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UK Newspaper headlines - End of EU migration' and pension woes

BBC News

Theresa May is preparing to trigger Article 50, but Monday's papers focus on the possible fallout.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39099123>

NI Weekly newspapers: Palace to prison and a partying PM

BBC News

A 100-year-old girl guide who partied with Churchill and other local legends in the weekly papers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39038717>

Academic selection: Proposal for single transfer test

BBC NI News

Two organisations that run separate school transfer tests say they want to produce a common exam.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39098865>

Condemnation after a third Orange Hall is targeted in arson attack

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/condemnation-after-northern-ireland-orange-hall-targeted-in-arson-attack-35483260.html>

Sinn Fein seeks to block Dail comments on former worker

Irish Independent

Sinn Fein TDs sought to shut down a debate on workers' rights last week when the party's own workplace practices were raised in the Dail, the Sunday Independent can reveal.

During a debate on a Sinn Fein bill seeking to give trade unions more access to workers, the party tried to silence Fianna Fail jobs spokesman, Niall Collins, when he highlighted a recent Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) case taken by a former Sinn Fein constituency worker.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/politics/sinn-fein-seeks-to-block-dail-comments-on-former-worker-35482826.html>

DUP transferred £9,000 from Brexit donation to party funds

Irish News - The DUP transferred £9,000 from the donation it received for its Brexit campaign into normal party funds. Details of the funding emerged as the DUP continued to face questions over a pro-union group bankrolling its £425,000 Brexit campaign

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2017/02/25/news/dup-transferred-9-000-from-brexit-donation-to-party-funds-944576/>

Inquiry into garda whistleblower scandal to begin this morning

The Journal

Opening statements are expected this morning.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/charleton-inquiry-maurice-mccabe-3260898-Feb2017/>

Fianna Fail adds pressure on Garda Commissioner

Irish Independent

Jim Cusack writes Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan's claim to lead a "shining beacon of 21st-century policing" has been demolished amid calls this weekend for her resignation. Members of the civilian oversight body, the Policing Authority, openly rebuked Commissioner O'Sullivan and her "top" management team over failures to investigate rape and other serious crime and engage with victims of crime while concocting statistics - some of which were removed from the Garda website last week.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/politics/finna-fail-adds-pressure-on-osullivan-35482831.html>

Times/Mail/Tel

Reports that Pope Francis has said that he wants to make a trip to South Sudan together with the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby to bring attention to the suffering of people stricken by civil war and famine. The remarks were made by the Pope as he became the first Pontiff to visit an Anglican parish in Rome, using the historic occasion to press for greater closeness between the two churches. Pope Francis and the Anglican bishop in Europe,

Robert Innes, prayed side-by-side in the All Saints Church not far from the Spanish Steps.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/francis-is-first-pontiff-to-visit-anglican-church-in-rome-jr82l6rgd>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/ap/article-4261508/Francis-1st-pope-visit-Anglican-church-Rome.html>
https://digitaledition.telegraph.co.uk/editions/edition_0ARXb_2017-02-27/data/287987/index.html

Tel

Reports that the future of Guildford Cathedral is under threat after an application to build 134 homes on surplus land that would have raised a £10 million endowment was rejected by members of Guildford Borough Council's planning committee. The article focuses on a letter written by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the council before its decision in which he said cathedrals are independently run and it was "extremely unlikely" that any part of the church would be able to compensate financially for the effects of the development not going ahead.
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/26/cathedrals-not-big-fail-archbishop-canterbury-warns-cash-strapped/>

BBC/Times

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Reports previewing the start of the first public hearings for the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) which begin today into the cases of British children sent to Australia between 1945 and 1974. The BBC article notes that the children were recruited by religious institutions from both the Anglican and Catholic churches and charities including Barnardo's and the Fairbridge Society.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39099778>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/abuse-inquiry-opens-with-children-sent-overseas-after-war-fpj26crlh>

BBC

Reports interview given to the BBC by the Bishop of Bradwell, John Wraw, following the publication of a letter from him to clergy in his diocese. Bishop John is terminally ill with cancer and in the letter he discusses his prognosis and also reviews developments in the church and his diocese. He wrote: 'More time does need to be given to a well-founded theology of relationship, friendship and marriage which I hope will lead in time to a full acceptance of same sex marriages in the Church of England.'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-39097124>

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Report that the imposition of a maximum stake of £2 on fixed odds betting terminals in high street betting shops would 'wipe out' thousands of jobs and cost the Treasury £1 billion in tax, according to research for bookmakers. The article refers to the call by the General Synod earlier this month for a cut in the £2 maximum stake.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/20-000-jobs-at-risk-if-stakes-are-cut-on-gaming-machines-88n2fqm5v>

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Further coverage following the Channel 4 News investigation earlier this month into 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/2017/02/26/archbishops-qc-friend-allowed-commit-abuse-after-evangelicals/>

Comment

Christian Today: What is more important in Church – Comfy chairs or historic carved pews?

Telegraph: Charles Moore writes, "Frank Field is wrong, we are in a golden age of public good manners."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/26/frank-field-wrong-golden-age-public-good-manners/>

Christians in the pew and pulpit diverge over Trump policies on refugees

The divide isn't new, but it has been notable throughout Trump's campaign and in the first month of his presidency.

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Trump condemned anti-Semitism. What about Islamophobia?

It's not too late for Trump to demonstrate he can see Muslim Americans as patriots, part of the fabric of U.S. society, say Muslims.

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Underground network readies homes to hide undocumented immigrants

A group of religious leaders in Southern California is refurbishing homes that can serve as sanctuaries to those fearing imminent deportation.

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