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IRELAND

FAITH

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Picture presented to Belfast Cathedral from schools' cross-community effort

Faith Group supports march for same sex marriage

Abortion and the week that was, Evangelical Alliance comment

Major breakthrough with C of I parish records now online

Adrian Dunbar in Enniskillen concert to remember war poet Frank Ledwidge

Service recalls Holywood parishioner's VC Borderless, an original musical, in Armagh

GB Methodists call for Brexit compassion

www.churchnewsireland.org

Major development phase in Green Pastures Church, Ballymena

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Work on what amounts to a new self-contained 'religious suburb' on the outskirts of Ballymena is moving to a new phase.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/in-pictures-pastures-project-moves-to-next-stage-1-8033714>

Annual festival of St Oliver Plunkett in Dundalk Sunday

<http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2017/06/30/annual-festival-day-of-saint-oliver-plunkett-to-take-place-in-drogheda-on-sunday/>

Timeline: A look at the Catholic Church's sex abuse scandals

CNN

A bombshell report commissioned by the **Irish** government concluded that the Archdiocese of Dublin and other Catholic **Church** authorities in **Ireland** ...

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL

Attempt to involve PM and Taoiseach in Stormont talks

Sinn Féin calls on PMs to join Stormont talks. Northern Ireland's political parties still seem far from a deal to restore power-sharing.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/sinn-fein-calls-for-theresa-may-and-leo-varadkar-to-become-directly-involved-in-stormont-talks-35881674.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40451181>

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Watchdog's damning report lifts lid on widespread misuse of RHI scheme

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/watchdogs-damning-report-lifts-lid-on-widespread-misuse-of-rhi-scheme-35879296.html?>

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0630/886676-renewable-heat-incentive/>

Minibus driving changes deferred

Plans to change the rules around minibus driving licensing will not come into effect until next year, Stormont officials have confirmed. Teachers will likely need a Driver Certificate of Professional Competence qualification from January 2018.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/reprieve-for-paid-drivers-of-minibuses-1-8034861>

Pro-life groups shocked by Tory abortion pledge

Belfast Newsletter

Pro-choice and anti-abortion campaigners outside the Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast, where the Court of Appeal allowed an appeal against a lower ...

NI women to get abortions funded in GB on NHS - comment on

<http://anglicanmainstream.org/northern-ireland-women-to-get-abortion-funding/>

Government condemned for agreeing to fund abortions for women from N Ireland

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<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/06/29/government-condemned-after-agreeing-to-fund-free-abortion-for-northern-irish-women/>

Westminster Govt to NI women: We'll pay for your abortion

The Christian Institute

... undermined protections for the most vulnerable in society by agreeing to pay for abortions from Northern Ireland, The **Christian** Institute has warned.

Why did Citizens Assembly take liberal view on abortion

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/why-did-citizens-assembly-take-liberal-view-on-abortion-1.3138280>

Conversion therapy and suicide

Dermott O'Callaghan of Hillsborough writes

<http://anglicanmainstream.org/conversion-therapy-suicide-and-the-question-of-harm/>



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[NI celebrities call for gay marriage while keeping Christian values](#)

Premier

Speaking in response to the Scottish Episcopal **Church's** decision to allow gay marriages, a spokesman for the Presbyterian **Church** in **Ireland** told the ...

[From Mixed Marriage to Same Sex Marriage](#)

Richard O'Leary writes - When will our church leaders learn from their past mistakes?

[Baptism barrier' and schools](#)

Irish Times

... as a requirement for entry into Catholic primary schools (**News**, June 29th). ... In fact, he proposes to write **religious** discrimination into **Irish** law.

[Bruton still needs legal approval for baptism barrier ban](#)

[Independent.ie](#)

Facilities under the patronage of the **Church** of Ireland and other religions will be allowed to factor ethos into their admission policies.

[Unionists should take ownership of Irish and understand more about Irish-British connections](#)

Belfast Newsletter

This came from the **Irish** sean chill which means old **church**. ... If unionists fear the **Irish** language so much, why does the most unionist town in Ireland, ...

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[The DUP may be paranoid, but we still have to befriend them](#)

by [andypollak](#)

UNITED KINGDOM

[Church of England accused of profiting from arms dealers](#)

Independent Catholic News

Christians have expressed their dismay that the **Church of England** is continuing to profit from arms dealers. The annual Land Warfare Conference ...

[George Pell – and the Catholic abuse scandal that is driving the faithful away](#)

The Guardian

For Australian Pell's place at the side of the pontiff has brought the church's ... Last week's report into the **Church of England's** handling of the Bishop ...

[Tackling homelessness together](#)

Diocese of Lichfield (press release)

... and Transforming Communities Together Lichfield, the joint venture between Church Urban Fund and the **Church of England's** Diocese of Lichfield.

[More than half of Christians finally support same-sex relationships](#)

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In the 2016 figures, the statement had the support of 55 percent of **Church of England**/Anglican followers, 62 percent of Roman Catholics and 53 ...

Media digest June 30

Christian Today

Report on a call by the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, for the Government to put ending child poverty at the top of its agenda. Bishop Paul was speaking following the publication of the Social Mobility Commission report showing a failure to narrow the gap between the rich and poor.

BBC (politics live)

Reports on a speech in the House of Lords by the Bishop of Peterborough, Donald Allister, on mental health, in which he said it was 'perplexing' that there is no mental health Bill in the Queen's Speech. He added: "What there is in the Queen's Speech about mental health is good, though it is vague. I hope that it is translated into more money for mental health, but it also needs to be translated into better delivery and accountability."

Church Times/City Wire/IPE

Further coverage of the announcement that Loretta Minghella, Chief Executive of Christian Aid, is to be the next First Church Estates Commissioner.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/30-june/news/uk/loretta-minghella-appointed-as-first-estates-commissioner>

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<http://citywire.co.uk/new-model-adviser/news/ex-fscs-chief-to-manage-8bn-of-church-assets-as-new-estates-commissioner/a1029315>

<https://www.ipe.com/news/people/people-moves-church-commissioners-efama/10019597.article>

Pink News

Further report on British Social Attitudes survey showing that more than half of Anglicans, 55%, say same-sex relationships are “not wrong at all”.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/06/29/more-than-half-of-christians-finally-support-same-sex-relationships/>

Letters

Guard

On contactless payment (scroll down)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/jun/29/a-minutes-hard-stare-in-honour-of-the-man-who-gave-us-paddington-bear>

Comment

Spectator

Mary Wakefield: Jean Vanier’s world of love and kindness

Guard

Peter Ormerod: 'Mark Zuckerberg, the Church of Facebook can never be. Here’s why'

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/29/mark-zuckerberg-church-facebook-social-network>

Guard

Catherine Pepinster on Cardinal George Pell

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<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/29/cardinal-george-pell-catholic-church-sexual-abuse-scandal>

INTERNATIONAL

Getting creative with plastic in Swaziland for the sake of the environment

Environmentally friendly stoves were the prize on offer in Swaziland to winners of an artwork competition which threw up the challenge of making mats out of plastic waste.

Young Anglicans in Malawi raise funds for disabled people

Members of an Anglican youth group in Blantyre, in Malawi, have donated medical equipment, including a wheelchair, to two boys in need. Victor January, who is 12 and has difficulties walking, received the medically-recommended wheelchair as a replacement for his previously unsuitable one. A boy with albinism, Blessings Masalanga, was given special clothing and oils.

Episcopal Church assisting with three projects in Haiti

At its recent meeting in June in Port-au-Prince, the Haiti Partnership Committee took steps that enable progress on three projects: Holy

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Trinity Cathedral Complex, St. Barnabas
Agricultural College and St. Vincent's Centre
for Handicapped Children.

Half sib? Welcome. Fiance? Not so fast. New travel ban rules decried as illogical

Muslim and other civil rights groups charge the administration's interpretation of "bona fide relationship," affecting the entry into the U.S. of family members from six Muslim-majority countries, is unreasonably narrow.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Germany approves same-sex marriage

Church attendance has waned, and polling suggested a comfortable majority of the public supports same-sex marriage, leading the way for the German Parliament to vote 393-226 to modify the law.

[More from www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

Iraq declares end of caliphate after capture of Mosul mosque

The Iraqi troops' seizure of the nearly 850-year-old Grand al-Nuri Mosque — from where the Islamic State proclaimed the caliphate nearly three years ago to the day — is a huge symbolic victory.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

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When it's sexuality versus religion, Americans stand divided

In a LifeWay Research survey, respondents showed distinct differences on religious and sexual freedom depending on their gender, region and religious affiliation.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

A progressive German mosque draws condemnation at home and abroad

Open only two weeks ago, it has drawn international headlines for permitting men and women to worship together in the same space instead of segregating them in line with Islamic tradition.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

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