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UK Newspaper reviews

BBC News

The death of Tara Palmer-Tomkinson and the government's Brexit Commons victory dominate Thursday's front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-38914622>

Moderator elect calls on politicians to bridge build

Belfast Telegraph

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/new-presbyterian-head-calls-on-politicians-to-build-bridges-after-vote-35435570.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks

Moderator elect - Irish language abused for political gain

News Letter

The new leader of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland – whose members played a crucial role in saving the Irish language when it was in danger of becoming extinct in the 18th century – has expressed concerns it has been abused “for political purposes”.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/abuse-of-irish-language-regrettable-new-presbyterian-moderator-1-7812620>

Moderator elect backs traditional marriage

News Letter

The new moderator-designate of the Presbyterian Church has described himself as a “traditional and conservative” minister who believes marriage should be between one man and one woman.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/new-presbyterian-moderator-backs-traditional-marriage-1-7812687>

Attorney General may challenge legal basis of entire RHI scheme

News Letter

Northern Ireland’s top law officer is considering mounting a challenge to the legality of the entire Renewable Heat Incentive scheme, he revealed today.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/attorney-challenge-makes-dramatic-intervention-over-rhi-scheme-1-7812312>

NI Assembly Election 2017: Fall in number of candidates

BBC News

A total of 228 candidates will contest Northern Ireland's assembly election next month - 48 fewer than stood in last May's polls.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38914203>

Tipperary Peace Prize deep in controversy due to insensitivity re victims

News Letter leading article

The Tipperary Peace Convention has not even decided who will win its annual peace prize, and yet this year's award is deep in controversy.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/tipperary-peace-prize-organisers-have-made-themselves-look-foolish-1-7813251>

Tipperary Peace Prize organisers threaten to report victims group

News Lette

A wrangle between victims' campaigners and a peace organisation who nominated Martin McGuinness for an award has deepened with

the organisation threatening to alert authorities to an email exchange.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/peace-organisation-that-nominated-mcguinness-to-report-victims-group-for-email-threat-1-7812666>

Antrim hospital pilots emergency mental health scheme

BBC News

A new scheme in Northern Ireland aims to help mental health patients in emergency departments.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38912548>

Waterford church bells to ring out against xenophobia

Irish Times

Former president Mary McAleese is to launch a 'Joy of Bells' initiative at Waterford's **Church of Ireland** Christ Church Cathedral on March 19th in ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/waterford-church-bells-to-ring-out-against-xenophobia-1.2966781>

Catholic schools are not in a time warp: they are changing with the times

Irish Times

Mgr Dermot Lane writes - There was much in it to be admired and applauded: that non-**religious** ... For example, Catholic Schools Week 2017 took place across **Ireland** last ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/catholic-schools-are-not-in-a-time-warp-they-are-changing-with-the-times-1.2959452>

Irish Minister reveals that over 6,000 children in State care

The Journal

The number of children in care has risen by almost 20% during the past decade.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/children-in-care-3-3230126-Feb2017/>

Irish Government wants 1% of civil service to be made up of immigrants in new integration strategy

The Journal

Other measures include English language training programmes and community grants.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/integration-strategy-civil-service-3230205-Feb2017/>

Recalling Thackeray's visit

Mayo News

He had Irish connections. His wife was from an Anglo-Irish family in Doneraile, County Cork

while his uncle was a **Church of Ireland** rector in Dundalk.

<http://www.mayonews.ie/comment-opinion/second-reading/29431-recalling-thackeray-s-visit>

“Another ceasefire moment” and another “9/11 moment” for Republicans’ – by Eamonn Mallie

"Another ceasefire moment" remarked a keen observer of what happens politically in Northern Ireland when "a wee girl from Clonoe" Michelle O' Neill, took over the Sinn Féin reins here replacing the ill Martin McGuinness. Just then I recalled what a senior republican told me in August 1994. "The ceasefire was the best thing we [...]"

<http://eamonnmallie.com/2017/02/another-ceasefire-moment-and-another-911-moment-for-republicans-by-eamonn-mallie/>

‘Reptilian name calling does not facilitate cooperation or trust’ – By Dr John Kyle, PUP candidate in East Belfast

We can't keep doing what we have always done.

The current crisis in our health service is much worse than most people think. In my forty years working as a doctor I have never seen the NHS in such trouble. This is not an exaggeration.

General Practice, the jewel in the crown of the [...]

<http://eamonnmallie.com/2017/02/reptilian-name-calling-does-not-facilitate-cooperation-or-trust-by-dr-john-kyle-pup-candidate-in-east-belfast/>

‘SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR – how much later?’ – by Brian Rowan

We were told that the election - now just a few weeks away - would be both brutal and bruising. It is certainly living up to that characterisation; this the manifestation of a very public breakdown in the political relationship between the DUP and Sinn Fein. The fallout over the RHI debacle is but part [...]

<http://eamonnmallie.com/2017/02/see-you-later-alligator-how-much-later-by-brian-rowan/>

‘Partnership not Domination’ – by Mike Nesbitt, Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party by [Mike Nesbitt](#)

As local politics stumbles incoherently towards Northern Ireland’s centenary, it seems an appropriate time to define unionism for the second century. A real fresh start, if you like, but unlike the false dawn of the previous DUP / Sinn

Féin effort. In fact, the words of the original fresh start document, the Belfast / Good [...]

<http://eamonnmallie.com/2017/02/partnership-not-domination-mike-nesbitt-leader-ulster-unionist-party/>

Trump interview throws spotlight on Christian broadcaster

When they got one of the first one-on-one interviews with President Trump, staffers at CBN News took a moment for high-fives to celebrate. [More from Religion News Service](#)

Trump's church politics idea has wide reach, beyond GOP base

Research suggests liberal congregations actually have become more politically active in recent years, while conservative evangelical congregations appear to have become less so. [More from charlotteobserver](#)

Under DeVos, the real school choice Christians face

While some evangelical supporters of homeschooling, private school, and charter school options are celebrating Betsy DeVos' appointment as education secretary, many conservative Christian public school parents and advocates are disheartened.

More from ChristianityToday.com

Premier

Reports that the Archbishop of Canterbury has launched the international prayer campaign *Thy Kingdom Come*, the global prayer movement inviting Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Archbishop-Welby-launches-Thy-Kingdom-Come-2017>

Times

Short diary item (scroll down) that last weekend Justin Welby marked four years since his election as Archbishop of Canterbury.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/dave-has-bear-for-his-dinner-3g92nlh55>

BBC/Guard

Report on the announcement by the Home Office that it will stop receiving unaccompanied refugee children via the “Dubs amendment” by the end of March. The BBC article reports that senior Church of England clergy have condemned the decision. The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, and the Bishop of Croydon, Jonathan Clark, are quoted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38912428>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/08/dubs-scheme-lone-child-refugees-uk-closed-down>

Times/Mail/Exp

Reports that Heritage Lottery Funding is set to support a five-year 'bats in churches' project bringing together heritage, wildlife and church organisations to find ways to resolve conflicts between bats and people in places of worship. Sir Tony Baldry, chairman of the Church Buildings Council, is quoted.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/churches-must-accept-bats-in-the-belfry-37w9djfrq>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4204608/Bat-hell-winged-creatures-warmer-welcome-churches.html>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/764686/bats-church-million-pound-scheme-project-heritage-lottery-fund>

Mail/Premier

Further coverage that the Church Investors Group, which unites the Church of England and 58 related charities and organisations managing a combined £17bn, has written to the 350 biggest companies on the stock market to set out how it intends to vote at this year's annual general meeting season.

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http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4206034/Church-England-use-shares-trim-fat-cat-pay-deals.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490
<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-of-England-vows-to-block-excessive-company-pay>

Guard/Christian Today

Further report on allegations of serious physical abuse by John Smyth QC, former chair of trustees of the non-denominational Christian charity Iwerne Trust. Article carries an interview with a survivor who says he was ordered to self-harm as a way of ridding himself of “sinful” homosexual yearnings.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/feb/08/man-says-he-was-ordered-to-self-harm-as-a-teenager-by-british-qc>

Times/Mail/Exp

Further coverage that police who work for York Minster are to be given the same powers as regular constables within the Cathedral’s precinct for the first time in 80 years.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/god-s-police-get-power-of-arrest-2zrbm2lzb>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4203806/Police-force-York-gets-powers-arrest-80-years.html>

[http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/764685/
oldest-police-force-world-based-British-
cathedral-back-powers-arrest-York](http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/764685/oldest-police-force-world-based-British-cathedral-back-powers-arrest-York)