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## **Northern Ireland rallies to aid of refugees as donation points set up across the country**

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try to help meet the immediate needs of people fleeing war torn homes

Northern Ireland is rallying to the aid of refugees highlighted by the distressing image of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi who drowned this week after slipping from his desperate father's arms off the Turkish coast.

A group called Northern Ireland Calais Refugee Solidarity is collecting warm clothes and other essentials to try to help meet the immediate needs of people fleeing war torn homes.

Clare Patton, a PhD student at Queen's University, said: "I felt anxious to get involved and do something to help. I had no real idea where to start but it didn't take long before I met other people who feel this same emotion.

"Now we are gathering momentum and we will be transporting donated good to our sister group in Cork which deals directly with the charity in Calais."

Spokesperson for the group, Elaine McCully said: "The people of Northern Ireland are known for their compassion and generosity to those in need and many people are keen to help with the refugee crisis but there hasn't really been a co-ordinated opportunity to do this so far.

“The scale of the problem can seem so overwhelming and even many of the major charities are struggling to meet people at their point of need.

“The Irish Calais Refugee Solidarity group was set up with the aim of collecting clothes and supplies for a convoy of vehicles set to travel from Cork on 29th September.”

The Northern Ireland group was set up only a matter of days ago and already around 2,000 people have pledged their support in one way or another with a number of regional groups being established.

She added: “We are looking for volunteers from across the Province to help co-ordinate efforts in their area, to sort and pack clothes and supplies and to deliver them to the main Irish collection point in Cork before they are taken on to Calais on 29th September.

“Those who cannot give their time but would like to assist financially towards transport and storage costs as well as additional aid on the ground can do so on the Ireland Calais Refugee Society page at [Gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com).

“We would encourage anyone who would like to volunteer to register their interest on the

Northern Ireland Calais Refugee Solidarity page on Facebook.

“At the moment our main focus is to collect items for transport to Cork at the end of this month but there are also members of the group who are hoping to focus on supporting the aid effort in Greece and elsewhere in Europe.

“This is an international crisis and it is tempting to think that there is nothing we can do in Northern Ireland to make a difference but just providing warm clothing or shelter will at least give comfort to those who have been through so much and let them know that there are people out there who care about them.

“At the moment, there is no need for women and children’s clothing and blankets and organisers are asking that only items listed are donated as there is no way to store or distribute items that are not required. Whilst clothing items, bikes, blankets, sleeping bags and tents may be second hand, they will need to be clean and in good condition.”

And today Belfast’s Lord Mayor Arder Carson has called on the city’s residents to show support for people caught up in the refugee crisis engulfing Europe.



A huge attendance is expected at a vigil on Monday at the City Hall at 5pm and will underline the city's reputation for compassion and generosity and willingness to help others.

### **Rally held in Belfast to call for more help for refugees - BBC News**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-34164930>

### **7 Moments In History When The UK Welcomed Refugees**

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/jamieross/times-from-history-the-uk-welcomed-refugees#.qpqZNVpxb>

### **Trócaire urges Dáil recall and immediate response from Government on European refugee crisis**

Trócaire has called for the Dáil to be recalled early to “establish an immediate and effective response” from Ireland to the European refugee crisis.

Éamonn Meehan, Executive Director of Trócaire said: “A week has passed and there is still no



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concrete commitment from some EU members including Ireland to respond to the refugee crisis in a way that reflects its scale and severity.

“Trócaire is calling on the Dáil to be recalled early to establish an immediate and effective response from Ireland. The people of Ireland have made it clear that they want to help distraught refugees arriving in Europe and are looking for leadership on how we as a nation can act.

“Many have seen and are distressed by the tragic image of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi’s body washed ashore in Turkey, as he drowned trying to reach the island of Kos. How can we continue to turn our backs and close our borders to children like him?

“As EU Member States continue to disagree over refugee quotas and a common position to this crisis, innocent lives are being lost. These people cannot wait any longer for the safety and security they hoped for on reaching Europe. Instead of facing militarised responses and razor wire fences, they should be treated with compassion and in a way that respects their rights and entitlements as refugees fleeing war.

“In light of the forthcoming extraordinary EU Justice and Home Affairs meeting on the 14th September, we ask that the Dáil be immediately recalled to agree a firm plan of action on how Ireland intends to respond to this unprecedented crisis.

“The Irish Government should show courage and leadership within the EU by making a definite commitment to increase the numbers of refugees

it will receive. Across the country, Irish people are calling for this and the Government must listen.

“Our own people have a long history of being welcomed into other countries during our toughest times and there are currently millions of people living overseas who are Irish by birth or descent. Given our own heritage, we have a responsibility to show solidarity.”

Éamonn Meehan continued: “EU Member States must agree a coordinated approach urgently, that respects the legal rights of refugees and responds to their plight. It must provide safe and regular channels of migration and accelerated resettlement processes.

“Refugees should be provided with assistance and protection to which they are legally entitled including shelter, food, sanitation, protection from further conflict and clear information.

“In the past year, 3,573 people have died attempting to reach Italy, Greece and Spain by sea, an average of ten people a day. This is both a humanitarian crisis and a crisis of humanity. The EU must apply humanitarian standards to save lives, protect those most vulnerable and

reduce the scandalous suffering being met by refugees reaching European borders.”

Trócaire is responding to the growing needs of extremely vulnerable refugees in partnership with Caritas Serbia and has allocated €50,000 so far to provide sleeping bags and raincoats, hygiene kits, health services and psychosocial support. Trócaire also works with partners in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Somalia, which are burdened by protracted conflicts and in Jordan and Lebanon, countries which are hosting 1.75 million Syrian refugees.

### **Refugee crisis: Government will respond ‘compassionately’ - Irish Examiner**

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/refugee-crisis-government-will-respond-compassionately-352183.html>

## **Dublin parish prayer night for refugees**

There will be a half night of prayer in Zion Parish church on Wednesday for the humanitarian crisis in Syria. The Archbishop of Dublin will Celebrate the Eucharist at 8pm to begin the evening which will conclude with compline at midnight.

In between there will be silent prayer with some structured prayer every half hour. All welcome.

## **Archbishop Martin of Armagh writes to NI MPs about Assisted Dying Bill**

Archbishop Eamon Martin is Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland has written to all the North's Members of Parliament asking them to oppose the "destructive and pessimistic" Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday, September 11.

The archbishop appealed to those taking part in the debate to "oppose the passage of this Bill in favour of a more humane and ethically sound future for humanity".

Archbishop Eamon told the MPs that if the Bill is passed it will represent a "defeat for our noble capacity as human beings to respond to illness and adversity with dignity and hope" and a victory for "despondency and despair". He also said it would radically change the "trust relationship between those who are ill and those who care for them, as the law will no longer offer

a “guarantee that those who are most vulnerable in illness will be protected from intentional harm from those charged with their care”.

The text of Archbishop Martin’s letter follows -

As Catholics across the island of Ireland prepare to celebrate the annual Day for Life (4 October) on the theme of ‘Cherishing Life-Accepting Death’, I have written to Northern Ireland’s Members of Parliament, asking them to oppose the destructive and pessimistic approach to human life proposed in the ‘Assisted Dying Bill’ to be debated in the Parliament of Westminster on 11th September.

I appeal to all Catholics in Northern Ireland to become actively involved, as baptised Christians and as citizens, in promoting a culture of love, care, respect and protection for every human life. I ask Catholics to encourage their MPs to oppose this Bill.

The life of every human person is equally valuable, whatever the stage or state of that life. Every human life is worth living and worthy of our utmost care and protection to its natural end. As Pope Francis has said, “What a lie ... to make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!”

In asking Catholics and others to oppose this Bill, I am asking them to state with confidence and joy that the future of humanity does not lie in a culture of death and the deliberate destruction of another, but in a culture of life and care for one another in which medicine and science are at the service of human dignity, not threats to our very existence.

The human, moral, social and medical implications of the so-called 'Assisted Dying Bill' are far-reaching and profound. I appeal to Catholics and all who believe in the inherent dignity and value of every human life, in all its stages, to inform themselves about the important values at stake in this debate, to pray for the progress of a culture of life and mutual care in our society and to contact their Member of Parliament to ask them to oppose the passage of this Bill in favour of a more humane and ethically sound future for humanity.

## **Faith leaders join to oppose Assisted Dying Bill**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has joined more than 20 faith leaders in signing a letter to MPs highlighting the dangers of the Assisted Dying Bill. It'll be debated in the House on Commons



on Friday. The signatories, which include Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, say vulnerable people would be placed at risk should Parliament approve proposals to legalise assisted suicide. - See Media digest below.

## **Catholic and C of I bishops provide prayers for Stormont and community**

Bishop John McAreavey (Catholic Bishop of Dromore) and Bishop Harold Miller (Church of Ireland Bishop of Down & Dromore) sent two prayers of intercession to the parishes of their respective dioceses to be prayed at Masses, and at services of worship, this past weekend.

Bishop McAreavey joined Bishop Miller on Friday evening at the final night of the Down and Dromore Bible Week in Shankill Church, Lurgan, Co Armagh, when they will jointly lead the congregation in prayer.

· For political leaders at this time:  
Grant, O heavenly Father, to our elected representatives and political leaders the guidance of your Holy Spirit.

In the current challenges faced by this society,  
help them to act in the best interests of all.  
Give them wisdom and courage in facing the  
demands of justice and truth,  
so that stability and reconciliation would be  
furthered among us and your kingdom be served  
in all things.

Lord, hear us/ Lord, graciously hear us.

· Concluding prayer for our whole community:  
Lead us, Lord, in the ways of peace-making;  
Unite us, Lord, in reconciled relationships;  
Bless us, Lord, with integrity in government;  
Guide us, Lord, through our present concerns;  
Form in us, Lord, the mind of Christ;  
Protect us, Lord, from all that would destroy us;  
We ask this to the glory and praise of your name  
and for the good of this land, through Christ our  
Lord.  
Amen.

## **Junior BB asked to help build schools in Nepal**

The Presbyterian Boys' Brigade World Mission Committee has just launched this year's Junior BB Appeal, 'Build a School – Nepal'.

The devastating earthquakes in Nepal this year killed over 8,000 people and destroyed many

houses, schools and other buildings – many in remote villages in the foothills of the Himalayas.

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland's partner in Nepal, the [United Mission to Nepal](#) is heavily involved in relief and rebuilding work following the earthquakes. Part of their commitment includes the building a number of Temporary Learning Centres to replace the many schools which were destroyed. Although 'temporary', the structures are actually designed to last for up to 10 years, and at a later date, each can be made more permanent by replacing the bamboo sides with brick, enabling them to last much, much longer.

Rev. Dr. Jim Campbell, Chairman of the Committee and a former Minister at Cooke Centenary Presbyterian Church in Belfast said "We, in the Junior BB want to help boys and girls in one of the worst affected areas to get back to school. We hope to raise enough funds to build two learning centres, in one of the worst affected areas of the country.

"[Peter Lockwood](#), a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland from Bangor, who is serving in Nepal, will be supervising the work and keeping us informed about its progress. Your support will be greatly appreciated."

Last year's 'Living Trees - Malawi' project raised over £7,000.

A small percentage of funds raised this year will be given to the BB Global Fellowship to support the worldwide work of the Boys' Brigade.

'Build a School - Nepal' Project Packs, including 'Collecting Sheets' have been sent to each Presbyterian Junior BB section.

Some of the resources in the pack can also be downloaded from [Junior BB Appeal 2015/16](#) and copied, if extras are required.

## **Irish-born priest collects more than \$500,000 for Berkeley victims**

A Pastoral Centre in the United States which is run by an Irish-born priest has collected more than \$500,000 to help the families of the Irish students killed or wounded in the Berkeley balcony tragedy.

Speaking this week, Fr Brendan McBride (72) said the funds will assist in paying for the treatment of the seven survivors as “they undergo a constant battle with insurers”.



***Fr Brendan McBride - left.***

Five Irish students and one Irish American student lost their lives in the tragedy when a balcony on which they were standing collapsed during a house party on 16 June last.

Those who died were Eoghan Culligan, Niccolai Schuster, Lorcan Miller, Eimear Walsh, Olivia Burke and her cousin Ashley Donohoe.

Of the seven survivors, three remain in the US receiving treatment. They are Aoife Beary, Niall Murray and Hannah Waters who will be returning home in the coming weeks.

Speaking about the tragedy, Fr McBride who is a native of Portnoo in Co Donegal said, “It was Aoife’s 21st birthday they had all been attending that night and she suffered a brain injury, but she is doing well.”

The Irish J-1 Berkeley Tragedy Fund was set up by the Irish Immigration Pastoral Centre in San Francisco which is run by Fr McBride since 1996 and he also serves as the President of the Irish Apostolate in the United States.

Speaking about the families of the injured he said, “We still have about \$200,000 in the fund but we have made a promise to make sure we cover all their expenses while they are here. We have learned a lot from this whole tragedy. One of the biggest things we have learned is that anyone coming away should read the fine print of their insurance policy.”

Fr McBride explained that “there was, and still is, a constant battle with insurance. Even though it says that they are covered for eight, nine or ten million, it does not necessarily work out that way as the insurers want to get them back home as soon as they are fit to travel basically. They want to get them away. It was certainly an eye-opener for me.”

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed by the Department of Foreign Affairs that Fr McBride is one of ten recipients of this year's 'Presidential Distinguished Service Awards'.

He is being honoured for committing "his life's work to serving the Irish community through advocacy and the provision of support services", as well as his efforts on US immigration reform.

Making the announcement, the Foreign Affairs Minister Charlie Flanagan also acknowledged the huge role Fr McBride has played in providing support for those involved in the Berkeley accident.

## **C of I bishop at consecration in Sweden**

This weekend Bishop Paul Colton of Cork was in Uppsala, Sweden to represent the Church of Ireland at the consecration of two new bishops: Mikael Mogren as Bishop of Västerås, and his good friend Johan Dalman as Bishop of Strängnäs. "I've known Johan for over 25 years, since we worked together in the Porvoo conversations", commented Bishop Colton.



**95 year old Northern Ireland soccer fan Canon Edgar Turner, former rector of St George's, Belfast, who travelled to Faroe Islands to cheer on the Northern Ireland team in Torshavn last week accompanied by his daughter Kate.**

## **Britain's Chief Rabbi praises Pope Francis as a "truly outstanding spiritual leader"**

Britain's Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis has praised Pope Francis as a "truly outstanding and





***The Chief Rabbi talks to the Pope accompanied by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, right***

inspirational spiritual leader” following a meeting with him in Rome.

The Chief Rabbi was accompanied by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales.

During the meeting he gave the Pope a special set of apple and honey used for Jewish New Year celebrations. He told Vatican Radio the gift represented bitterness experienced in the past and the hope of moving forward in a “sweet manner”.

This gift, he said, was an “expression of our thoughts as regards the background to our visit and how, thanks to [the Second Vatican Council document] *Nostra Aetate*, we are moving very much forward”.

The 50th anniversary of the promulgation of *Nostra Aetate*, which focused on relations with other faiths, falls on October 28 this year.

Cardinal Nichols said during their trip they had seen “the practical unfolding of *Nostra Aetate*” in the work of the Pontifical Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism and of the Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies at Rome’s Gregorian University, both of which they visited.

In a joint article for the **Daily Telegraph** last week Rabbi Mirvis and Cardinal Nichols said that in an age of hostile secularism it was “more important than ever” for different faiths to form close relationships.

“In many places to be a person of faith can be, in and of itself, an act of courage,” they said. “To confess your belief in God no longer commands universal respect ... In many societies you are more likely to be dismissed as naïve, unsophisticated and narrow-minded.

“As such, when a view is expressed which is informed by one’s faith on issues such as assisted dying, the value of family life or social responsibility, that view is often treated with scepticism, as though it is somehow less rational or ill-founded.

“And all of this amid the alarming increase in the brazen persecution of Christian, Muslim and Jewish minorities which has become one of the most pressing and shameful issues of our time. “That is why it is more important than ever for faith communities like ours to cultivate close working relationships,” the two leaders said.

## **Mothers’ Union affirms its commitment to support refugees fleeing conflict**

Mothers’ Union today affirmed its commitment to support refugees fleeing conflict and persecution and seeking sanctuary in Europe.

“Mothers’ Union has the potential to help churches and communities right at the grassroots level maximise the support they can give – through prayer, through advocacy and through practical support” said Worldwide

President, Lynne Tembey. “We recognise the complexity of the situations faced by governments across Europe in dealing effectively with this crisis both in the short and longer term, and they are much in our prayers. However, regardless of current government and EU policy, this is a situation which requires a heartfelt response from each one of us. We welcome the leadership and encouragement of the

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby today, affirming that whilst our individual efforts may seem trivial, by working together we can resolve crises and make a difference.”

“Today I am calling on our membership across the world to make that heartfelt response. We have a long history of helping those fleeing persecution, conflict or violence.

Whilst across many parts of the world: Africa, Oceania, and Asia, we are experienced in dealing with large-scale crises of this nature, it is many years since we have been faced by such a crisis in Europe. But our membership here, as across the globe, will, I know, have a heart to meet the humanitarian needs of families – both physical and spiritual. We are committed to playing our part in both the prayerful and the practical outreach of the Church.”

Mothers' Union has over 72,000 members in Europe, predominantly in Britain & Ireland, but including small branches within Europe of members who were themselves asylum seekers who fled conflict. Every year Mothers' Union across the world, most recently in developing countries, brings emergency relief to around 25,000 people through the provision of food, basic household provisions of blankets and sleeping bags, cooking utensils, water sanitation kits and soap.

Mothers' Union's prayers can be found [here](http://www.mothersunion.org/refugee-crisis-europe-and-middle-east).  
<http://www.mothersunion.org/refugee-crisis-europe-and-middle-east>

## **Former SNP leader Alex Salmond "prefers people of faith"**

Former First Minister Alex Salmond has revealed that he prefers people of faith over those who have lost it or have none.

Mr Salmond was speaking in a short video about his own faith as an adherent of the Church of Scotland, something he shares with 1.5 million other Scots according to the latest statistics. He

also stated his belief that religious groups play a "key role" in society.

He made the remarks at the Scottish Parliament as he welcomed the Rev Stuart MacQuarrie, Church of Scotland chaplain to the University of Glasgow, to deliver the opening 'Time for Reflection' this week. Mr MacQuarrie's address to MSPs marked the beginning of the new session, which will culminate in the Holyrood election next May.

Mr Salmond invited the minister to the parliament after meeting him at Glasgow's Commonwealth Games, where Mr MacQuarrie served as chaplain, during a visit to the interfaith Religion and Belief Centre in the athletes' village.

Asked about the Kirk's role in society, the former SNP leader said: "I am biased of course because I am a Church of Scotland adherent and I prefer people of faith to people of no faith or people who have lost their faith.

"All denominations have a key role to play in society and we are very fortunate in Scotland because we have a tremendous ability, among religions and denominations, to come together and support good causes."

Addressing MSPs in the debating chamber on Tuesday last week, Mr MacQuarrie urged them to "see and value each person as a human being".

"Shortly you begin your parliamentary programme and will start campaigning for re-election of yourself and your party," he told them.

"You offer your political programme and yourselves not only as candidates but as human beings.

"In doing so, you have an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to public service that is able to see and value each person as a human being and through this parliament, and its work, is able to overcome that which divides our communities.

"You are able to appreciate what each person can bring to our common life together and can offer a warm, welcoming handshake, not for what people are or whether they might or might not vote for you, but for who they are."

Speaking afterwards, Mr MacQuarrie, who is also chaplain to Glasgow Warriors rugby club, said it was a "huge privilege" to address MSPs and

illustrate that the Church is a national institution that is "concerned about everyone".

## Media digest

### **Asylum and refugees: How Ireland compares to the rest of the world - Journal.ie**

[http://www.thejournal.ie/ireland-asylum-refugee-status-compared-to-rest-of-world-2310580-Sep2015/?utm\\_source=facebook\\_short](http://www.thejournal.ie/ireland-asylum-refugee-status-compared-to-rest-of-world-2310580-Sep2015/?utm_source=facebook_short)

### **Cloyne child protection officer quits in bishop row - Irish Examiner**

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/cloyne-child-protection-officer-quits-in-bishop-row-352214.html>

### **Former Catholic priest barred by Bishop from performing any religious duties found secretly saying Mass in his house - Irish Independent**

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/former-catholic-priest-barred-by-bishop-from-performing-any-religious-duties-found-secretly-saying-mass-in-his-house-31503524.html>

### **Obituary: Evangelical Christian and former Moderator James Matthews - News Letter**

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/obituary-evangelical-christian-and-former-moderator-james-matthews-1-6942037>



## **Observ**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, writes about the Assisted Dying bill opposing the new law and saying it would 'dehumanise society forever'.

## **Observ/Sun Tel/ITV/BBC/Sun Exp/SunTimes**

Reports and comment on the Archbishop of Canterbury's comments in the article above. They state he and other faith leaders are urging MPs to oppose a change in the law.

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/sep/05/religious-leaders-urge-mps-throw-out-assisted-dying-bill>

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/sep/05/observer-view-assisted-dying>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11847105/Archbishop-Welby-urges-MPs-to-reject-right-to-die-bill.html>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2015-09-06/vote-against-assisted-dying-bill-archbishop-of-canterbury-urges-mps/>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34166605>

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/Society/article1603584.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Society/article1603584.ece)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11847105/Archbishop-Welby-urges-MPs-to-reject-right-to-die-bill.html>

## **BBC**

The Bishop of Carlisle is interviewed about the faith leaders' letter to MPs urging them to oppose the Assisted Dying bill. (Listen to the interview at around 50 minutes into the programme)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b068s44k>

## **ITV**

Report on assisted suicide which includes the Bishop of Worcester who is opposed to the bill which will be debated this week. He talks about his wife Denise's experience of being told she had terminal cancer and what impact he thinks such a bill would have on people in her position.

<http://www.itv.com/news/2015-09-04/bishop-of-worcester-urges-mps-to-vote-against-assisted-dying-plans-after-wifes-cancer-death/>

## **Mail on Sun**

Report on a survey by Saga which says it found that two-thirds of its members think the Swiss suicide clinic Dignitas should be allowed to operate in the UK and that the law should be amended so people can choose to end their lives in the UK. It quotes the Bishop of Carlisle, James Newcome, expressing the views of the CofE in opposition to a change in the law.

Sun Times/BBC/Mail on Sun/Obsev/Sun Times  
The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, writes about responding to the refugee situation. It states, as a refugee himself, he knows help is more powerful when given generously. *Times & Observer* report on UK responses and that hundreds of people have offered rooms in their homes for refugees.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-34164632>

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/focus/article1603495.ece>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/05/british-response-to-refugee-crisis>

### Sun Tel/ibtimes/Obsev/Sun Mirror

Article by Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, calling for more support for Syrian Christians fleeing persecution and says the country should be supporting them over Muslim refugees. He also says it is not enough to send aid but calls for renewed military and diplomatic action to crush Isis and Al-Qaeda. Other news articles on his comments focus on his call for military action.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/11846683/Britain-should-help-crush-Isil-in-Syria-former-Archbishop-of-Canterbury-warns.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/06/syria-air-strikes-lord-carey-adds-to-pressure-on-cameron-with-call-to-crush-isis>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/britain-should-crush-isis-taking-6390503>

### **Mail on Sun**

Article on how crime novelist P. D. James left more than £22million in her will when she died last year aged 94. It states the writer, who was a member of the CofE, left one of her flats in Oxford to the restoration fund of St Mary Magdalen church in the city. She also gave £10,000 to the Prayer Book Society for which she was a lay patron.

### **Sun Mirror**

Report that British actor Treva Etienne plans to make a documentary film about South African anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It says the actor, now starring in Spielberg's US TV sci-fi hit 'Falling Skies', is hoping the filmmaker will take an interest in the project, for which Treva has launched a crowd-funding scheme.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/brit-actor-hopes-make-archbishop-6389045>

### **BBC/Times/Tel/Ind/Guard**

Further articles and reports on the European refugee crisis including opinion pieces on what should be done and roots of the crisis. *BBC* has an interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury talking on the issue. Some state refugee charities are being flooded with offers to house people fleeing the Syrian conflict, while *Guardian* says relief funds are being set up. Hazel Southam writes in the *Times* about how Christian groups and churches in Austria have been helping care for refugees. Giles Fraser also writes on what the Bible says about welcoming refugees.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34158223>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34161109>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4548366.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/eu/11843982/The-refugees-should-stop-coming-by-boat.-Instead-we-should-fly-them-here.html>

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<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4548062.ece>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/refugee-crisis-why-hungarian-prime->

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<http://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2015/sep/04/refugee-migration-crisis-live-eu-biggest-test-since-second-world-war>

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2015/sep/04/christian-politicians-wont-say-it-but-the-bible-is-clear-let-the-refugees-in-every-last-one>

### **Times/Tel/FT**

Articles on the Queen becoming the longest-reigning monarch next week. They look at her achievements including her strong personal Christian faith.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/royalfamily/article4548095.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/queen-elizabeth-ii/11845161/The-secret-of-Queen-Elizabeth-IIs-record-reign-outstripping-Victoria.html>

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### **Guard**

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Opinion article on the Pope's announcement about forgiving women who have had abortions, saying it doesn't seem like a step forward.

[http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/womens-blog/2015/sep/03/absolution-for-abortion-the-popes-offer-is-overdue-but-doesnt-feel-like-a-step-forward?](http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/womens-blog/2015/sep/03/absolution-for-abortion-the-popes-offer-is-overdue-but-doesnt-feel-like-a-step-forward?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

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## **BBC**

Report on caves in Chislehurst in Kent, which were used to keep families safe during the Blitz. It says people could pray at a cave chapel consecrated by the Bishop of Rochester. One person recalls in a war diary some 300-400 people attending services.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-34139311>

## **Times**

Article on solutions to slow broadband speeds says using a local church spire is one way to solve the problem. It states some churches are working with internet providers to boost coverage with scheme like WiSpire in the Diocese of Norwich.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/money/article4547816.ece>

## **Exp**

Report over concerns about Dorset County Council has sparked anger by identifying 25 new mineral extraction sites – four of them near the grave of TE Lawrence, known as Lawrence of Arabia, at St Nicholas's Church, Moreton. The TE Lawrence Society says opening four quarries would shatter the peace of his grave.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/603085/Lawrence-of-Arabia-grave-threat-quarrying-nearby-WWI>

## **Obituaries**

### **Tel**

Obituary report on Martin Cavender, who has died aged 68, and was a ecclesiastical lawyer, who was also an evangelist. It states he was the first layman to preach in Westminster Abbey at a bishop's consecration. He was a founder member of the Archbishops' College of Evangelists, and holder of the Cross of St Augustine, presented exceptional service to the Anglican Communion and worked on behalf of the Church of England's Springboard initiative to establish links with Church groups around the world.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/11844377/Martin-Cavender-evangelist-solicitor-Church-of-England.html>



## **And finally..**

### **BBC**

Report that Noah the donkey, who fell into a drain and was injured, has returned home to recover. It states he is owned by All Saints' Church in Melbourn, which is holding collections to help with the costs. The donkey is well-loved in the village, having starred in the church's Nativity services for the past five years.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-34089097>

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