

# **'First Female Bishop Announced'**

The headline on the front page of the Belfast Telegraph of Saturday 21 September 2013 read – **'The Woman Who Made History'** and the sub-heading read **'First female bishop breaks centuries of Church tradition'**.

Part of the article then went on to state **'The Rev Pat Storey, who is to become the Bishop of Meath and Kildare in the Republic (of Ireland) in the coming weeks, is the first woman cleric in the British Isles to be elevated to such a senior position within the Anglican communion. The ground-breaking decision means the Church of Ireland has broken the centuries-old tradition of exclusive male dominance'**.

Belfast Telegraph 'religious affairs' correspondent, Alf McCreary, not unsurprisingly wrote – **'Her appointment follows that of the Rev Dr Heather Morris earlier this year as the first female president. This leaves the Presbyterians as the only major Protestant church in Ireland without a female in its senior echelons'**.

I said 'not unsurprisingly' when quoting Mr McCreary as he is an elder in a Presbyterian church which has a female minister and almost regular as clock-work just before the Annual election of the next Presbyterian Moderator he uses his feature in the Belfast Telegraph to plead the cause for electing a female Moderator – thus far with derisory success.

However, the cause for such appointments within the Presbyterian church does obviously have its supporters for the current Presbyterian Moderator, Dr Rob Craig was reported as having sent his congratulations to Mrs Storey and as having said **'I'm delighted to welcome the appointment of Rev Pat Storey as Bishop of Meath and Kildare. As a fellow minister in Londonderry I have always appreciated Pat's warm personality and her enthusiastic involvement in the life of both the churches and the community here in the city. I wish her well in this new chapter in her life and ministry'**

On our ministry **YouTube** site there is an excellent TV debate featuring the Rev Brian Bradley in which he explains and defends the Biblical case against women being preachers, ministers, elders or bishops. This link will take you to that debate –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvUTnMFZFak>

Other resources that may prove helpful are located on –

<http://www.carm.org/email-churches-women-pastors>

<http://solascriptura-tt.org/EclesiologiaEBatistas/WomenPreachers-Cloud.htm>

The unfortunate, rotten and unscriptural ‘fruit’ resulting from having ‘Female Bishops’ in other professing Christian groupings is also identified in my article located on

[http://www.takeheed.net/Assorted\\_Articles/Charismatic/Fluitt\\_at\\_Elim.htm](http://www.takeheed.net/Assorted_Articles/Charismatic/Fluitt_at_Elim.htm)

**In that article where I wrote** – ‘Posted to our website [www.takeheed.net](http://www.takeheed.net) under the heading of ‘**Video Viewing**’ there is a debate on the subject of ‘**Gay Christians**’ between a local evangelical minister and a female, lesbian ‘**Bishop**’ - **the links to that video (2-parts) are now accessed on** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twk9r4eV4\\_E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twk9r4eV4_E) **and** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmAeeybhaco>

Clearly we are living in days when people in many churches “**will not endure sound doctrine but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth**” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

Or as another version translates these verses “**they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth**”.

