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## MEDIA REVIEW April 19 @ 10.15am

### IRELAND

#### **Sir Jeffrey Donaldson's view on election**

A general election in June would be a “golden opportunity” for unionism to “bounce back” following the recent Assembly election, Sir Jeffrey Donaldson has said.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/unionist-leaders-pave-way-for-electoral-pact-1-7920405>

#### **Sammy Wilson's view on election**

The political necessities that have led the prime minister to call this election have given the people of Northern Ireland the opportunity to slap down Gerry Adams and his triumphalist crew and burst their balloon of inflated republican demands.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/sammy-wilson-lets-give-gerry-adams-and-his-triumphalist-crew-their-answer-1-7921170>

## **Electoral pacts back on agenda as parties look to regain lost seats**

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/electoral-pacts-back-on-agenda-as-parties-look-to-regain-lost-seats-35634516.html>

## **No change in NI talks despite election**

The NI secretary also says he will fast-track laws through parliament if a deal can be reached.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39631620>

## **Austin Stack says wording on Martin McGuinness's headstone is insulting**

Stack called on Mary Lou McDonald to say if she recognises Oglagh na hÉireann as being the legitimate army of the state.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/martin-mcguinness-headstone-3345470-Apr2017/>

## **Heaney and Hewitt poetry inspires classroom pottery**

Primary school children create public art reflecting works by poets John Hewitt and Seamus Heaney.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39592806>

## **Ireland repays interest on 2010 UK loan**

The UK has now been paid £358 million in interest by the Republic of Ireland following a crisis loan it gave to the country in 2010.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/dublin-repays-uk-358m-in-interest-on-2010-crisis-loan-1-7921282>

## **'It's an extremely Draconian act': Judge denies Tusla bid to place children into care**

“This court doesn’t operate on worries or concerns,” the judge said. “It operates on facts.”

<http://www.thejournal.ie/tusla-care-order-3336169-Apr2017/>

## **Religious order that owes millions to abuse survivors given ownership of new maternity hospital**

A new company will be set up to govern the new maternity hospital.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/sisters-of-charity-maternity-hospital-3345155-Apr2017/>

## **Abuse survivors 'angry and shocked' over granting hospital ownership to religious order**

Irish Times

I'm disgusted by this decision and I'm calling on the **Irish** Government to reverse it. **Religion** has

no place in **Irish** hospitals. Just as it had no place in ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/abuse-survivors-angry-at-order-getting-ownership-of-hospital-1.3053192>

### **'No religious influence': Harris defends new maternity hospital ownership in face of criticism**

The Master of the new National Maternity Hospital said the facility will “revolutionise healthcare”.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/harris-maternity-hospital-3346045-Apr2017/>

### **Up to €8,000 stolen from Trocaire boxes in Clare church**

The thieves broke into a safe before escaping with the cash.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/trocaire-box-stolen-church-clare-3346171-Apr2017/>

## **GREAT BRITAIN**

### **BBC Newspaper review**

The prime minister's decision to call an early election gets blanket coverage on the front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39636904>

## **'Crush the saboteurs': Here's how the British press reacted to Theresa May calling an election**

Three polls released over the weekend show May's Conservatives around 20 points ahead.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/british-press-reaction-to-early-election-3346391-Apr2017/>

## **250 football child abuse suspects**

More than 500 victims have now been identified by police investigating abuse within the game.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39637962>

## **BBC**

Report that the former Bishop of Gloucester, Michael Perham, has died aged 69. The article quotes a [tribute](#) to Bishop Michael from the current Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, which speaks of his wisdom, insight and friendship and the significant impact of his ministry on the lives of individuals and worshipping communities across the diocese.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-39629209>

## **BBC/ITV**

Reports that the Rev Mike Keirle has been named as the new Dean of Jersey. He is currently the Vice Dean in Guernsey and Rector of St Martin's Parish Church.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-jersey-39601408>

<http://www.itv.com/news/channel/2017-04-18/new-dean-of-jersey-appointed/>

## **BBC/Times/Glasgow Herald/Christian Today - See also today's CNI News section**

Reports that the Church of Scotland is to be invited to issue a formal apology to gay people for its 'history of discrimination' in a report to be debated by its General Assembly next month.

The report is also proposing that the General Assembly authorises a study addressing the legal implication of gay marriage while allowing for 'conscientious refusal' for objectors.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39632455>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/scottish-churches-propose-changes-to-allow-gay-weddings-dkrnpspms>

An article relating to the 2016 General Assembly was included in yesterday's digest in error. Apologies for any confusion.

## **Sun**

Report on a new documentary by the History Channel in which a team of scientists and biblical scholars are hoping to track down the DNA of Jesus by testing artefacts including the Shroud of Turin.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3357431/jesus-dna-scientists-track-down-christ-living-relatives/>

## **Mirror**

Report on the story behind a grave of a four month old girl in the churchyard of the Old Church of St James, Stanstead Abbots.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/heartbreaking-story-behind-well-kept-10250315#ICID=nsm>

## **Letters**

### **FT**

People are in tune with the Christian outlook

<https://www.ft.com/content/fefa238c-2421-11e7-a34a-538b4cb30025>

## **Comment**

### **Eve Standard**

Sarah Sands: “When it comes to pay, less really can mean more’

Refers to the former managing director of Waitrose, Mark Price, who has written a book

called Fairness for All, in which he quotes the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.  
<http://www.standard.co.uk/comment/comment/sarah-sands-when-it-comes-to-pay-less-really-can-mean-more-a3517056.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **21,000 people and 18,000 eggs: The Trump White House holds its first Easter Egg Roll**

The president, accompanied by the first lady, son Barron and the Easter Bunny, stepped out on to the Truman Balcony to address the crowd of colorfully dressed families.

More from [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

### **Donald Trump's sudden embrace of religious rhetoric**

The theologically challenged Trump has steadily embraced religion — or at least religious rhetoric — during his first 100 days as President Trump.

More from [thinkprogress.org](http://thinkprogress.org)

### **What Jeffrey John's rejection says about unity in the Anglican Communion**

John has been rejected as a candidate for bishop a remarkable seven times. The reason?



The worldwide Anglican Communion's lingering division over homosexuality.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

### **Supreme Court blocks Arkansas from flurry of executions**

The court ended a dramatic day of legal tussles over Arkansas' unprecedented plan to execute eight prisoners in 11 days, declining to allow the state to go ahead with the killings in what amounted to a major victory for the condemned inmates' lawyers and anti-death penalty campaigners. [More from www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

### **A match made in heaven**

President Trump's authoritarian machismo is right in step with a long evangelical tradition of pastor-overlords who anoint themselves with the power to make their own rules—and, in the event of their own occasional moral lapses, assure their followers that God always forgives, writes Molly Worthen in a review of Frances FitzGerald's new book.

[More from www.theatlantic.com](http://www.theatlantic.com)