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A quick over view of reports which emerged today.

Rowan Williams: Don't fear the future

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has called on people not be frightened or cowed by the General Election or Brexit.

In a statement marking the 60th Anniversary of Christian Aid week, the charity of which he is chair, he defended Britain's foreign aid budget and urged the country to look outwards as the UK prepares to leave the European Union.

He said: "Britain's political and social landscape is in flux. We face great choices about the soul and future of our nation. For many it is a time of uncertainty and fear, for others an opportunity for change and optimism.

"But, I believe that all of us as individuals can play a vital role in shaping our nation."

Kirk to host politicians at hustings event+

The Church of Scotland will hold a public hustings event during its annual General Assembly with representatives from the five main political parties.

Prince Charles warns on social media encouraging fear between religious groups+

Prince Charles has warned that social media is being used to encourage and spread fears between different religious groups. On a visit to Oxford on Tuesday, the heir to the throne said there is an "urgent" need for reflection dialogue between those of all faiths. In a speech to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS), he said: "There has perhaps never been a greater need for cultural connectivity.

Lib Dem abandons anti- abortion stance after Guardian questioning

Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron has recanted of his previous anti-abortion views and declared himself "pro-choice" after being confronted over remarks he made 10 years ago. The Lib Dem leader said in a 2007 interview with Salvation Army publication War Cry that "abortion is wrong", adding: "Society has to climb down from the position that says there is nothing objectionable about abortion...

Priest arrested for allegedly helping mafia steal millions from migrant fund

The mafia has moved in on one of Italy's few growth industries: caring for migrants. Italian authorities on Monday arrested 68 people, including a priest and the head of a huge Catholic volunteer group, "Mercy," and accused them of being in cahoots with a major mafia clan that allegedly skimmed millions in public funds destined for asylum-seekers at a welcome centre

Priest stabbed while celebrating Mass in Mexico

A priest was stabbed at the altar while celebrating Mass on May 15 in Mexico City's Metropolitan Cathedral. The priest, Father Miguel Angel Machorro, was stabbed three times, according to media reports. Father Machorro was rushed to the hospital and underwent emergency surgery. His condition was listed as "delicate, but stable," according to media reports.

Canadian Bishops block consecration of diocesan Bishop over his views

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[Anglican Church of Canada] A Canadian Bishop elect will not now be consecrated after a ruling by the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon. The Bishops registered their objection to the election of the Revd Jacob Worley under Canon 4 (b) vi “That he or she teaches or holds or within five years previously taught or held anything contrary to the Doctrine or Discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada.”

He spent a year ministering in the **Church of Ireland**, in Tuam diocese, before he returned with his family to ...

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