
MEDIA REVIEW

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IRELAND

Titanic stewardess' fur coat fetches £150,000 at auction

A fur coat worn by a stewardess on the Titanic who was saved from the doomed ship has been sold for £150,000 at auction, almost twice the estimate.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/titanic-stewardess-fur-coat-fetches-150000-at-auction-35645939.html>

Northern Ireland 15-year-olds 'happy with lives'

Northern Irish pupils are more satisfied than counterparts elsewhere in the UK, says a survey.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39648377>

NI Local newspaper review: Blitz, guns and the Pope's hat

The tale of a Cookstown man who got his hands on the Pope's Zucchetto makes headlines this week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39653098>

FAITH RELATED

Poll: Belfast hotel customer says prayers during Sunday lunch left bad taste - what do you think?

A woman has told of how she felt "uncomfortable" when she was approached about religion in a Northern Ireland restaurant - and when a religious act ...

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/poll-belfast-hotel-customer-says-prayers-during-sunday-lunch-left-bad-taste-what-do-you-think-35641969.html>

Irish Health Minister demands nuns allow abortion in hospital on their land

The decision by the government to "hand over" control of the new hospital to a religious order has caused a furore in the Irish press, and thousands ...

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/irish-health-minister-demands-that-nuns-allow-abortion-in-hospital-on-their>

Minister McGrath: NMH needs to be free from religious influence -

<http://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/minister-mcgrath-nmh-needs-to-be-free-from-religious-influence-786574.html>

Government fears St Vincent's set to ditch maternity hospital move

The proposed move of the National Maternity Hospital to a **religious**-owned site at St Vincent's Hospital is in jeopardy after the board of St Vincent's ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/government-fears-st-vincent-s-set-to-ditch-maternity-hospital-move-1.3057169>

Citizens' Assembly votes on abortion

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0422/869450-citizens-assembly/>

Protestant school ethos under threat in south

Ten Church of Ireland bishops have expressed concern over the future of Protestant schools in the Irish Republic under their control.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/protestant-school-ethos-under-threat-in-south-1-7926308>

Church-bashing is the new Brit-bashing

The Irish Catholic - Will leading figures in the Church of Ireland say anything? What about campaigners against excessive alcohol consumption, apart from the obvious ...

<http://irishcatholic.ie/article/church-bashing-new-brit-bashing>

NORTHERN ELECTION

Ulster Unionists not standing in three constituencies

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2017/general-election-ulster-unionists-not-standing-candidates-in-north-belfast-west-belfast-or-foyle-35644877.html>

GREAT BRITAIN

BBC Review of today's Newspapers

Newspaper headlines: Tories increase poll lead - or do they?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39682374>

General election 2017: Labour wants four new bank holidays

They would be on each nation's patron saint day - 1 March, 17 March, 23 April and 30 November.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39682388>

FGM: 123 victims treated in Wales last year, figures show

An average of two cases of female genital mutilation a week were found by maternity staff last year.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-39630199>

Mail on Sun

Report that conservative Anglican archbishops from Africa and Asia are planning to create a new 'missionary' bishop to lead traditionalists in the UK – after warning that the Church of England is becoming too liberal on homosexuality. Article notes that at least seven GAFCON archbishops will be at a five-day meeting starting tomorrow in Lagos, together with UK clergy, where the issue will be discussed.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4436436/African-Asian-church-leaders-threaten-defy-Welby.html#ixzz4f3i8zZ4x>

BBC Radio 4 Sunday

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Includes feature on how churches are changing their approach to mental health and carries interview with Katharine Welby-Roberts.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08n1xn0>

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Report on Pippa Middleton's forthcoming wedding quoting CofE guidance saying that church weddings are public events and members of the public are entitled to attend "as long as there is available seating or standing room unless a genuine question of safety or security arises".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/22/coming-pippa-middletons-wedding-could-invaded-locals-church1/>

Obsv

Feature on HS2 saying development of the new line is 'anything but speedy' and notes discussions continue with the Church of England over exactly where the bodies of an estimated 60,000 people (in St James Gardens in central London, once a burial ground) – all to be exhumed and reinterred in the months ahead - are to be buried.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/apr/22/hs2-on-way-bid-controversy-snap-election-derail-project>

S Times

Report that a strike could force the BBC's *Songs of Praise* off the air for the first time since its debut in 1961. Article notes staff are unhappy after the BBC handed the tender for the show to outside contractors in a deal worth £12m over the next three years. There is a meeting tomorrow.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/songs-of-praise-may-fall-silent-as-strike-threatens-vdnavzv77f>

Metro

Column on St George's Day and 'why England should celibate their patron saint'.

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/04/23/st-georges-day-2017-why-england-should-celebrate-their-patron-saint-6577725/>

SATURDAY

Times/Sun/Exp/Christian Today/Mail/Guard

Reports that the Prime Minister has promised to maintain Britain's commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of income on foreign aid; speaking yesterday she said: "Let's be clear, the 0.7 per cent commitment remains and will

remain. What we need to do, though, is to look at how that money is spent and make sure that we are able to spend that money in the most effective way.” Some articles reference [comments made by former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams](#), who is chair of Christian Aid, noting that along with Bill Gates, he has lobbied for Britain to keep its commitment.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/may-takes-on-the-right-with-commitment-to-foreign-aid-90bsr5gmk>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3382623/theresa-may-ignores-her-own-mps-and-pledges-to-carry-on-spending-billions-on-foreign-aid-by-keeping-controversial-0-7-of-gdp-target/>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/794860/Theresa-May-foreign-aid-budget-MPs-international-spending-target>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-4432970/British-PM-May-sticks-foreign-aid-pledge-ahead-election.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/apr/21/uk-aid-pledge-remains-and-will-remain-says-theresa-may>

Christian Today

Further report that the Bishop of Southwark, Christopher Chessun, and the Bishop of Stepney, Adrian Newman, are among UK faith leaders who have signed an open letter calling for unity and understanding following recent terror attacks around the world.

Christian Today

Report that Christian writer and LGBT activist, Vicky Beeching has spoken of the 'relentless' death threats and attacks that are forcing her off social media after she featured in an abusive meme that was shared 20,000 times.

INTERNATIONAL

Donald Trump's Cabinet meets for weekly Bible study with right-wing pastor

Members of Donald Trump's cabinet have a weekly Bible study with a right-wing pastor and

evangelist who has controversial views about women and Roman Catholics, it has emerged.

[https://www.christiantoday.com/amp/
donald.trumps.cabinet.meets.for.weekly.bible.st
udy.with.right.wing.fundamentalist.pastor/
107737.htm](https://www.christiantoday.com/amp/donald.trumps.cabinet.meets.for.weekly.bible.study.with.right.wing.fundamentalist.pastor/107737.htm)