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IRELAND

Civil servant holds purse strings as NI faces Budget crisis

Belfast Telegraph

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/civil-servant-holds-purse-strings-as-ni-faces-budget-crisis-35573211.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks

News Letter

Today Northern Ireland's devolved public finances have been passed to the man who was the most senior civil servant in the department which set up the financially disastrous RHI scheme.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/rhi-official-now-controls-all-public-spending-in-northern-ireland-1-7888870>

Northern Ireland budget 'could be passed by House of Commons'

BBC News

James Brokenshire has already said he'll ask Westminster to pass legislation to allow rates bills to be sent out.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39420878>

The Irish government is planning two investigations into its police force

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39425908>

GB

Newspaper headlines: Brexit begins as UK 'steps into the unknown'

BBC News

A bid for freedom, or a step into the unknown?
Theresa May's move to trigger Brexit negotiations is the story for Wednesday's newspaper front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39426107>

Article 50: May signs letter that will trigger Brexit

BBC News

The letter will be delivered to the EU on Wednesday, marking formal notice of the UK's exit.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39422353>

Scottish Parliament backs referendum call

BBC News

It is agreed by 69 votes to 59 that Nicola Sturgeon should make a request to the UK government.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39422747>

Times (scroll down)

Letter co signed by faith leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Muslim leaders, the Chief Rabbi and the Cardinal Archbishop of

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Westminster. It says: "Terror seeks to intimidate and divide us. In fact, it has the opposite effect. A week on from last Wednesday's appalling attack, we remain united in our resolve that this cowardice will not polarise our communities."

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/recruiting-top-officers-from-outside-the-ranks-n7j7w0ssz>

Christianity Magazine

Report that the Archbishop of York's online charity Acts 435 has announced that it has helped its 10,000th person in need. The website allows people to give directly to others and uses a network of churches and local charities. (See also Yorkshire Post comment piece, below)

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/News/UK/Archbishop-of-York-s-charity-helps-10-000-people-in-need>

Times

Report on the Church of St Paul and St James in Stratford, east London, where a multilingual church service using headsets is held every Sunday in English and Portuguese and often also in Bulgarian and sometimes French. The report quotes from an interview given to Stories Worth Sharing (below) by Rev Jeremy Fraser.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/church-service-translated-to-multilingual-congregation-on-headsets-rjzp3tsfh>

Christian Today

Report that five members of the Church in Wales's electoral college have lodged an official complaint citing “deeply inappropriate” references to the civil partnership and sexuality of the Dean of St Albans, Rev Dr Jeffrey John in the appointment process for the next Bishop of Llandaff.

Times/Premier

Further coverage that the Church of England is creating a new bishop to reach out to black, Asian and minority ethnic people in Leicester, one of the UK's most diverse cities.

Times/Premier

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/new-bishop-will-reach-out-to-minorities-mhhpxnh0g>

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-of-England-to-appoint-new-bishop-for-ethnic-minorities>

BBC

Report that the bells of York Minster will be rung on Easter Sunday. The cathedral told the BBC that a number of volunteers have offered their

services. Article notes that the Minster Chapter dismissed its 30-strong team of bell-ringers in October, due to "safeguarding issues".

Last month it was reported it had begun a search for a 'head of bell tower' to lead a new team of volunteer bellringers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-39417194>

Christian Today

Articles on the Engaging Young Refugees day in Luton and a report by the Multifaith Alliance for Syrian refugees. The articles mention the work of churches in welcoming refugees including public support from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who helped launch the Community Sponsorship Scheme last summer allowing community groups to directly sponsor a refugee family.

Mirror/Express

News articles on the meaning of Easter and the origins of eating and giving chocolate eggs and how the dates of Easter are fixed.

<http://www.express.co.uk/life-style/life/784785/Easter-weekend-2017-when-is-Palm-Sunday-Good-Friday-Easter-Sunday-Easter-Monday-dates>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/what-easter-story-celebrate-chocolate-7635326#ICID=nsm>

Comment

Church in Action

Comment article on the news that the online giving charity Acts 435 set up by the Archbishop of York in which Christians and others donate money which is then passed to the most vulnerable parishioners, has just supported its 10,000th person.

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/yp-comment-church-in-action-charity-s-10-000-acts-of-kindness-1-8462103>

Letters

Tel (scroll down)

Breeding bishops

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/03/28/lettersrecognising-historic-day-britain-seeks-new-place-world/>

INTERNATIONAL

Lutheran refugee agency is ‘cautiously hopeful’ following blocked immigration order

President Trump's executive order would have more than halved the number of refugees

accepted by the United States from the current ceiling of 110,000.

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Religiously affiliated hospital pensions at the center of Supreme Court case

A sleeper of a case before the Supreme Court pits three hospitals against employees who object to the institutions' religious exemption from the law that protects pensions.

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Mexicans who help build Trump wall are 'traitors,' top archdiocese says

Mexicans who help build President Donald Trump's planned border wall would be acting immorally and should be deemed traitors, the Catholic Archdiocese of Mexico said, turning up the heat on a simmering dispute over the project.

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#MuslimWomensDay takes off on Twitter amid celebration and backlash

Amid posts sharing articles about the day and celebrating the strength and beauty of Muslim women, a stream of hostile tweets proved why a Muslim Women's Day is so crucial, writes Antonia Blumberg.

More from The Huffington Post

Pope's sex abuse panel to continue its work without victims — for now

The commission, which lost the two members who are sex abuse victims, vowed that victims will have still have a voice on the panel — but not necessarily as commissioners.

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