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## Media Review - February 5

### **UK Newspaper reviews (Sunday February 5)**

**BBC News**

A demand by MPs to halt the Iraq troops abuse inquiry and claims of a gap in UK defences make Sunday's front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-38871164>

### **NI Weekly newspaper review**

**BBC News**

Scramblers, poachers and rubbish all make the headlines in the weekly papers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38806937>

### **The behind-the-scenes machinations shaping the Irish government's new alcohol laws**

**The Journal**

The Public Health (Alcohol) Bill aims to impose restrictions on alcohol advertising in Ireland.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/pubs-alcohol-advertising-3212472-Feb2017/>

## **From the archives: The Irish Protestant behind Notre Dame Basilica**

Montreal Gazette

From the archives: The **Irish** Protestant behind Notre Dame Basilica ... When it first opened its doors in 1829, it was the largest **church** north of Mexico City, with the widest span of roof in Canada. ... Canadian Illustrated **News** / Sept.  
<http://montrealgazette.com/sponsored/mtl-375th/from-the-archives-the-irish-protestant-behind-notre-dame-basilica>

## **English priest jailed for 9 months for molesting boy during holidays in Ireland 40 years ago**

The Journal

Michael Dunn, 67, says he will appeal the sentence.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/priest-molestation-assault-ireland-holidays-3221896-Feb2017/>

## **Rugby ref Nigel Owens asked to be chemically castrated**

BBC News

The 2015 Rugby World Cup final match official reveals he struggled to accept his homosexuality.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38871025>

## **Irish Times struggles with non-Catholic abuse**

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## Village

After birth in 1946 in the **Church** of Ireland Magdalen Home, its associated ..... All of this is **news**, though not **news** that appeared in the **Irish Times**.

<https://villagemagazine.ie/index.php/2017/02/irish-times-struggles-with-non-catholic-abuse/>

## S Times

Report that Muslim pupils outnumber Christian children in more than 30 church schools, including one Church of England primary that has had a “100% Muslim population”, according to its most recent religious inspection report in 2015. Rev Nigel Genders, the Church of England’s chief education officer, is quoted saying “It goes back to the principle that we are not faith schools serving a Christian population but church schools serving the local community.”

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/muslim-pupils-fill-the-pews-at-anglican-schools-gp2jzvslc>

## Christian Today/Tel

Further reports on Channel 4 News investigation, about how a former chair of Trustees with the Christian non-denominational charity the Iwerne Trust, used to violently beat boys, both in the UK and in Zimbabwe. *Christian Today* focuses in

detail on comments by the Bishop of Buckingham, made on the programme on Friday night; article notes his comments have been criticised by one of the survivors. *Tel* has obtained a letter written by Mr Smyth to parents of boys attending his 1993 Zambese Holidays summer camp, in which he says he will act as a “father figure” and refers to corporal punishment.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/04/exclusive-archbishop-canterburys-friend-admitted-parents-showered/>

## **Mail**

Report on a London diocesan synod motion to be debated at General Synod this month which will urge a Government clampdown on fixed-odds betting terminals (FOBTs) describing them as ‘a pernicious form of high street gambling ... wholly lacking in any social benefit’ and ‘causing great harm and misery to thousands of people’.

<http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/news/article-4191656/Church-demands-action-pernicious-bet-machines.html#ixzz4Xnm1kKfP>

## **Mail**

Report that Tesco has rejected a £170 million claim by a group of shareholders, including the Church Commissioners. Article notes the claim

was made following the accounting scandal of 2014 but in its latest defence, filed at the High Court by Tesco, the group rejected responsibility for any losses suffered the investors.

<http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/news/article-4191482/Bosses-did-not-know-says-Tesco-profit-fix-case.html#ixzz4Xnl1eytR>

### **Tel/BBC/Brighton Argus/Metro/ITV**

Further reports that former Bishop of Gloucester, Peter Ball, has been released from prison half way through his 32 month sentence. Ball was convicted and jailed in 2015 for abusing 18 young men known to him. A lawyer for the survivors and a CofE spokesperson are quoted.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/04/disgraced-sex-abuse-bishop-protected-prosecution-years-establishment/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-38868834>

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/02/04/bishop-who-abused-young-men-freed-from-prison-after-just-16-months-6426463/>

<http://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2017-02-04/former-bishop-released-from-prison-after-serving-half-of-sex-abuse-sentence/>

### **Mail**

Report that former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey has criticised Donald Trump's critics for their 'hysterical overreaction' to his presidency. Articles says he accused protesters of 'reprehensible' behaviour that could 'damage the fabric of democracy' - and said he would be happy to attend a state banquet with Mr Trump.  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4192438/Former-Archbishop-Canterbury-blasts-Trump-protesters.html#ixzz4XnkGszVH>

### **Guard/BBC/Tel**

Report that the principal of Westcott House Theological College, the Rev Canon Chris Chivers, has apologised after students hosted a service to mark LGBT history month which referred to the “Fantabulosa fairy” and ended: “Praise ye the Duchess. The Duchess’s name be praised.” Canon Chivers said the service was “hugely regrettable”.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/03/church-of-england-college-apologises-students-queer-evening-prayer>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38863545>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/03/leading-cambridge-university-theological-college-apologises/>

### **Mail**

Report that a move to scrap the tradition of reading banns in church will be brought before General Synod this month in a Private Members Motion from the Revd Stephen Trott. Article notes comment from Synod Secretary General, William Nye (in a background paper) that members should consider whether 'making couples go through bureaucratic civil processes might make them less likely to marry in church'. He added: 'Abolishing banns would mean that parishioners would cease to have a right to marry in their parish church.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4190438/Marriage-banns-face-ban-save-clergy-time.html#ixzz4XhqhJ9aN>

## **Sun/Mail**

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<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2782017/paedophile-peter-ball-prince-charles-free-prison/>

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4190372/Prince-Charles-bishop-friend-freed-prison-early.html?](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4190372/Prince-Charles-bishop-friend-freed-prison-early.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/03/archbishop-canterburys-qc-friend-blamed-beating-boys-british/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/feb/03/british-barrister-john-smyth-child-abuse-allegations-church-england-charged-zimbabwe-killing>

**Tel comment** piece by Anne Atkins providing first hand account of her experience of the Iwerne Trust both personally and through those she knew.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/03/anne-atkins-inside-these-sexual-apartheid-john-smyths-summer-camps/>

## **Obituary**

The Very Revd Robert Jeffrey, former Dean of Worcester cathedral

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2017/02/03/reverend-robert-jeffery-former-dean-worcester-cathedral-obituary/>

