

Media Review -

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UK Newspaper reviews - End of Iraq abuse unit welcomed

BBC News

The end of the unit handling abuse claims against British troops in Iraq is welcomed in many papers.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-38939506

NI Weekly newspaper review: Fairytales, clocks and rats

BBC News

Hansel and Gretel, a cathedral clock and rats all make the headlines in the weekly papers http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern- ireland-38908858

IRA victim's son 'shocked' Martin McGuinness up for top peace prize Belfast Telegraph

The son of an Irish soldier murdered by the IRA has hit out at the organisers of the Tipperary Peace Prize after Martin McGuinness was controversially shortlisted for the award. http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/ira-victims-son-shocked-martin-mcguinness-up-for-top-peace-prize-35438430.html

Hyde Park IRA bomb families refused legal aid to prosecute John Downey

Belfast Telegraph

Families of those killed in the 1982 IRA Hyde Park Bomb have been denied legal aid to bring their own prosecution against convicted IRA man John Downey.

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/ hyde-park-ira-bomb-families-refused-legal-aidto-prosecute-john-downey-35436977.html

The Sinn Fein hope that dare not speak its name - direct rule

News Letter

Although Sinn Fein dare not say it, the party increasingly appears to be eyeing up a period of direct rule as more preferable to a return to coalition government with the DUP.

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/sam-mcbride-thesinn-fein-hope-that-dare-not-speak-its-namedirect-rule-1-7817137

Brokenshire 'should chair all-party talks' says Nesbitt

BBC News

Ulster Unionist leader Mike Nesbitt says the secretary of state should chair any all-party talks held after next month's assembly election. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern- ireland-38934547

Mary Robinson says she was "bullied" into stepping down as President early

The Journal

Robinson said it was her "hardest decision" not to go for a second term as President.

http://www.thejournal.ie/mary-robinson-regret-3232652-Feb2017/

Trinity makes it back into world's top 150 universities after error kept it out of rankings

The Journal

Trinity College Dublin came in at 131st in the world rankings.

http://www.thejournal.ie/trinity-top-universities-3233002-Feb2017/

Times/Sun

Reports of the Archbishop of Canterbury's appearance on BBC Radio 4's World At One alongside the Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, to discuss the Archbishop's Lent book *Dethroning Mammon*. Reports highlight discussion about wealth and taxation. http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-rich-must-pay-more-tax-says-welby-x2mvv9c0m https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2839484/ https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2839484/

Times/Ind/BBC/Express/Mail/Evening Standard/Christian Today

Further coverage of the reaction to the announcement that the Government commitment to accept refugee children under the Dubs amendment is to come to an end. The *Independent, Mail, Express a*nd BBC articles focus on comments by the Archbishop of Canterbury during the World At One appearance. The *Times* article quotes the Archbishop of Canterbury's earlier statement. http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/homenews/theresa-may-child-refugees-death-archbishop-canterbury-dubs-accusations-a7574246.html

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/don-tabandon-child-refugees-urges-peer-nzr5clttv http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/ uk-38926955 http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/765907/ archbishop-of-canterbury-justin-welby-slamsdubs-amendment-cut-child-refugees http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/ article-4212454/More-children-trafficked-killed-Dubs-scheme-ends--Archbishop.html http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ daughter-british-schindler-sir-nicholas-wintonrefugee-scheme-closure-lord-dubs-nazis-jewishorphans-a7573356.html http://www.standard.co.uk/news/politics/toriesurge-theresa-may-to-accept-more-childrefugees-after-shameful-decision-a3463886.html

Times

Interview with Richard Chartres marking his retirement as Bishop of London. The Article notes the strong growth in church attendance in the capital during Bishop Richard's 21-year tenure.

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/register/capital-shepherd-passes-on-crook-after-doubling-his-flock-3wkrznggp

Tel

Further coverage of the allegations of serious physical abuse by John Smyth QC, former chair of trustees of the non-denominational Christian charity Iwerne Trust.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/10/colmans-mustard-heir-admits-charity-funded-child-abuse-barrister/

Times

Reports of signs of a "shareholder spring" in response to high pay awards for executives. Article refers to the recent signal of intent by the Church Commissioners.

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/early-signs-of-shareholder-revolt-over-top-pay-lw6cl553p

Tel/Pink News/CT

Coverage of a report by the Oasis Trust which argues that churches must take a 'disproportionate share of the blame' for the mental health issues of people who are lesbian, gay or bisexual. Article notes that the House of Bishops report on human sexuality is to be discussed at the General Synod next week. http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2017/02/10/church-driving-gay-people-suicide-warns-christian-charity/

http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/02/10/ homophobic-church-teachings-cause-lgbsuicide-and-self-harm-report-warns/

BBC

Report that the Most Rev David Chillingworth is to retire after nine years as Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Article notes that his departure will take place shortly after the Church's Synod votes on whether to allow same-sex marriage.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-38928620

Times

Report on reaction to a car launch by a BMW dealership at Peterborough Cathedral. http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/god-and-mammon-collide-in-cathedral-2wcr73tg2

Times

Interview with the composer James MacMillan. Article includes discussion of faith and the impact of secularism in Europe. http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/my-work-is-haunted-by-the-death-of-my-granddaughter-zsl8ttwbw

Christian Today

Report that Church of England congregations are being awarded funding for projects to foster links between science and faith.

Comment

Tel: Charles Moore looks at the John Smyth case and notes that by apologising, the Archbishop has won no peace but had he denied any Church connection he would have been assailed for putting the interests of the powerful over the suffering of victims. Moore is critical of commentators who have used the case to inject bitterness ahead of the Synod debate on sexuality. He concludes 'Given how atrocious is the effect of sexual and/or violent abuse upon the victim, the desire to hurl blame is natural. But the counter point has to be made that the subject is incredibly hard to deal with fairly. To deal with it unfairly only adds to the pain'.

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/10/ now-archibishop-sees-toll-child-abuse-claimstrue-not/

Times: Ian Bradley, principal of St Mary's College, St Andrews, discusses the meaning of the Song of Songs in the run-up to St Valentine's Day.

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/regis