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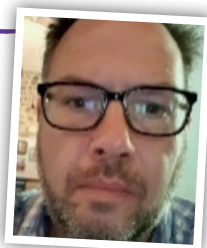
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- Reducing Stigma
- Promoting Connections
- Clergy Training and Supports
- Mental Health and Faith



ARCHBISHOP JOHN MCDOWELL was ordained in 1996 to serve in the curacy of Antrim in the Diocese of Connor. He served his first incumbency in the rural parishes of Ballyrashane and Killdollah, also in the Diocese of Connor, before moving to become rector of the large suburban parish of St. Mark's, Dundela in the Diocese of Down. He was elected Bishop of Clogher in 2011 and the 106th Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in 2020. The Archbishop is also a member of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion and one of the Primates' Meeting representatives on the Inter-Anglican Finance and Administration Committee.

ALLISON MCMILLAN is a Family Support worker at Willowfield Parish Community Association in East Belfast, working closely with families in the local community. She is a trainer/facilitator for Peaced Together. Allison has a passion to see women find hope and peace in the brokenness of their lives.



ANDREW BASS is the Senior Grants Officer with Benefact Trust covering the North of England, Scotland and the island of Ireland. He has been in post for almost 4 years and has a real passion for the work in both parts of Ireland. He is available to discuss the Benefact Trust grant programmes and look at how Benefact Trust can assist churches, cathedrals and Christian charities in their work.

THE MOST REVD ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN WELBY was ordained in 1992. He spent his first 15 years serving in Coventry diocese, often in places of significant deprivation. In 2002 he was made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral, where he jointly led its international reconciliation work. During this time he worked extensively in Africa and the Middle East. Archbishop Justin has had a passion for reconciliation and peace-making ever since. He was Dean of Liverpool from 2007 to 2011 and Bishop of Durham from 2011 to 2012, before being announced as the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury in late 2012.



ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL JACKSON is the Archbishop of Dublin having previously been the Bishop of Clogher. He is the Anglican Co-chairperson of Porvoo and The Anglican Oriental Orthodox International Commission.

BISHOP PAT STOREY is Bishop of Meath and Kildare, and Chair of the MindMatters project. She is passionate about mental health and how faith and the church play into this arena. Pat's special interests in her portfolio as a bishop also include youth, communications and the Marriage Council. She loves to read, swim, walk, and eat out! She is a very proud grandmother of Isaac and Hannah.



DAVID RITCHIE is Chief Officer for the Representative Church Body and Secretary General for the Church of Ireland. As Chief Officer, David is responsible for the administration of resources and staff of the RCB, and as Secretary General is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of General Synod. David has a keen interest in overseas development and is on the board of Concern Worldwide and Concern UK. He is married to Joy, a family therapist, and they have two teenage children, Joshua and Hannah.



HENRY ALGEO - Chair of the RB Executive Committee. Member of the Col RCB Investment Committee and Col RCB Pension DAC. Other interests include the Education sector, where he has been both Governor (22 years) and Chair of Governors (11 years) at Dalriada School (a voluntary grammar school) as well as a member of the Governing Bodies Executive (and Chair) which represents all 52 Voluntary Schools in Northern Ireland. Henry has also been a trustee (38 years) of Robinson Memorial Hospital Trust which supports a cottage hospital in county Antrim. He also enjoys gardening, fishing and golf (Royal Portrush Golf Club).

IRENE HEWITT is the Sunday School teacher at Saint Columb's Cathedral in Londonderry for 44 years and a Sunday School Superintendent for 32 of those years. She is the co-ordinator of the "Adopt a Grandparent" project.



JUDITH KINNEN is Outreach Operations Coordinator for Magheralin Parish. She is responsible for the coordination of a number of projects within the parish. Most recently she has been involved with a project to create a Psalm 23 Garden in Magheralin. She coordinates the initiatives that take place within the area of wellbeing in the parish.

NICOLA BYRNE is currently the CEO of Shine, where she is responsible for the overall management, control, and operation of the organisation, which offers frontline services, advocacy, research, and hosts national stigma reduction and media mental health monitoring and training programmes. Prior to this role, Nicola held several senior positions in the HSE and other charitable organisations. She also was a member of the Mental Health Commission and a Prince2® Practitioner.



PROFESSOR JIM CAMPBELL is Emeritus Full Professor of Social Work in the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, University College Dublin. Before then he taught and researched in Queen's University Belfast and Goldsmiths, University of London. He has two main areas of interest: mental health, social work and the law; and the relationships between social work and political conflict.

REBEKAH FOZZARD is the Project Manager and Data Protection Officer with the RCB. She is responsible for project planning, implementation and evaluation across both the organisation and the wider, all-island external stakeholder network. She is the project manager for the MindMatters COI Project and is the "Master of Ceremonies" for the conference.



REV. CANON GILLIAN WHARTON has served in the ordained ministry for 30 years. During that time, she has served as a Curate, Diocesan Youth Officer, School Chaplain, Incumbent, Hospital and Hospice Chaplain. She is currently the Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion in the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough. She is also a Clerical Honorary Secretary of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, and sits on, or attends, a number of committees and bodies in the Church.

REV. RUTH ELMES has recently become the incumbent of Dalkey in South Dublin having moved from a very happy ten years in Tinahely in Co Wicklow amongst the mountains. Alongside the variety of roles within pastoral and clerical work, she retains an interest in walking the dog and seeking ways that the church may be present and relevant in an increasing secular world by seeking supportive alternative projects in the community through the church.



REV. TERRY MITCHELL is the Rector of the Kilmoe Union of Parishes in the Mizen Peninsula, in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The other hat he wears is the education and training officer in the Diocese. This includes planning and implementing the Certificate in Christian Studies, Warden of Readers, as well as being the person responsible for helping co-ordinate MindMatters COI in the Diocese.