geoffrey

McKinley, Julie

Webb, David

Whyte, David

Richards, Gordon P

Teggin, Quentin

Ebbs, David

Parminter, Louis

St Leger, Hugh

Mushonga, Evonne

McNeile, Andrew

Heseltine, Mary

Kingston, Rosemary

Michael, Lucy

Wayman, Sheila

Kelly, Joe

Daly, Marcus

Claire Callanan

Paddy, Flower

Dublin: Lay Supplementalists

Dunne, William

Gorman, Helen

Glendalough: Clerical

Hallisey, Rev Cathy

Kinthead, Rev Jack AH

Styles, Ven Ross

Rue, Rev Kenneth G

Glendalough: Clerical Supplementalists

None

Glendalough: Lay

Neill, Robert S

Neilson, Derek

Smith, Sally

Hendy, Philip TR

McMaster, Geoffrey W

Hardy, Thomas

Barrett, Brigid



Glendalough: Lay Supplementalists

Golden, Scott Dowling, Lucas
Alexander, Henry JW Toland, Ciarán

MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY

One representative elected annually by the Synods; attendance at Representative Church Body meetings shown after names.

Pierpoint, Ven David A – elected in 2024 for three years (0)
Neill, Robert- (retired October 2025) (1)
Gyves, Ruth – elected in October 2025 for three years (2)
Neilson, Derek – elected in 2023 for three years (3)

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GENERAL SYNOD BOARD OF EDUCATION 2025/2027

Clerical **Lay**
Hanley, Rev Seán JK Aiken, John

REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF CHURCH OF IRELAND YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Appointed by the Archbishop for 2023-2026 Triennium
Rev Canon Alan T Breen

MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCILS

Elected by the 2023 Synods for three years; attendance at Diocesan Council meetings shown after names.

Ex-officio members

The Archbishop of Dublin (0)
Pierpoint, Ven David A, Archdeacon of Dublin (2)
Styles, Ven Ross, Archdeacon of Glendalough (6)
Tanner, Rev L John, Honorary Secretary, Dublin (3)
(Retired February 2026)
White, Rev David PJ, Honorary Secretary, Dublin (4)
(Elected April 2026)
Harris, Rev Canon Suzanne S, Honorary Secretary Glendalough (5)
Gyves, Ruth, Honorary Secretary, Dublin (6)
Neilson, Derek, Honorary Secretary, Glendalough (6)
Byrne, Lily, Honorary Treasurer, Dublin (5)
Richards, Gordon P, Honorary Treasurer, Glendalough (6)

Dublin: Clerical

Wharton, Rev Canon Gillian V (6)
Morton, Very Rev William W (4)
Jones, Rev Robert D (5)
Galligan, Rev, Canon Adrienne (4)
Arbuthnot, Rev Canon Paul I (4)
Clements, Rev Rob (1) (Apr 2026)

Glendalough: Clerical

Hallissey, Rev Cathy J (5)
Mungavin, Rev Canon David S (3)

Dublin: Lay

MacCann, Lyndon J W (4)
Perrin, D Geoffrey (4)
White, Mary E (6)
Perdue, Joyce (1) *(Resigned November 2025)*
McKinley, Julie (5)
Aiken, John (4)
Hislop, Harold (5)
Whyte, David (4)
Scargill, Geoff (5)
Teggin, Quentin (5)
Woulfe-Flanagan, Terence *(Resigned October 2024)* (0)
Michael, Lucy (2024) (3)
Webb, David (2024) (4)

Glendalough: Lay

Neill Robert S (5) Hendy, Philip TR (4)
Young, David (5) Chambers, Charles (5)

UNDER 45'S CO-OPTED FOR THE TRIENNium

Clerical **Lay**
Kinkead, Rev Jack AH (3) Daley, Nic (2025) (2)

SUPPLEMENTALISTS**Dublin: Clerical**

Pierpoint, Rev Nigel

Dublin: Lay**Glendalough: Clerical**

Glendalough: Lay
Hardy, Thomas
Smith, Sally

MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEES ELECTED BY THE DIOCESAN COUNCILS

Elected in December 2023 for three years; chairpersons of sub-committees are indicated by *

AUDIT AND RISK SUB-COMMITTEE

Elected members Neill, Robert S
MacCann, Lyndon J W* Forsyth, TH
Ebbs, David

GLEBES, PROPERTY AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Ex-officio members White, Rev David PJ
The Archbishop *(Elected April 2026)*
Pierpoint, Ven David A Neilson, Derek
Styles, Ven Ross Gyves, Ruth
Harris, Rev Canon Suzanne S *(Elected October 2024)*
Tanner, Rev L John Byrne, Lily*
(Retired February 2026) Richards, Gordon P

Elected members

Wharton, Rev Canon Gillian V Kelly, Joe
Perrin, Geoffrey Woulfe-Flanagan, Terence
Teggin, Quentin *(Resigned October 2024)*
Young, David Shorten, Ross
(Elected February 2025)

MISSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Ex-officio members
The Archbishop

Elected members

Jones, Rev Robert D
Clements, Rev Rob*
Scargill, Geoffrey
Rue, Rev Ken G
(Resigned November 2024)
Neilson, Derek
Birmingham, Kelley
(Co-opted December 2024)

The committee co-opted Ms Kelley Birmingham and Rev Tom O'Brien. Rev Ken Rue resigned and was replaced by Rev Jack Kinkead.

Pierpoint, Ven David A
Styles, Ven Ross

MacConaghie, Rev Colin A
Gyves, Ruth
Whyte, David
Mungavin, Rev Canon David S
Smith, Sally
O'Brien, Very Rev Tom A
(Co-opted December 2024)
Kinkead, Rev Jack AH
(Co-opted February 2025)

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Milne, Kenneth* Styles, Ven Ross
Waugh, Rev Nigel J W Glanville, Lynn
Refaussé, Raymond

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY DIOCESAN SYNODS IN 2025

The following resolutions were passed by Diocesan Synods at their meeting held on 21 October 2025 in The King's Hospital School:

1. THAT the list of members of the Synod of Dublin be amended by the inclusion of the Rev Alistair Doyle and to confirm that Rev Jane Burns remains on the list of members following her resignation as Curate of Taney Parish and institution as incumbent of the Parish of Killiney, Holy Trinity.
2. THAT Ms Ruth Gyves, of Martinsbank, Bahana, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow be elected a member of the Representative Church Body for the ensuing three years.
3. THAT Mr Robert Neill be elected a Trustee for the Diocese of Glendalough in place of Mr Peter Harrison.
4. THAT Rev Niall Stratford be appointed a member of the Glendalough Diocesan Court for the remainder of the Triennium.
5. THAT the Joint Synods sanction the transfer of the All Saints National School to the Representative Church Body for the sum of €130,500.
6. THAT the Synods thank the Rev. Canon Peter Campion, Mr Mark Wallace, Mr Cormac Ua Bruadair, Mr John Aiken and the staff of The King's Hospital School for making their excellent facilities available to the Diocesan Synods. Thanks are also given to Ms Claire Duncan and her team of helpers for their excellent work which ensured that the Synods ran so smoothly. Thank you to the pupils of The King's Hospital School for taking part in breakout sessions at the Diocesan Synod. A special thanks also to the Board of Governors of The King's Hospital School for sponsoring the meal this evening for which we are most grateful.
7. THAT UHY Farrelly Dawe White Ltd be appointed Auditors to the Diocesan Councils of Dublin and Glendalough.
8. THAT the Report of the Diocesan Councils to the Diocesan Synods of 2025, and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 be received and approved.

9. THAT the Report of the Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Board of Education to the Synods of Dublin and Glendalough in the year 2025 be received and approved.

10. THAT the Report of the Diocesan Committee of the Church's Ministry of Healing in Ireland to the Diocesan Synods of Dublin and Glendalough in the year 2025 be received.

11. THAT the Diocesan Councils are hereby authorised to appoint new Auditors if the Auditors appointed cannot carry out the audit for any reason.

12. THAT the wording in Definition 5 in the Diocesan Plan of Financial Arrangements be changed to the following: -

"The Diocesan Councils in their Financial Plan for the United Dioceses should set out their Aims and Objectives and should include reference to such items as: Parochial Mission, Pastoral care, Worship, Unity, Development and Growth, Social Justice, Service, Outreach, and any other areas appropriate to the work of the Church. The Diocesan Financial Plan should indicate how the Aims and Objectives of the Mission Plan will be supported financially. Any matter not provided for by this Plan may be considered and provided for by the Diocesan Councils, reporting the same to the Diocesan Synods at their next ordinary meeting. The accounts of the financial transactions carried out by the United Dioceses in accordance with this Plan shall be kept in such form as may be determined by the Diocesan Councils. An independent auditor shall be appointed annually by the Diocesan Synods, and the audited accounts for each preceding year shall be presented to the Diocesan Synods. The Representative Church Body is the Trustee of the Diocesan Funds, and no change may be made to this Financial Plan without the approval of the Trustees and the Diocesan Synods."

**Resolution passed by Special Diocesan
Synod of Dublin on 27 March 2026**

THAT Rev David PJ White be elected as a Clerical Honorary Secretary for Dublin Diocese for the remainder of the triennium.



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