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## MEDIA REVIEW -

### May 6 @ 10.45 am

#### **North-south divide in C of I over softening of same-sex union stance - Alf McCreary**

The vote could once again reflect the deep divisions in the **Church of Ireland** on the topic, despite several attempts to come to an agreement. The issue ...

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/northsouth-divide-in-c-of-i-over-softening-of-samesex-union-stance-35686003.html>

A motion that **Church of Ireland** bishops investigate developing a public thanksgiving service for legally married same-sex couples was defeated at the ..- Patsy McGarry.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/church-of-ireland-delegates-defeat-motion-on-public-service-for-same-sex-couples-1.3073456>

#### **Abortion should be dealt with by legislation, says Church of Ireland**

Irish Times

The abortion issue in Ireland should be dealt with by legislation rather than referendum, the **Church of Ireland** General Synod was told in Limerick on ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/abortion-should-not-be-dealt-with-by-referendum-says-church-of-ireland-1.3072642>

### **Protestant schools would be 'undermined' by admissions proposals**

Irish Times

He said that all the Minister's suggestions on school admissions “will impinge negatively on **Church of Ireland** primary and secondary schools.”.

### **Church of Ireland may use churches as 'safe places' from domestic abuse**

Irish Times

The **Church of Ireland** is investigating how parish churches may be designated “safe places” for people suffering domestic abuse. It is a proposed ...

### **Church of Ireland may use churches as 'safe places' from domestic abuse - Premier**

**Victims of domestic abuse can find refuge in church: Primate - Belfast Telegraph**

[Domestic violence victims could use churches as 'safe places' - the Irish News](#)

[Victims of domestic abuse can find refuge in church: Primate](#)

**Rate of priests with mental health issues rises**

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/troiDT-VhEs/rate-of-priests-with-mental-health-issues-on-the-rise-449549.html>

**Irish hospital waiting lists hit new record of 600,000**

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/hospital-waiting-lists-hit-new-record-of-666-000-1.3073179>

**TDs add period of silence to prayers**

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/ULAjG2Dhr4w/tds-add-period-of-silence-to-prayer-449394.html>

## **GREAT BRITAIN**

**BBC News: Newspaper headlines**

**Tory 'triumph' - local election results dominate**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-the-papers-39826877>

**Council election results: Sturgeon hails victory despite Tory surge**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-39806664>

## **General Election 2017: Archbishops highlight the place of faith in British life**

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5862/general-election-2017-archbishops-highlight-the-place-of-faith-in-british-life>

## **Archbishops Pastoral Letter to the Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Church of England**

<http://www.archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/3641/archbishops-pastoral-letter-to-the-parishes-and-chaplaincies-of-the-church-of-england>

## **BBC/ITV/Guard/Times/Tel/Christian Today**

Reports on a pastoral letter to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England, in which Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu write that faith has a central role to play in politics and this general election. They also urge people to set aside “apathy and cynicism” and draw new inspiration from the ancient Christian virtues of “love, trust and hope”. [Christian Today](#) separately reports on a letter sent by the Acting Bishop of London Pete Broadbent to clergy in the diocese.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39822355>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2017-05-06/archbishops-of-canterbury-and-york-raise-election-concerns-in-letter/>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/06/church-of-england-set-aside-apathy-general-election-archbishops-letter>  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/archbishops-alter-advice-to-voters-5n0x8pww6>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/05/dont-exploit-faith-political-opponents-say-archbishops/>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/05/liberal-democrats-pledge-put-1p-income-tax-pay-nhs-local-election/>

### **Times/Christian Today**

Further reports that faith leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis have given their support to The Great Get Together, a series of street parties and other events to be held between June 16 and June 18 in honour of the murdered MP Jo Cox. The Times quotes Jo Cox's widower, Brendan, who spoke earlier this week at a launch event for faith groups co-hosted by Near Neighbours in support of The Great Get Together.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/street-parties-to-show-united-front-in-memory-of-jo-cox-d56xwb0f8>

## **Christian Today**

Article by Krish Kandiah on his interview last month with the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Spring Harvest Festival.

## **Church Times**

Report that the Church Times has launched its Green Church Awards 2017, jointly organised with Shrinking the Footprint, the Church of England's national environmental campaign.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/5-may/news/uk/new-environmental-awards#>

## **Ind**

Report that nearly 200,000 children from the lowest income families have seen their parents' income fall as a result of the Government's new lower benefits cap, according to statistics from the Department for Work and Pensions. The report quotes Matthew Reed, Chief Executive of the Children's Society.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/200000-children-are-being-made-poorer-by-the-benefits-cap-a7718776.html>

## **BBC**

Report that churches in north and mid Wales are to run projects aimed at making their parishes more dementia-friendly. Five groups of churches

have received funding from Bangor University to establish activities such as memory cafes, dementia accessible services of worship and visits to care homes.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-39816093>

## Comment

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FT Books Essay: Roads from Rome: unpicking the myths of the Reformation

<https://www.ft.com/content/2d7cd226-300d-11e7-9555-23ef563ecf9a>

## INTERNATIONAL

### Trump's religious liberty order slammed as 'pretty much nothing'

"Ivanka and Jared won. We lost," as one Christian conservative said. [More from Religion News Service](#)

### French clerics' stands on Le Pen populism range from resistance to reserve

"Which party to support on May 7?" asked one Catholic bishop. "Not the one representing fear, hate, rejection, lies, exclusion and introversion.

That is against the Gospel.” [More from Religion News Service](#)

### **Trump to meet Pope Francis at Vatican**

In a brief statement, the Vatican announced the president’s trip to the Holy See, planned for May 24. [More from Religion News Service](#)

### **International basketball rule change allows players to wear religious headgear**

The sport’s world governing body, FIBA, overturned a 20-year ban on religious head coverings such as turbans and yarmulkes. [More from Religion News Service](#)

### **Bill allowing adoption agencies to turn away gay couples signed into law**

Gov. Kay Ivey signed into law a bill allowing adoption agencies in Alabama to follow faith-based policies, such as not placing children with gay couples. [More from AL.com](#)