

# **DUBLIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

## **ANNUAL REPORT to Patrons and Members**

**June, 2020 – June, 2021**

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## **OBJECTIVES of the DUBLIN COUNCIL of CHURCHES**

- (a) To explore within a Christian fellowship, based on mutual love and the presence of Christ among us, the calling of the People of God to pray and work together for the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer 'that all may be one' (John 17:21).
- (b) To encourage co-operation between churches and inter-church groups, at both local and district level.
- (c) To facilitate an exchange of information and views of member Churches on matters of concern.
- (d) To support joint study and action.
- (e) To disseminate information on ecumenical activities and resources.

## **MEETINGS**

The Council met nine times during the year, from June 2020 to June 2021 inclusively, and in addition to our AGM. Government pandemic restrictions to prevent further infections by COVID-19 were in place most of this year. Due to this fact all meetings were held on *Zoom* (except the AGM).

The Council appreciate that this online technology has allowed us to conduct our business and to meet at least virtually with the regularity that is part of our objectives.

## **ANNUAL OFFICERS**

Elected to serve for the year June 2020 to June 2021:

Chairperson: Martin Sauter

Vice Chairperson: Paul Manook

Hon. Treasurer: Edward Lewis

Hon. Secretary: Cherry Poynton

We record our gratitude for the many ways in which these office bearers have fulfilled their various roles with cheerful efficiency and tenacity during the difficult year that lies behind us.

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## INTRODUCTION

Since the Dublin Council of Churches' last AGM this 2020/21 session was indelibly marked by the tidal flow of the COVID-19 pandemic. It began in the hopefulness of summer with the easing of restrictions, when we emerged from an unprecedented lockdown, which, in hindsight one year later, feels more like a dress rehearsal for what was to come. As the calendar year of 2020 raced towards its conclusion, restrictions returned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown. While hope was reinvigorated as they were eased in the run-up to Christmas, it was just days before Christmas when it became evident to all that we were witnessing the rise of a massive *third wave*. It went on to present to us with one of the hardest lockdowns anywhere in the world. Hospitals were working at the limit of their capacity, and health care workers used all hours and energies available, and more, to look after the flood of patients with grave symptoms. All easing of restrictions was taken back including, of course, the holding of masses and church services in physical presence. Once more the doors of the churches up and down the island were closed for worship, funerals restricted to 25 attendees, weddings to 6. The long cloistering had begun.

Having already started to meet on zoom in the final month of the 2019/20 session, the Dublin Council of Churches resumed its regular meetings online, all of which, up until June, were held on zoom. Our AGM on 28th June 2021 was a meeting in physical presence for the first time since February 2020.



AGM 28 June 2021, Church Hall, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackrock

As we became more familiar with the benefits and draw backs of gathering virtually in the new medium of *zoom*, our meetings became once again opportunities for sharing concerns arising within our member churches, as well as for exchanging information about online events, and, most importantly at this time of involuntary sequestration, a forum for the exchange of views on our current predicament, a way of supporting one another in faith fellowship. This shone through again and again during the meetings when the joy of gathering and sharing lifted our souls and gave us spiritual sustenance regenerating our vision.

Most of our meetings during this year were enriched by short personal testimonies from members about their own path to ecumenism, as well as their personal vision for ecumenism and for the work of the council. These were moments where it became particularly evident what treasures the council holds in its members, their perspectives, their talents and energy. Like my predecessors in the chair, I am deeply grateful for the input of all our members, as well as the active support we receive from our patrons, our local church leaders. This sharing and mutual support is our strength, as we seek to serve the Body of Christ in Dublin. In this year of pandemic emergency, I want to thank each one for their presence, their input and their persistence despite the challenges that the new virtual medium posed.

We were very grateful for the active support and advice by our patrons which manifested itself in their attendance and active participation in our AGM in June 2020 and in the Forum Day in October 2020 (see below). One of the activities that was encouraged by our patrons was the collection of a prayer resource which could be posted on our website. Initially it was mostly in connection with prayerful responses to the pandemic, but as the collection gathered momentum more and more prayers were submitted that respond to the liturgical year as well as to other issues. I am very grateful to Cherry Poynton for the meticulous execution of the task of collating and sorting the material as it came in and to Jiby Jacob for posting it on our website.

We were very happy to welcome Archbishop Jackson to our January meeting during the height of the worst weeks of the third wave of the pandemic. His deep concern and thoughtful reflections as well as our ensuing conversation during the meeting brought home to us the crisis of faith, not only in relation to the suffering because of the pandemic, but also in connection with the publication of the report on the mother and baby homes. This report has once again made clear that the implications of the historical collective moral failure of society *and* the churches in relation to the suffering of these women and children are not going to go away and will require a deep and prayerful and decisive response. A fruit of our joint reflection during our January meeting has been the coming together of a taskforce which is preparing a Study Day in the autumn of 2021, where we wish to reflect on how to engage with the deep malaise and the spiritual seeking of the younger generations who are deeply disaffected by institutional religion and churches in particular. We are grateful for the creative preparatory work that Niamh Hardiman, Yvonne Luven and Lesley Rankin have invested.

Despite the impediments of our locked down existence, it was possible to explore new ecumenical ventures in Dublin. Several brainstorming meetings were held in connection with a memorial service for all who died and suffered during the pandemic, as well as an ecumenical ceremony and/or message on the Eve of Christmas - perhaps in connection with the shortest day of the year as the turning point of the natural cycle of seasons. I am particularly grateful to Dean Dermot Dunne and the Dean's Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Abigail Sines, as well as Rev. Philip McKinley (Church of Ireland), and Frank Brown, pastoral worker of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese alongside our members Pr. Stephan Arras, Fr. Damian McNeice and Cherry Poynton for their input into an ongoing conversation to continue to raise the visibility of our ecumenical, communal ties. The ideas around the holding of a memorial service became fruitful in connection with this year's St. Patrick's Day offering (see below); the ideas about an ecumenical Christmas message/event are still evolving.

In November 2020 we welcomed Damian Jackson, programme officer of the Irish Council of Churches to our meeting where he was able to present his work in the Republic to the Council. On the foot of this exchange the Council in January 2021 invited Damian Jackson to join the Council as a permanent observer for the Irish Council of Churches which he accepted.

We were very sad to learn that on 1 February 2021 our former member Major Stuart Dicker died in hospital in Eastbourne to where he and his wife and former patron of the Dublin Council of Churches Major Gillian Dicker had retired in summer of 2020. His serious illness was compounded in his last days by an infection with COVID-19. May God receive him, and may he see what he believed. Council members were grateful to be able to participate in his funeral service via zoom.

Following the retirement of Fr Tom Carroll, we were delighted to welcome Fr Ioannis Pantelidis as our new Greek Orthodox Patron and as a new member of the Council.

At the end of January 2021 our Roman Catholic patron Archbishop Diarmuid Martin retired after 17 years at the helm of the Archdiocese. The council is deeply grateful for his strong ecumenical commitment which in 2007 was instrumental in bringing about full Roman Catholic Membership on the Council. Through the years he was a strong supporter of the work of the Council. We wish him God's blessing in his retirement.

In late April 2021, our patron Fr Biju Parekkatil of the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church followed the call of his church to return to India after 10 years of ministry in Ireland to serve his church in his home state of Kerala. We recognise the tireless work he invested in consolidating his church's position throughout the island of Ireland as well as his pastoral commitment to the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox community in Ireland and his strong ecumenical commitment which he showed in his active participation with both the ICC and DCC.

We congratulated Archbishop Dermot Farrell on his installation as the new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin on 2<sup>nd</sup> February in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral. We were delighted to welcome him personally as our new Roman Catholic patron when he joined our May meeting during which we had the opportunity to get to know one another as Archbishop Farrell spoke about the challenges and visions for the Archdiocese in the coming years.

In the same meeting we also had the opportunity to welcome Fr. Dr. Jobymon Skaria as our new Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Patron and as a member of the council.

During the year we accepted the resignation for health reasons of Tom Kehoe (Greek Orthodox) who had been on leave of absence for the previous year for family reasons. We expressed our gratitude for the years of his service and his thoughtful presence on the council.

We were very grateful that the following vacancies on the Council have been filled. We were delighted to welcome Lesley Rankin (Methodist Church) replacing Rev. Yongnam Park, and Manuela Kulaxizi replacing Stella Xenopoulou (Greek Orthodox), and we noted the nomination of Deacon Siltan Berhe (Ethiopian Orthodox) replacing Ms. Tseday Mulat Asfaw.

Ayda Lundon (Armenian Apostolic) remained on leave of absence during the year. We look forward to her rejoining us in September.

Over the course of the year, we have been in communication with the Salvation Army Headquarters in Belfast to point out our wish that, after the departure of Majors Dicker, the Salvation Army, as one of the founding members of the Dublin Council of Churches, may once again resume its patronage and be represented on the Council.

We also hope the Roman Catholic vacancies can be filled over the course of the next period.

Our refreshed website (<https://www.dublincouncilofchurches.ie/>) has been filling with postings of events organised by the Council, but also other events of ecumenical interest. It has also become host to a growing collection of prayer resources (see above). We continue to be grateful to Jiby Jacob for maintaining the website and for his ongoing suggestions for enhanced usage of the site.

Over the course of this year, we established our own *Dublin Council of Churches YouTube Channel* where we posted our first pre-recorded events. We hope to continue to use this platform for any other video material that might be created in the course of our work. The channel is linked to the events page of our website.

As chairperson I am most grateful that my predecessor as chair, Cherry Poynton, took on the role of Hon. Secretary and thereby filling the post that had not been occupied for a considerable length of time.

I thank her, as well as Paul Manook as vice-chair and Edward Lewis as treasurer for their faithful support of our work and for the great atmosphere of collegiality and collaboration among the team of officers.

With the beginning of the new session of 2021/22, we enter a new phase of the pandemic when due to the acceleration in the rate of vaccination of the population of Ireland life in society and in the church has resumed in physical presence, a fact that we all greet with joy and gratitude. It is also a time, however, when the social and psychological consequences of 16 months of sequestration are becoming more and more evident: the need across our faith communities as well as society at large is great to find healing for the pent-up grief over the loss of so many lives, and to come to terms with the various forms of hardship that have been endured and where their consequences continue to be live issues for many people. As we also seek to remember all the blessings and signs of protection, we trust that the Triune God who has carried us through this difficult year will continue to bless us as we seek to fulfil our calling according to Christ's prayer for his church and for the world.

*Martin Sauter* (Chairperson)

### **MEMBERSHIP and REPRESENTATION**

Antiochian Orthodox:	Fr. John Hickey
Armenian Apostolic Church:	Dr. Paul Manook, Ayda London
Church of Ireland:	Edward Lewis, Alistair Doyle, Tanya Olhausen
Ethiopian Orthodox Church:	Abba Berhanemeskel Gidey, Tigist Deju, Deacon Siltan Berhe
Greek Orthodox:	Fr. Ioannis Pantelidis, Dr. Yvonne Luven, Manuela Kulaxizi
Lutheran Church:	Pastor Stephan Arras, Yvonne Langebach, Pastor Martin Sauter
Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church:	Jiby Jacob, Fr Dr. Jobymon Skaria, Santheep Kallungal,
Methodist:	Elizabeth Kelly, Rev. Andrew Kingston, Lesley Rankin
Presbyterian:	Rev. Alan Boal, Cherry Poynton, Denis Poynton
Religious Society of Friends:	Niamh Hardiman, Colm Harte
Roman Catholic:	Fr. Damian McNeice
Romanian Orthodox:	Fr. Raul Simion
St. Thomas Indian Orthodox:	Fr. Anish John, John Mathew
Salvation Army:	vacant

## KEY ACTIVITIES

All our events during this year were held either on zoom or were pre-recorded and released via our newly established *Dublin Council of Churches YouTube Channel*.

The great number of people that have been reached and touched by our YouTube services and events requires us to keep these new media options very much in the forefront of our future planning of events even when, as we sincerely hope, we will be able to gather again in physical presence.

## CHURCHES FORUM DAY



Left to right, top to bottom: Denis & Cherry Poynton, Rev. Mark Proctor, Fr. Damian McNeice, Damian Jackson, Paul Manook, Colm Harte, Rev. Andrew Kingston, Niamh Hardiman, Pr. Stephan Arras, Fr. Calin Florea & Fr. Bogdan & Michaela Cardu, Dr. Gesa Thiessen, Rev. Alistair Doyle, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dr. Gladys Ganiel, Dr. Yvonne Luven, Rev. Alan Boal, Pr. Martin Sauter, Jiby Jacob, John Matthew, Tanya Olhausen.

Our eleventh **Forum Day** took place on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The theme was *Reflections on Lockdown Times*. The intention behind the idea of the Forum Day has been to bring together the DCC members with the church leadership in the Greater Dublin area. Accordingly, the invitation went out to our patrons who were encouraged to bring along one other person from their denomination who might have a contribution to make.

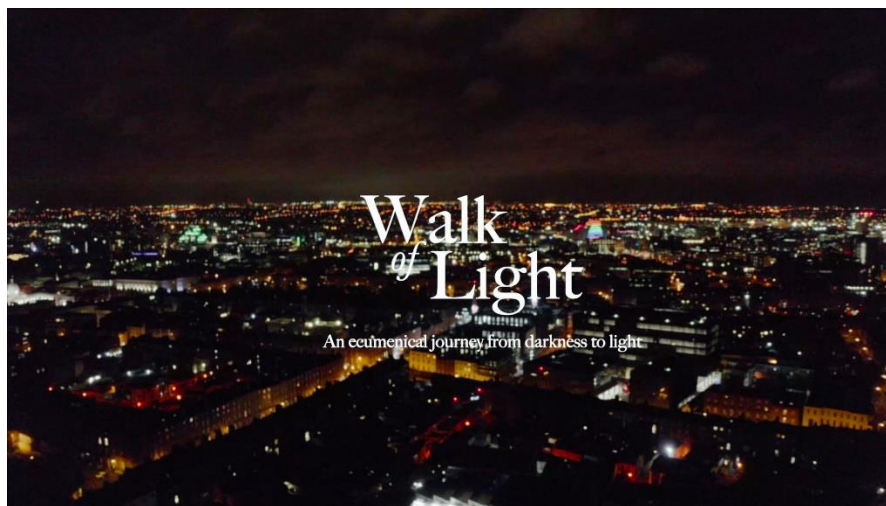
Dr. Gesa Thiessen of the Lutheran Church acted as facilitator and Dr. Gladys Ganiel of Queen's University Belfast agreed to act as rapporteur. There were initial statements from 5 Patrons - Archbishop Martin, Archbishop Jackson, Rev. Mark Proctor (Presbyterian), Fr. Calin Florea (Romanian Orthodox),



and Fr. Anish John (St. Thomas Indian Orthodox) - followed by discussion in zoom breakout groups, brief feedback from these groups to the plenary, and a round of final statements and prayer.

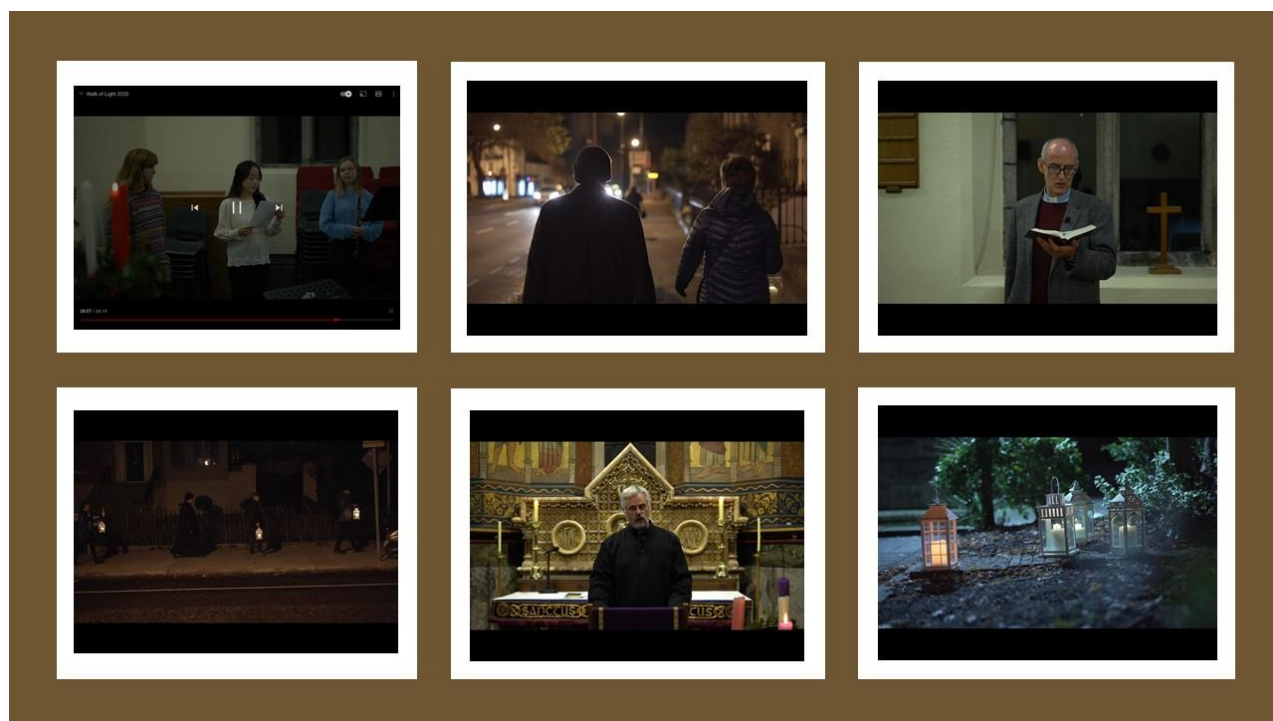
All participants expressed that it had been a very worthwhile evening. The five keynote statements opened a rich discussion in the break-out groups that, despite the limitations of the virtual medium, led to some deep sharing of personal experience and faith. We are grateful for the creative and diligent work of the small organising team that together with the chairperson planned and executed the evening: Pr. Stephan Arras, Paul Manook, Fr Damian McNeice, and Cherry Poynton.

## WALK OF LIGHT



The annual **WALK OF LIGHT** (in its 16<sup>th</sup> year) was another event that had to be rethought and recreated in the light of the rolling restrictions in the month of November 2020. With the help of videographer George Griffin, the Walk of Light team created a video script with the title *Light in the Darkness*. It involved the recording of 7 socially distanced participants walking the dark November streets of Dublin as *Walk of Light* pilgrims. They were welcomed *outside* the three designated participating churches *St. Bartholomew's Church of Ireland*, Clyde Road, *St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church*, Haddington Road and *Methodist Centenary Church*, Leeson Park by the respective ministers. Three short components of a contiguous liturgy had been pre-recorded some days earlier inside these churches by their ministers and their teams of musicians and readers. Over the images of the walking pilgrims, inner monologues were dubbed to represent the solitary thoughts of people in their lockdown isolation, as they encountered the message of this year's Walk of Light that reflected the Advent announcement of the coming of light in the darkness. The Walk of Light team included the chairperson and vice-chair of the DCC and Lesley Rankin, who subsequently joined the DCC as a Methodist representative,





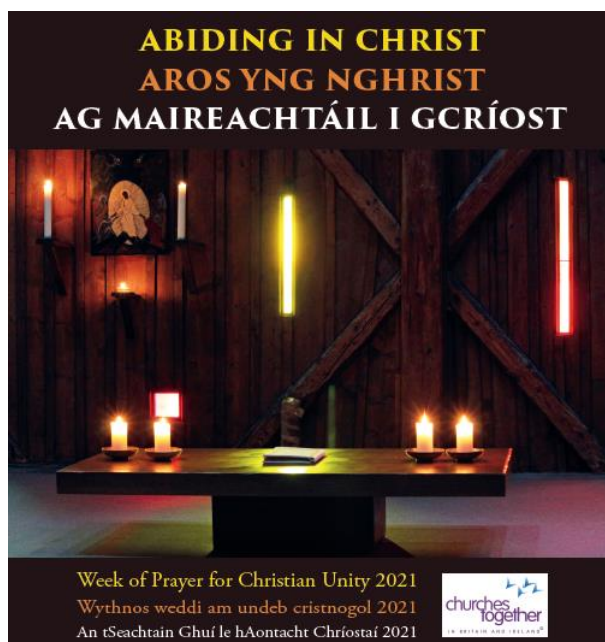
*Clockwise: Young residents at Wesley House, Rev. Andrew Kingston, Rev. Andrew McCroskery*

The video was released on the first Sunday in Advent, 30<sup>th</sup> November on the freshly established *Dublin Council of Churches YouTube Channel*. It has been viewed nearly 700 times since and reports by members tell us that it was watched and enjoyed by people as far away as New Zealand and California. This means the *Walk of Light 2020* reached a much greater number than the amount of people that would have come out and walked in the streets of Dublin in the years before.

Contacts with RTE prior to the creation of the video led to the decision by Roger Childs, head of department of religious programming of RTE, to screen the *Walk of Light* video on the second Sunday of Advent on the RTE News App. It also led to the Walk of Light team being invited to create the ecumenical television service for the opening of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 17<sup>th</sup> January on RTE One. (See below)

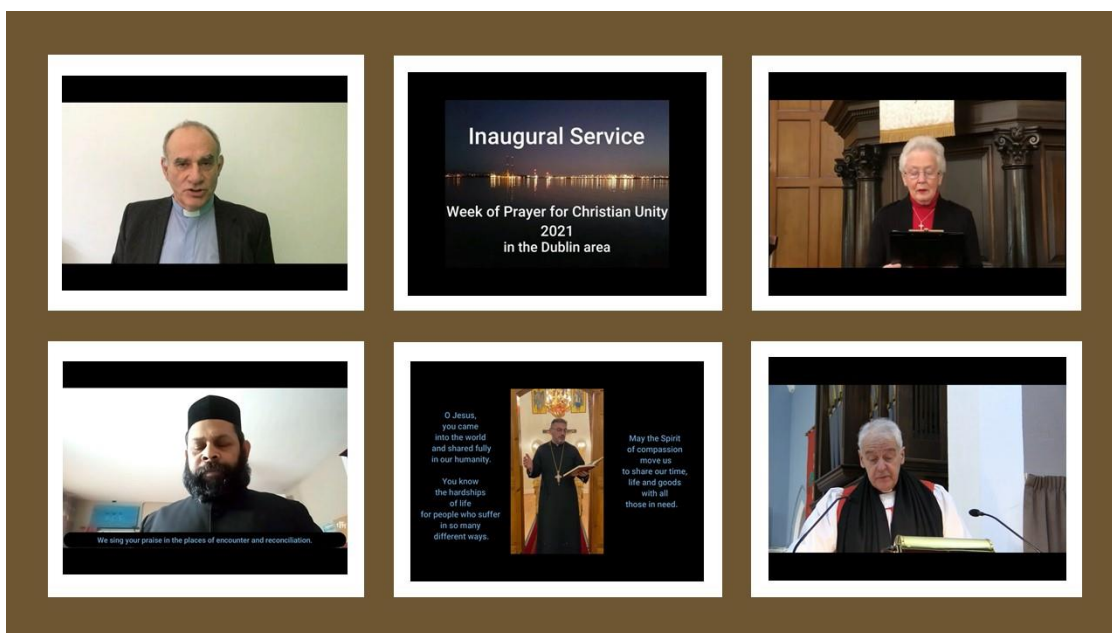
We are very grateful for the immense work and creativity that Lesley Rankin as coordinator together with Ruth Gyves of Holy Trinity, Rathmines, Josephine Bennett of Mary Immaculate, Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines, Joan Back of the Focolare Movement, as well as Rev. Andrew McCroskery of St. Bartholomew's, Rev. Fr. Fachtna McCarthy of St. Mary's, and our members Rev. Andrew Kingston and Paul Manook put in, together with some further members of the participating congregations, and with the help of George Griffin as camera and sound man, and above all as video editor.

## THE INAUGURAL SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



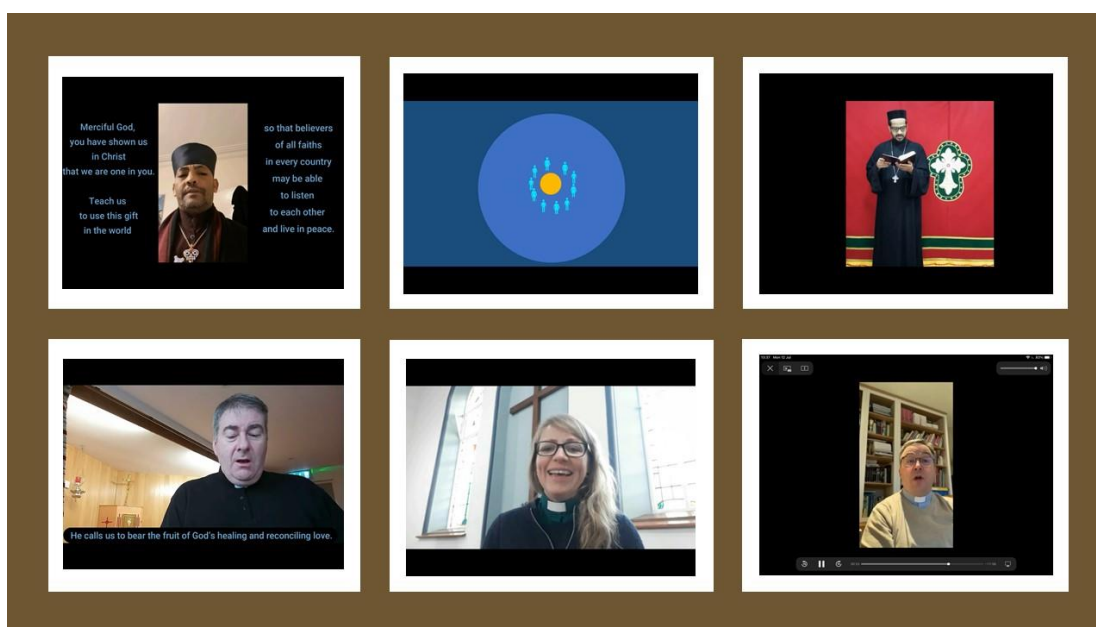
**THE INAUGURAL SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** was created on video together with Rev. Purvis Campbell, the minister of Christ Church Presbyterian Church, Rathgar, members of his congregation, as well as the Terenure/Rathgar Ecumenical Fellowship. Rev. Campbell had welcomed the Council's approach in summer when asked whether Christ Church Rathgar would host this year's inaugural service. Early on in autumn of 2020, however, it became clear to the organising team that an ecumenical opening service in physical presence would not be possible with any necessary predictability, and so the decision was made to create it entirely online. The theme of this year's Week of Prayer was *Abiding in Christ* around the gospel text of John 15:5-9. The original material was created on behalf of the *World Council of Churches* and *Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity* and by the ecumenical community of the *Sisters of Grand Champs in Switzerland*. We are delighted that our member, Fr Damian MacNeice, was again involved in the writers' group of the *Churches together in Britain and Ireland* who adapted this material to our context.

The liturgy comprised of three parts: *Abiding in Christ: 1. The Unity of the whole person, 2. The Visible Unity of all Christians, 3. The Unity of all peoples with all Creation*. In concentric circles members of our host church of Christ Church Rathgar, of the Terenure/Rathgar Ecumenical Fellowship and patrons and members of the Dublin Council of Churches participated in the beautiful and prayerful readings. We were very grateful that the music was provided by three ecumenically diverse sources: the cantor and organist of Christ Church Rathgar, the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, and members of the Palestrina Choir.



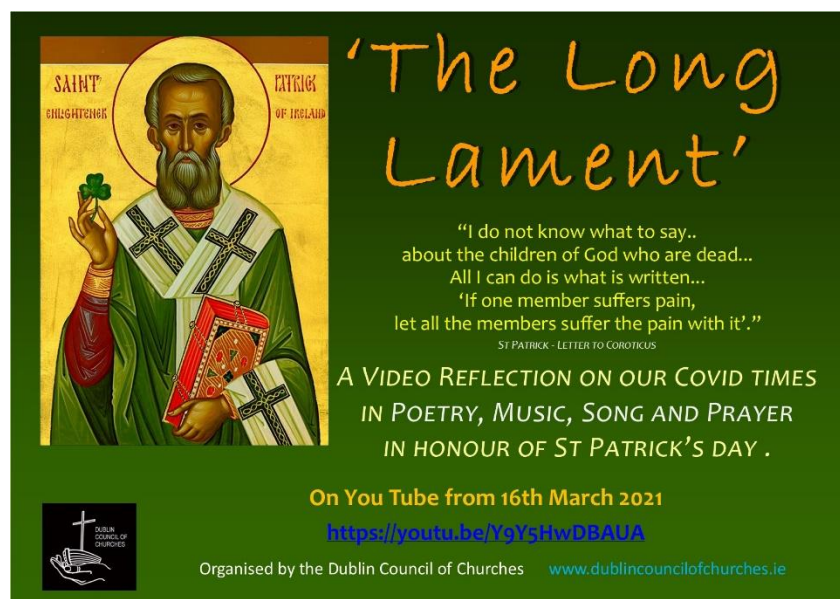
*Clockwise: Rev. Purvis Campbell, Cherry Poynton, Fr. Biju Parekkatil, Fr. Ioannis Pantelidis, Archbishop Jackson*

Our thanks extend to the members of the organising committee, Cherry Poynton, Fr. Damian MacNeice and Rev. Purvis Campbell for their creativity and hard work. Special thanks are due to Rev. Purvis Campbell for his wonderful video editing and for very persuasively involving the Terenure/Rathgar Fellowship not only by bringing them to actively participate in the video of the service, but also to record daily reflections during the Week of Prayer. All 8 reflections are available via the DCC Website. The opening service to date has been watched by 750 people. Again, it has reached a far greater number of people than any service held in physical space alone.



*Clockwise: Abba Berhanemeskel, Fr. Anish John, Fr. Damian McNeice, Rev. Helen Freeburn, Rev. Andrew Dougherty*

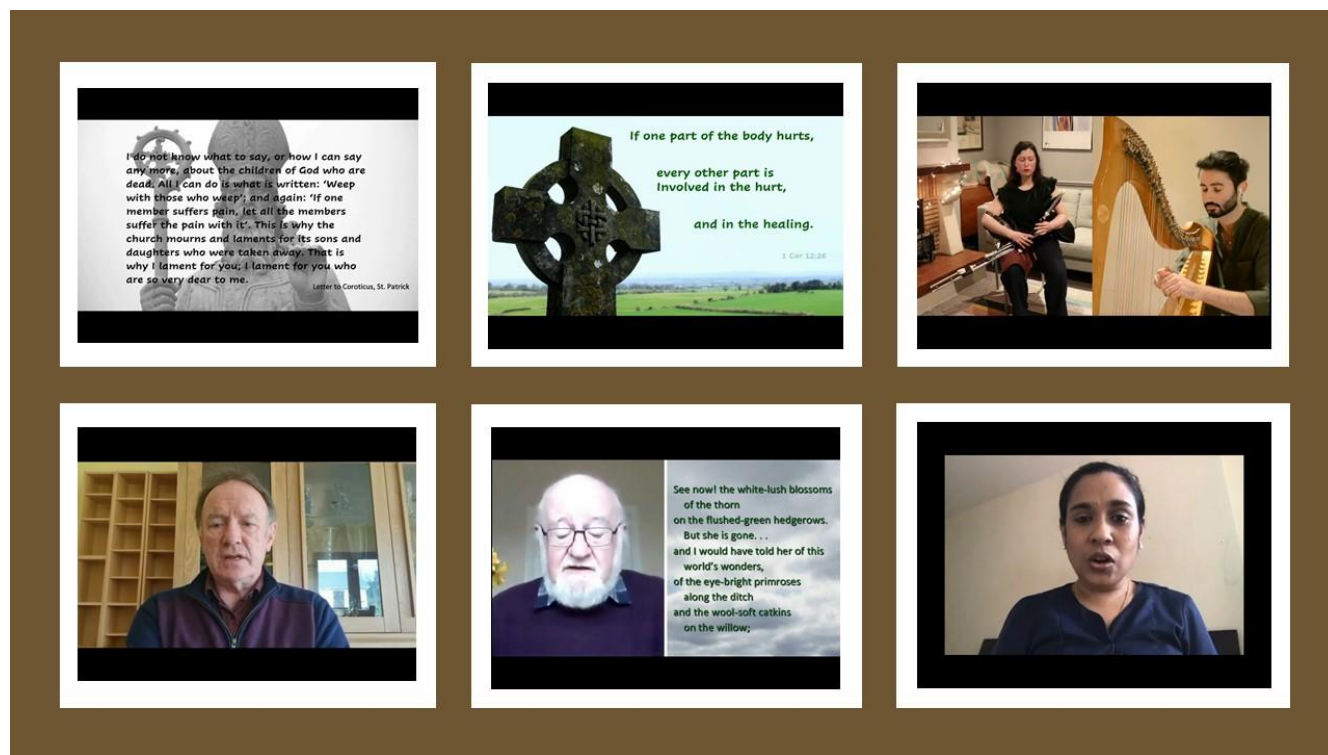
## ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY



The initial idea for this year's pre-recorded **ST. PATRICK'S DAY** offering arose out of the fact that St. Patrick's Day 2020 had been the start of the pandemic in Ireland with the first Irish Covid death recorded a few days earlier and the cancellation of the St. Patrick's Day festivities having been one of the first markers of the seriousness of the public health situation. One year on and in the middle of the third long lockdown, the ecumenical marking of St. Patrick's Day could only be in full consciousness of the suffering of the last year. Rev. Alan Boal provided a first draft for a video script. What evolved was ***The Long Lament***, a series of testimonies of members of our churches and of various social groupings that have been affected deeply by the pandemic. The testimonies were framed and interspersed by prayers and by readings from St. Patrick's writings which reflected his deep compassion with people in their suffering as well as his faith that the only source of comfort and of healing was the Triune God. The testimonies and readings were further reflected by poet John F. Deane in two recently written poems and accompanied by music by the Music Department of St. Patrick's Cathedral as well as by members of the Palestrina choir. In addition, the spiritual dual dimension of lament and comfort were provided by the beauty of music from the uilleann pipes and the harp, the traditional Irish instruments that are most capable of carrying those deep emotions. Maeve McCann and Luke Webb were the musicians that enticed their instruments to give their best. Wonderful imagery was provided by St. Patrick's Cathedral as well as by our member Yvonne Langebach who most skilfully and artistically created and edited the video.

Once again, this video was the product of collaboration arising out of a deep and prayerful commitment to witness to our current situation jointly and ecumenically. More than 1,100 views of the video on our YouTube Channels speak for themselves. It confirms the initial intuition not to record just another service, but something much rawer: to let the hearts of those who have suffered speak. And while we

were listening to them and to echoes of St. Patrick's voice of faith and care, we also discovered how all along hope was carrying our witnesses and all of us.



*Clockwise: Maeve McCann & Luke Webb, Donal, John F. Deane, Preethy Thomas*

It is the intention of the Council to create a second video, more in the style of a documentary to make available the entirety of the wonderful testimonies we freely received from so many people. It is hoped that this video can be created over the course of the rest of this calendar year.

Once again, our partnership with St. Patrick's Cathedral was deepened and formed the foundation from which we could build this new venture.

Our deep gratitude goes to all that were involved in this creation:

The musicians for their perfect choice of music and its exquisite rendition: Maeve McCann, Uilleann Pipes, Luke Webb, harp, the Choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral under Stuart Nicolson, Members of the Palestrina Choir: Siofra Kildee Doolan, Pierce Cullen, together with Fr Damian McNeice.

To John F. Deane for generously gifting us with reading two of his recently composed poems.

Those who gave testimony: Donal Devaney, Don, Mandy Swanwick, Michael Flanagan, Prof. Desmond O'Neill, Bindu Sam, Preethy Thomas, Ngozi Onuoha, Ivonne Rissman, Christine Dibelius, Anna O'Connor, Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie and Daniel, Des Brown and Päivi Hietanen-Brown, Fr. Richard Sheehy

To our former colleague Rev. John Parkin for once again lending his voice to St. Patrick.



To the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Very Rev. William Morton, to the Dean's Vicar Rev. Charles Mullen and staff at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

To the members of the organising committee: Cherry Poynton, Fr. Damian McNeice, and, above all, Rev. Alan Boal for the guiding idea

Last but by no means least Yvonne Langebach for putting it together with such creative sensitivity and skill.

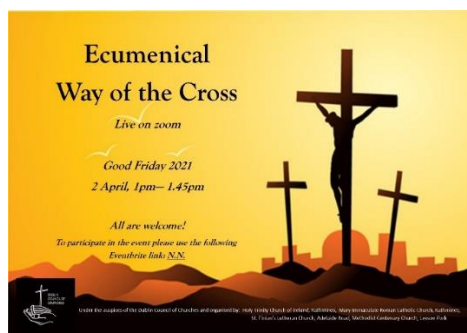
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## OTHER EVENTS

Members attended or were involved in various ecumenical events during the year.

17<sup>th</sup> January 21, Ecumenical Opening service for the Week of Prayer on RTE 1 TV. Organised by the Walk of Light team under the auspices and with involvement of the Dublin Council of Churches. We are very grateful for the immense work that this team invested in creating and executing a TV script out of the material by the Sisters of Grandchamps. Heartfelt thanks to our member Lesley Rankin as coordinator, together with Ruth Gyves of Holy Trinity, Rathmines, Josephine Bennett of Mary Immaculate, Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines, Joan Back of the Focolare Movement, our members Niamh Hardiman and Paul Manook, as well as Donal Coleman and Grace Magnier, active participants of the Ecumenical Lunchtime Prayer in St. Finian's Lutheran Church, and finally Derek and Rosemary Seymour and Rachel Fallows of Methodist Centenary who provided beautiful music. The very positive echo received from around Ireland as well as from Roger Childs and the team in the RTE studios after the broadcast indicates the need for us to keep in mind this possibility for future occasions.

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Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 21, Ecumenical Way of the Cross on zoom organised by some of the local congregations involved in the organisation of the *Walk of Light*. The recording of this virtual *Way of the Cross* has been made available on the *Dublin Council of Churches YouTube Channel*.

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Service in Christ Church Cathedral.

Ecumenical Bible Week on Zoom *Faith Today - Responding to new realities*.

Sanctuary Sunday Service in Christ Church Cathedral marking the end of World Refugee Week.

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