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IRELAND

Taoiseach opens Scouting Ireland's refurbished Dublin centre

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/taoiseach-opens-scouting-ireland-s-refurbished-1m-centre-in-dublin-1.3090766>

Church minister reignites Foster 'blonde' debate with 'explosives' comment

Impartial Reporter

A **Church of Ireland** Minister has told a gathering of Unionists that he is glad that hydrogen peroxide is dying hair blonde and not “going into ...

http://www.impartialreporter.com/news/15299057.Church_minister_reignites_Foster_blonde_debate_with_explosives_comment/?ref=twtrece

GREAT BRITAIN

BBC News - Today's newspapers reviewed

Tories nerves 'jangling' and Pippa's big day

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs/the_papers

Syrian pastor denied travel to General Assembly despite visa

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/recent/

[syrian_pastor_denied_travel_to_general_assembly_despite_visa_clearance](#)

Princess Royal praises General Assembly for reasoned debate

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/recent/

[hrh_the_princess_royal_praises_general_assembly_as_place_of_reasoned_debate](#)

Times

"Let's make Jerusalem worthy of its meaning — peace" writes Ephraim Mirvis, the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, reflecting on his pilgrimage to Jerusalem with the Archbishop of Canterbury earlier this month.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/lets-make-jerusalem-worthy-of-its-meaning-peace-5btc8vq2n>

BBC

Report that the Scottish Episcopal Church's General Synod has made the first steps of any Anglican Church in the UK towards allowing same-sex marriage in church. The Synod voted that a change to its Canon law governing marriage should be sent for discussion to the Church's seven dioceses. Article notes a further vote will happen at next year's Synod.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-36498967>

BBC

Report that the Church of Scotland is preparing to take a step towards same-sex marriage. The Kirk's General Assembly - gathering in Edinburgh next week - will be asked to approve more work on how such weddings could take place in church. Article notes that since 2014, Scotland has allowed same-sex couples to marry but individual church traditions can each decide whether to participate.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39975373>

Responsible Investor

Shareholder engagement on climate change comes of age - article by Edward Mason, Head of Responsible Investment with the Church Commissioners.

<https://www.responsible-investor.com>

Tel/Obsv/Times/Mirror/Sun

Copious coverage of the wedding of Pippa Middleton, sister of the Duchess of Cambridge, and James Matthews at St Mark's Church in Englefield, Berkshire (Oxford diocese).

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/20/prince-george-princess-charlotte-attend-pippa-middletons-wedding/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/may/20/pippa-middleton-marries-james-matthews>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/little-mites-steal-pippas-big-day-kwxcvpx02>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/pippa-middletons-pageboy-prince-george-10461001>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-4525752/Meghan-Markle-arrives-Pippa-Middleton-s-reception.html>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3607520/pippa-middleton-wedding-marry-james-matthews/>

S Times

Report on comments made by the Princess Royal, in her opening address to the Church of Scotland's annual general Assembly, about the importance of reasoned debate, which she said had been a hallmark of the gathering. Article notes her comments preceded a discussion that could move the Kirk a step closer to allowing its ministers to perform same-sex marriage.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/princess-royal-praises-churchs-reasoned-debate-pnrb9lwsz>

Mail

Report that the majority of Britons want to make it harder for women to get abortions, a new poll has revealed. Almost two-thirds of people interviewed for the ComRes survey said the upper limit should be lowered from the current 24 weeks to 20 weeks – with a fifth saying it should be reduced to 12 weeks.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4525948/Two-thirds-Britons-want-abortion-time-reduced.html#ixzz4hhLNCqF3>

Comment

S Times

Editorial which includes a look at fund manager BMO Global Asset Management's announcement of its intention to sell £20m of

shares in fossil fuel companies to help the fight against climate change. Column notes the Archbishop of Canterbury is president of BMO's "responsible investment advisory council".

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/homes-are-our-atms-let-them-dispense-funds-for-elderly-care-zn7bzz0c>

INTERNATIONAL

US Vice President warns of Christian 'genocide' by ISIL

Vice President Mike Pence warned that the Christian faith is "under siege", citing ISIL as the cause. Activists are unhappy with the US Vice President's choice of words, describing ISIL as the cause of genocide of Christianity. He was speaking at the World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians in Washington, DC when he told his audience, "The reality is, across the wider world, the Christian faith is under siege. Throughout the world, no people of faith today face greater hostility or hatred than the followers of Christ". "I believe ISIS is guilty of nothing short of genocide against people of the Christian faith, and it is time the world called it by name," said Pence.

Second Sudanese Church demolished in Khartoum in May

Urgent prayer is being requested as the second church this month is demolished in Sudan. Christians in Sudan have asked for prayer as the authorities' continue to demolish in Khartoum. On May 17, the Sudanese Church of Christ (SCOC) building in Algadisia, Khartoum was demolished. This comes after the demolition of the SCOC church in Soba Al Aradi ten days previously. The demolition follows a dispute over the ownership of the land the church was built on. The SCOC built the church in Algadisia in 1983. Although someone else claimed to own the land, according to the office of The Middle East Concern, there was no accompanying evidence. The authorities insisted that the church should vacate the land, even after showing documentary evidence of ownership.

The Theology Beneath the Trump-Comey Conflict

How the former FBI director's interest in Reinhold Niebuhr shaped his approach to political power. Two months before he was fired, FBI director James Comey inadvertently revealed something about his theological leanings that may have pointed to his inevitable fallout with President Donald Trump. In March,

Gizmodo reporter Ashley Feinberg followed a string of clues to the Instagram and Twitter accounts of a user named after Reinhold Niebuhr, who she believed to be Comey. Many of the user's tweets had to do with the FBI, including one linking to a report about a meeting between Michael Flynn, Jared Kushner, and a Russian emissary. But what tipped off this particular account was its user name. [continue reading >>](#)

http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2017/may-web-only/theology-of-james-comey-fbi-niebuhr-trump.html?utm_source=ctweekly-html&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_term=9511533&utm_content=513592955&utm_campaign=email