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New leader for Church of Ireland



The new Archbishop

The newly-elected Archbishop of Armagh, Alan Harper is viewed by many media commentators as the leading compromise candidate for the post of Archbishop of Armagh. Born in Tamworth, Staffordshire, he is married to Helen and they have four children.

The new Archbishop was ordained in 1978. Bishop Harper is perceived to be liberal on a number of social issues. Speaking on BBC Radio Ulster in September 2003, Bishop Harper said concerning permanent homosexual relationships: "If a relationship between homosexual males is creative of love as well as being permanent and lifelong I don't think that I am able to say that it is intrinsically disordered."

At his diocesan synod in 2003 he said this about cohabiting heterosexual couples: "That form of cohabitation in which couples commit themselves to each other in a loving, consenting, exclusive, permanent relationship is a form of commitment less complete than marriage, and therefore not the same as marriage, but is, nevertheless, a state of life which may be chosen in good conscience and is deserving of respect."

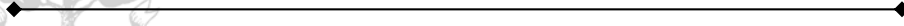
Downward

The election of this apostate is but another indication of the deepening apostasy and the downward plunge of religion and morals in this land.

"Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved," Psalm 80: 3.



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