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## IRELAND

### FAITH

#### **CNI DAILY NEWS - June 28**

[www.churchnewsireland.org](http://www.churchnewsireland.org)

#### **Death of former Secretary to Irish Council of Churches**

Veteran NI Labour politician Right Hon David Bleakley CBE has passed away aged 92.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/veteran-ni-labour-politician-and-author-dies-1-8028784>

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/tributes-to-northern-ireland-labour-veteran-david-bleakley-after-death-at-age-of-92-35868919.html>

#### **Crisis in priesthood Limerick meeting hears**

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/crisis-in-irish-catholic-priesthood-revealed-at-meetings-of-clergy-1.3135908>

#### **Knocknamuckley welcomes new rector**

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<http://www.downanddromore.org/news/2017/06/Knocknamuckley-welcomes-their-new-rector>

## **POLITICAL AND SOCIAL**

### **Top economist positive about DUP Tory pact**

The DUP's £1bn deal with the Conservatives represents a "strong foundation upon which to build long-term prosperity for Northern Ireland", a leading economist has claimed.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/top-economist-positive-about-pact-1-8028455>

### **Brokenshire in talks failure warning**

James Brokenshire did not detail the alternatives he is considering if power-sharing talks fail.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40424927>

### **SF, DUP are not budging in talks**

Sinn Fein has accused the Democratic Unionists of refusing to budge on any of the substantive issues at the heart of Stormont's powersharing crisis.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/sinn-fein-dup-are-not-budging-in-talks-1-8028851>

Sinn Fein and the DUP have continued to tussle publicly over efforts to resurrect Stormont – with one of the latter's top figures warning that republicans should desist from "high wire acts" as the supposed deadline draws near.

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<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/dup-say-sf-needs-to-knuckle-down-in-negotiations-1-8029024>

Former Stormont first minister Peter Robinson has branded Sinn Féin's stance on Irish language provisions "pitiful and absurd".

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/robinson-sf-should-be-prepared-to-promote-ulster-scots-culture-1-8028865>

**Without a Stormont deal "Sinn Féin's only relevance in NI politics will be at council level" - by Peter Robinson**

<http://eamonnmallie.com/2017/06/without-stormont-deal-sinn-feins-relevance-ni-politics-will-council-level-peter-robinson/>

**Impasse over substantive issues as talks adjourn**

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0627/885769-stormont/>

**Varadkar warns border issue will not be easy to solve**

<http://www.rte.ie/news/brexit/2017/0628/886199-brexit-border/>

**TUSLA launches new children's charter**

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0628/886223-tusla/>

**Ireland is failing trafficking survivors, report.**

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/rlmz031zYK4/ireland-is-failing-trafficking-survivors-claims-report-453517.html>

**Schools may be allowed to share PPS numbers**

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[http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/FZ1k\\_MS2jNw/schools-may-be-allowed-share-pps-numbers-about-children-applying-for-admission-places-453565.html](http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/FZ1k_MS2jNw/schools-may-be-allowed-share-pps-numbers-about-children-applying-for-admission-places-453565.html)

### **Three teachers unions look set to reject pay deal**

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/three-teachers-unions-look-set-to-reject-pay-deal-1.3135813>

### **Concerns over huge rise in Irish schools suspensions**

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/concerns-over-the-huge-numbers-of-school-suspensions-1.3136024>

### **Number of TDs to increase**

<http://www.rte.ie/news/politics/2017/0627/886049-constituency-commission/>

<http://www.thejournal.ie/new-constituency-3467199-Jun2017/>

### **DUP MPs 'worth more than Ronaldo', Commons told**

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

### **BBC News: Newspaper headlines: 'May's top team splits over Brexit'**

Apparent divisions between David Davis, Philip Hammond and Boris Johnson over Brexit make headlines.

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**Head of Christian Aid to be C of E First Church Estates Commissioner**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2017/06/loretta-minghella-announced-as-next-first-church-estates-commissioner.aspx>

**Lord Carey's resignation is the kind of accountability we need**

Catholic Herald

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2017/06/28/lord-careys-resignation-this-is-exactly-the-kind-of-accountability-we-need/>

**Six face charges over Hillsborough**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-40419819>

**BBC/Times/Mail/Christian Today/Tablet**

Reports that the Church of England and the Methodist Church in Britain are to consider proposals that would bring them into a new relationship of full communion. The proposals are presented in Mission and Ministry in Covenant, a joint report from the two churches' faith and order bodies. (See News from the Church of England, above)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-40419859>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/church-of-england-and-methodists-repair-bonds-broken-200-years-ago-r9v6k8kz8>

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<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4645474/Methodists-Church-England-merge.html>

<http://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/7375/0/new-proposals-could-see-church-of-england-and-methodist-church-repair-tear-in-the-body-of-christ->

## **BBC**

Report on response, by former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, to a woman who was sexually abused by a lay vicar in Chichester diocese. The victim wrote to Lord Carey in 1992 and describes his response as 'deeply hurtful'. A spokesman for Lord Carey is quoted. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-surrey-40418476>

## **Mail**

Report on British Social Attitudes survey showing attitudes towards same sex relationships have become significantly more liberal with more than half of Anglicans, 55%, saying same sex relationships are “not wrong at all”. The Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, is quoted.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4645472/Number-oppose-sex-marriage-falls.html>

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### **Christian Today**

Report that former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams is leading a campaign urging western countries to put religious minorities at the heart of any future deal with Iran.

### **Tel/Sun/Mail**

Reports on the funeral of Countess Mountbatten held at St Paul's Church in Knightsbridge.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/27/queen-leads-mourners-funeralof-countess-mountbatten/>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3896058/prince-charles-queen-countess-mountbatten-funeral/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-4642462/The-Queen-funeral-Countess-Mountbatten-Burma.html>

### **BBC**

Report that a 200-year-old tombstone was used for a barbecue at St John's Church Devizes. The article reports remarks by the vicar of the church, Rev Canon Paul Richardson, who said it was disgraceful that graves were being shown such disrespect.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-40415425>

### **Mail**

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Further coverage of a trial of “tap and go” contactless payment system for weekly offerings in Church of England parishes.  
[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/news/article-4644794/Now-donate-money-church-using-contactless-debit-card.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/news/article-4644794/Now-donate-money-church-using-contactless-debit-card.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

## **BBC**

Report that the Scottish Episcopal Church has elected a new Primus, Rt Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness. He succeeds the Most Rev David Chillingworth as Primus.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-40416114>

## **Londonist**

Feature on Lambeth Palace Gardens,  
<http://londonist.com/london/great-outdoors/lambeth-palace-gardens>

## **Letters**

### **Times (scroll down)**

Lord Carey and report into sex abuse  
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/theresa-mays-1-billion-deal-with-the-dup-dd7p63d39>



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## **Comment Guard**

Rowena Young: “Many Britons are hooked on costly credit. Here’s what the new minister should do”

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/jun/27/more-than-minister-reduce-dependence-costly-credit>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **US Episcopal church reaction to court decision on emigrants**

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/06/26/a-statement-from-the-rev-e-mark-stevenson-director-of-episcopal-migration-ministries/>

### **Presiding Bishop preaches at Zimbabwe memorial service**

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/06/26/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-visits-mizeki-festival-in-zimbabwe-delivers-sermon/>

### **Former Archbishop Rowan Williams: Religious minorities must be at heart of any Iran deal**

<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/former.archbishop.rowan.williams.religious.minorities.must.be.at.heart.of.any.iran.deal/110227.htm>

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## **Baylor's first woman president brings fresh start to Baptist university**

Linda Livingstone's supporters say she was the best possible choice — regardless of gender — to lead scandal-plagued Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university.

More from Religion News Service

## **Unitarian Universalists elect first woman president**

Rev. Susan, Frederick-Grey, an Arizona pastor and immigrant advocate, will lead the progressive association.

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## **Controversial Ten Commandments monument built on Arkansas state capitol grounds**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Arkansas and other opponents have vowed to sue over the controversial display. They believe the privately funded monument is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion.

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## **As Anglicans point fingers in sex abuse scandal, George Carey quits honorable role**

The resignation highlights how church institutions are seeking to punish their officials

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for covering up child sex abuse by priests, even as they face criticism for failing to address needs of the victims.

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### **Last-ditch effort aims to fill State Department job combating anti-Semitism**

Closure of the Office to Combat and Monitor Anti-Semitism is slated for Saturday, but Jewish and other human rights groups are lobbying the administration on social media and through petitions.

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