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Media Review

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UK Newspaper headlines

BBC News

The furore over a rise in business rates continues to make front-page headlines in the newspapers.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs/the_papers

NI Weekly Newspaper review - [Undercover stings and school disco blues](#)

BBC News - In this week's local papers - tanning salons get burned and why the party could be over for school formals.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38972141>

Pressure is mounting on the DUP to reveal who bankrolled its expensive UK-wide pro-Brexit campaign.

News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/pressure-mounting-on-dup-to-reveal-who-bankrolled-its-brexit-campaign-1-7827902>

NI Block grant fears over Brexit

The outworking of the Brexit vote has put the level of Northern Ireland's block grant from Westminster at enormous risk, Mike Nesbitt has warned.

News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/brexit-block-grant-fears-1-7824071>

Nationalist calls over Brexit are stupid, TUV states

The Irish Republic, not Northern Ireland, should be seeking special EU status after Brexit according to the leader of the TUV.

News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/nationalist-calls-over-brexit-are-foolish-1-7825581>

Peter Doran stands shamed by his failure to condemn the murder of Edgar Graham.

News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/a-legal-academic-cannot-even-condemn-the-ira-murder-of-a-predecessor-1-7822201>

O'Neill under fire for victims comment at vigil for IRA men

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/oneill-under-fire-for-victims-comment-at-vigil-for-ira-men-35461222>

Christian Today

Report on Synod debate (Thurs) on Setting God's People Free, which calls for a 'seismic revolution' in the culture of the Church to empower the laity. Article focuses on comments made by the Archbishop of York.

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/talk.about.jesus.as.much.as.you.talk.about.the.weather.urges.the.archbishop.of.york/104755.htm>

Times

Feature on volunteer projects across the country supporting migrants noting that the Archbishop of Canterbury was among those who condemned the decision last week to end the Dubs scheme, under which as many as 3,000 unaccompanied child refugees aged up to 15 would have been allowed to come to Britain.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/baking-bikes-and-beds-help-ease-trauma-for-refugees-zwd6hnc8t>

Sun

Feature on Rev Richard Coles, presenter of BBC 1's *Big Painting Challenge*

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/tvandshowbiz/2890624/rev-richard-coles-the-big-painting-challenge-presenter/>

BBC/Christian Today/Mirror

Report that singer and pianist Peter Skellern has died aged 69; he revealed last October that he had had an inoperable brain tumour for the previous two and a half years. Article notes before he died he was ordained as an Anglican priest in Truro, describing it as a life-long ambition.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-39006899>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/3am/celebrity-news/peter-skellern-dead-pop-singer-9839220?service=responsive>

Tel

Feature on a terminally ill woman who is raising millions of pounds for charity by ringing church bells

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/health/one-terminally-woman-raising-millions-ringing-church-bells/>

Comment

Economist

‘As church and society diverge, so do Christianity’s liberals and hardliners’ - article includes ref to vote in General Synod this week on the House of Bishops report on marriage and same sex relationships.

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/erasmus/2017/02/house-divided?fsrc=rss>

HuffPost

Bishop of Kensington, Graham Tomlin asks 'Can prisons be more than 'warehouses of pain'?"

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/graham-tomlin/can-prisons-be-more-than- b_14770328.html

Letters

Guard

‘Admiration and courage in the Church of England’

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/17/admiration-and-courage-in-the-church-of-england>

Obituary

Tel

Peter Skellern (see news reports above)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2017/02/17/peter-skellern-pianist-singer-songwriter-obituary/>

Suicide attack on Pakistani shrine kills 72, claimed by Islamic State

The southern province of Sindh where the shrine is located has always been a poor but religiously tolerant region, and the attack struck at the heart of the local Sufi community.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Thou shalt not speak alternative facts: religion and lying

Lying "kills." But all three Abrahamic faiths have exceptions to preserve peace or avoid evil. [More from Religion News Service](#)

Ikea under fire for male-only catalog in Israel

The catalog depicts Orthodox men with side curls and boys wearing yarmulkes in a domestic setting intended to appeal to the ultra-Orthodox community's increasingly stringent modesty norms.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Washington court rules against florist in gay wedding case

The state's Supreme Court ruled that floral arrangements do not constitute protected free speech, and that providing flowers to a same-sex wedding would not serve as an endorsement of same-sex marriage.

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

A Jewish reporter got to ask Trump a question. It didn't go well

As Jake Turx shook his head with an incredulous look on his face, President Trump accused him of having lied that his question would be straight and simple.

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