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Ordination Newsletter



In line with what is documented elsewhere in this newsletter, I reported at a recent meeting of the Governing Council of CITI that across the Church of Ireland there are currently seventy-four ordinands: thirty for potential stipendiary deployment between the full-time and part-time MTh training pathways, and forty-four in the first two years of the Open Learning Certificate programme for Ordained Local Ministry. Without having all other relevant data to hand it is difficult to think other than that this remarkable figure is of notable significance. To set it in some comparative historical relief, according to the Irish Church Directory of 1871, the total number of those being admitted to holy orders in 1869, the year of Disestablishment, amounted to thirty. By way of contrast, during 1974, and for the first time since Disestablishment, there were no diaconal ordinations in Connor Diocese, which was then the largest diocese in the Church of Ireland. Against a trend that only a few decades ago had moved in that trajectory of decline, clearly we have much currently for which to offer grateful thanks. The number of those who have opened themselves to a leading of the Holy Spirit and to that inner sense of God's call to serve is profoundly encouraging.

That said, such a number of ordinands will not of itself surmount all of the contemporary challenges that face church life. If an authentic Anglican understanding of the true nature of ministry teaches us anything, it is surely the crucial importance of clear gospel focus, aptly grounded personal spirituality and fruitful collaboration between ordained and lay ministries, and within the various training pathways these priorities are a vital emphasis. Equally, it must remain imperative that those who are already ordained commit themselves to ongoing professional development, to appropriate patterns of self-care and to a genuine experience of nourishing renewal. Following the sentiment expressed in one of our well-loved collects, it is not only a matter of prioritising works which are 'begun' and 'ended' in God, but also those that are 'continued'.

CITI offers prayerful good wishes to all who are named within this newsletter. May the Lord prosper the work of their hands and of ours.

Maurice Elliott

Diocesan Directors of Ordinands help people to discover their gifts and use them in the Church.

Ordained ministry is one way of using our gifts within the overall mission of the Church.

The DDOs have different ways of supporting those who are asking the question "Am I called to ordination?" They will facilitate opportunities to help you discover the answer to that question and will connect you with others also exploring ordination.

For a full list of DDOs and their contact details see page 2.





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Diocesan Directors of Ordinands

Before contacting your Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) please speak to your local Rector. They can encourage you, as you prayerfully discern what area of ministry God is calling you to. Once you have spoken to your Rector the DDO will guide you through the various stages involved in discerning calling.

Armagh

The Rev Canon WM Adair
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Connor

The Rev Canon Kevin Graham
Tel: (028) 9066 9995

Down and Dromore

The Rev Adrian Green
Tel: (028) 9029 4676

Limerick and Killaloe

The Ven R Wayne Carney
Tel: (057) 912 0021

Cashel and Ossory

The Very Rev Paul Draper
Tel: (058) 54105

Cork, Cloyne and Ross

The Rev Peter Rutherford
Tel: (021) 477 2220

Dublin and Glendalough

The Rev Canon Adrienne Galligan
Tel: (01) 490 5543

Meath and Kildare

The Rev Alastair Graham
Tel: (044) 934 8376

Clogher

The Ven Brian Harper
Tel: (028) 6638 8238

Derry and Raphoe

The Rev Robert Boyd
Tel: (028) 7134 3001

Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

The Rev Isaac Hanna
Tel: (071) 9163 125

Tuam, Killala and Achonry

The Rev Jennifer McWhirter
Tel (096) 60829





Meet the Students & Ordained in 2019

MTh – Full-time Year 3 Deacon Interns

Iain McAleavey Down & Dromore
 Rodney Magennis..... Down & Dromore
 Christopher West..... Armagh

MTh – Full-time Year 2

Edwin Aiken..... Down & Dromore
 Rodney Blair..... Armagh
 Andrea Cotter Connor
 Sarah Crawford..... Connor
 Alistair Doyle Dublin & Glendalough
 Nathan Ervine..... Connor
 Claire Henderson Derry
 Leonard Madden Dublin & Glendalough
 Matthew Topley Armagh
 Anna Williams Down & Dromore

MTh – Full-time Year 1

Martin Steele Connor
 Norma-Jean Carney Limerick
 Alexander Chisnall..... Dublin & Glendalough
 Johnny Lowden..... Connor
 Elaine Pentland..... Down & Dromore
 Andrew Pierce..... Kilmore
 Philip McKinley..... Dublin & Glendalough

MTh – Part-time Years 1-3

Jane Burns..... Dublin & Glendalough
 Gareth Campbell Connor
 Scott Evans Dublin & Glendalough
 Andrew Neill..... Connor
 Andrew Moore..... Down & Dromore
 Sabrina Cooke..... Cork, Cloyne & Ross
 Andrew Hay Down & Dromore
 Alan McCracken..... Connor

Part-time Deacon Interns

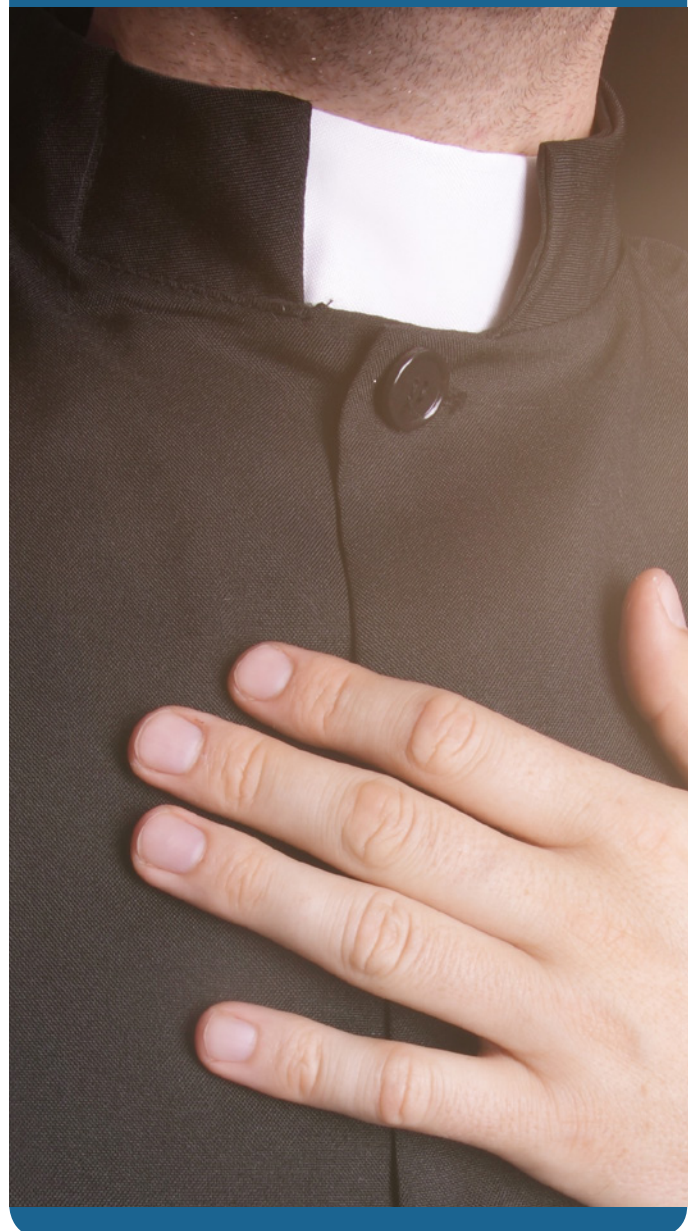
Jonathan Cockerill..... Connor
 Heather Cooke Connor

ILA students (Individual Learning Agreements)

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 Lutheran Church
 Abroad

Ordained to the Priesthood in 2019

Rev Emma Carson Ballymena Connor
 Rev Karen Salmon Willowfield..... Down
 Rev Jonathan Brown..... Hillsborough..... Down
 Rev Peter Hilton Newtownards Down
 Rev Maithrie
 White Dundas..... St Anne's Cathedral..... Connor
 Rev Stuart Reid..... Ballymoney Connor
 Rev David McComb Magherafelt Armagh
 Rev Peter Blake Antrim..... Connor





Ordained Local Ministry (OLM) candidates

Year 2

CONNOR

Adrian Bell Deacon
Louise Bowes..... Deacon
Anne Locke Deacon
Janet Spence

DOWN AND DROMORE

Colin Birnie
Rory Blake-Knox Deacon
Stephen Doherty..... Deacon
David Jardine Deacon

CLOGHER

Colin Brownsmith Deacon
Abraham Storey Deacon

KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH

Adam Norris
Stephen Frost
Edmund Smyth
Albert Dawson

MEATH AND KILDARE

Carol Hennessy Deacon
Alan Melbourne
Alan Robinson
James Reid

CASHEL, FERNS AND OSSORY

Patricia Coleman
Janet Finlay Deacon

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS

Patrick Culleton

TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY

Karen Duignan Deacon
Clive Moore
Caroline Morrow
Maebh O'Herlihy Deacon
Carole Reynolds..... Deacon

Year 1

CONNOR

Stephen Green
Brendan O'Loan
Glenn Thompson

DOWN AND DROMORE

Jim Fleming
Joe Turner

ARMAGH

David Murphy

KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH

John Addy
Xanthe Pratt
Malcolm Young

MEATH AND KILDARE

Yvonne Hutchinson
Marion Keating
Pat Ryan

CASHEL, FERNS AND OSSORY

Ger James
Ciaran Kavanagh
Michael O'Meara

CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS

Richard Dring
Carole Pound

TUAM, KILLALA AND ACHONRY

Patrick Delaney

