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FAITH

CNI DAILY NEWS for July 6

A first as Joint C of I and Methodist minister is appointed to Edgeworthstown and Longford
WCC hails Wittenberg declaration aiming to overcome Reformation divisions

Battle of Britain chapel saved from closure

Cardinal Vincent Nichols welcomes vulnerable refugee scheme extension

Archbishop of York's charity marks £1m given to those in need

Appointments to Chapter of Christ Church, Dublin

www.churchnewsireland.org

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Plight of baby Charlie unites Churches in compassion

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/plight-of-baby-charlie-unites-churches-in-compassion-35900396.html>

Presbyterian Church fears about SF Irish language act

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland feared that Sinn Fein's last known set of ideas for an Irish language act risked cheapening the language, the News Letter reveals.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/presbyterian-warning-irish-act-risks-devaluing-the-language-1-8040235>

Hundreds attend mass for Mayo man missing in Canada

http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0706/888137-david_gavin/

Outpouring of grief at sudden death of Holy Cross Church organist

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/outpouring-of-grief-at-sudden-death-of-holy-cross-church-organist-35896181.html?>

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL

MEPs cheer Nicholson and reject SF backed special status for NI

MEPs have applauded Ulster Unionist Jim Nicholson as he said that there is no legal entity called "the north of Ireland" – before they overwhelmingly rejected a Sinn

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Fein-backed call for Northern Ireland to have EU 'special status'.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/meps-cheer-jim-nicholson-and-reject-ni-special-status-after-brexite-1-8042256>

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/politics/watch-european-parliament-applauds-as-jim-nicholson-points-out-theres-no-such-legal-entity-as-the-north-of-ireland-35899118.html>

Top DUP politicians dub SF language act ludicrous

Top DUP political figures previously denounced a Sinn Fein minister's ideas for an Irish language act as "reprehensible", "ludicrous" and "wrong" the News Letter can reveal – with one of them branding Irish "a dead language".

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/dup-politicians-dubbed-sf-irish-plan-a-ludicrous-act-for-a-dead-language-1-8042126>

Ian Paisley Jnr: rights of unborn child 'trump any political agreement'

https://inews.co.uk/essentials/news/politics/dup-mp-says-rights-of-unborn-child-trump-any-political-agreement-with-conservatives/?cm_mmc=B2C--inews-newsletter-v2--SEC1--

Civil servants Irish language jobs claim 'bunkum'

Sinn Féin refutes claims it wants 10% of civil servants recruited in future to be Irish speakers.

NI school uniform grants face massive cut

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40506586>

90% NI children re-offend after custodial sentences

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40507016>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/nine-in-10-young-criminals-reoffend-in-north-figures-show-1.3145238>

Man who drove into Trinity gates pleads insanity

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/courts/circuit-court/man-who-drove-into-trinity-gates-pleads-not-guilty-by-reason-of-insanity-1.3144668>

UNITED KINGDOM

Thursday June 6

Chilcot: Tony Blair not straight with nation over Iraq war. The former PM made the case for war "on beliefs not fact",

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/chilcot-tony-blair-was-not-straight-with-the-nation-over-iraq-war-35900938.html>

Premier

Report that the Archbishop of York's online giving charity, Acts 435, has now awarded £1 million in grants for items to lift burdens or to provide help in a crisis for people living in poverty in the UK. (See also News from the Archbishop of York, above)

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<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Archbishop-of-York-s-charity-marks-1m-given-to-those-in-need>

BBC

Report on calls for a report by the former Bishop of Liverpool, James Jones, on the experiences of the people bereaved by the Hillsborough disaster, to be published quickly to help those affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The report was commissioned after the Hillsborough inquests and given to the Government in June.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-40507744>

Christian Today

Further report on the case of survivor 'Michael', who has now waived his anonymity, and plans to protest at General Synod this weekend. Also report on note sent to General Synod members.

Guard/Mail/Christian Today/Premier

Further coverage of a report published by Theos think tank on Christianity and mental health, focusing on references in the report to exorcism.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/05/christian-thinktank-warns-of-rise-in-exorcisms-mental-health>

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[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4668190/Migrant-communities-partly-blame-rise-exorcisms.html?
ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4668190/Migrant-communities-partly-blame-rise-exorcisms.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)
[https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/
Immigration-behind-astonishing-rise-in-exorcisms](https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Immigration-behind-astonishing-rise-in-exorcisms)

Sun/Mail

Report on a hearing at Westminster Magistrates Court in London this week for a former Diocese of London priest charged with stealing from his church's collections and three counts of fraud by false representation. The Mail quotes a Diocese of London spokesperson.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3955272/randy-vicar-steals-14500-fund-sex-sessions-rent-boys/>
[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4669474/
Vicar-63-stole-14-500-heeled-parishioners.html](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4669474/Vicar-63-stole-14-500-heeled-parishioners.html)

BBC (video)

Video report on opposition by Wellesbourne Allotment Association near Stratford on Avon in Warwicks to plans under consideration by the Diocese of Coventry to sell allotment land to make way for homes. Ruth Marlow, Diocesan Secretary, is interviewed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-40513188/church-plans-to-sell-wellesbourne-allotments>

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Times

Light hearted diary item on dictation software and a letter drawn by the Bishop of Burnley, Philip North.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/towing-the-party-line-zw5x5r090>

Christian Today

Report that St Mary's Church, near the All England Tennis Club, will raise thousands of pounds by charging tennis goers to park their cars on its land over the Wimbledon fortnight. A large part of the money raised is given to charities.

Mail

News feature on inventions that have changed the world. Includes Temple Church, site of London's first bank.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4669310/Frozen-pizza-did-people-washing-machine.html>

Voice Online

Further coverage of a trial of "tap and go" contactless payment system for weekly offerings in Church of England parishes.

<http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/church-trial-contactless-donations>

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Letters Times

Rural Brexit Britain

(Letter co-signed by the Bishop of St Albans,
President of the Rural Coalition)

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-abduction-of-political-language-by-the-left-07v6f06xg>

Comment

Christian Today

Mark Woods: 'Don't believe his defenders:
George Carey was right to resign'

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Church Times

Report that Home Secretary Amber Rudd has announced that the Syrian refugee resettlement programme, under which 20,000 vulnerable people are to be brought to Britain by 2020, is to be expanded to include other nationalities caught up in the crisis. The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, is quoted as welcoming the decision. (See also CNI News June 6 - Cardinal Vincent Nicholls)

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/7-july/news/uk/inclusion-of-non-syrian-refugees-in-resettlement-scheme-a-positive-move-says-bishop>

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Pink News

Report on remarks by Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow about the churches and the 2013 Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act at a reception to mark 50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality in England and Wales. Includes comment from a Church of England spokesperson.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/07/04/speaker-john-bercow-calls-for-the-church-of-england-to-accept-same-sex-marriages/>

Christian Today

Further report on comments made by Andrew Carey, son of former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey, writing in his weekly column in the *Church of England Newspaper*. Lord Carey resigned last week from his role as honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Oxford, following Dame Moira Gibb's [review](#) into the Peter Ball case.

Tel

News article on report published by Theos think tank on Christianity and mental health, focusing on references in the report to exorcism.

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/04/astonishing-rise-demand-exorcisms-putting-mental-health-risk/>

Sun

Profile of Gogglebox star Rev Kate Bottley, who is due to be a contestant in Celebrity Masterchef 2017.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/tvandshowbiz/3943787/who-kate-bottley-masterchef-gogglebox/>

Mail

Report that excavations on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne have uncovered the stone foundations of one of the country's oldest churches.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4664478/One-earliest-churches-Britain-uncovered.html>

Third Sector/Charity Digital News

Further coverage of a [trial of "tap and go"](#) contactless payment system for weekly offerings in Church of England parishes.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/volunteers-sought-church-england-contactless-payments-trial/digital/article/1438402>

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<http://www.charitydigitalnews.co.uk/2017/07/04/church-of-england-launches-contactless-payment-trial/>

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Tel/Times

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/03/andrew-carey-attacks-church-lack-sadness-sympathy-father/>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/criticism-of-my-father-is-an-unforgivable-sin-says-son-of-lord-carey-of-clifton-former-archbishop-of-canterbury-f85l6789f>

BBC/Mail/Sun

Reports that a 16-year-old girl pleaded guilty yesterday to the manslaughter of seven-year-old Katie Rough. The articles mention that more than 300 people attended Katie's funeral service in February, led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-40478679>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4662750/>

[Chilling-confession-teen-stabbed-Katie-Rough.html](#)

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2584801/katie-rough-york-teen-pleads-guilty-manslaughter/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/katie-roughs-killer-15-thought-10730390>

Christian Today

Report on a Parliamentary reception for Feed the Hungry, the Christian humanitarian organisation committed to fighting hunger due to poverty, war, famine and natural disasters. The Bishop of Truro, Tim Thornton, is quoted.

Christian Today

Further coverage following the consecration of Rev Canon Andy Lines as Gafcon's new 'missionary bishop for Europe' at a ceremony last week in Wheaton, Illinois.

Third Sector

Further report that Loretta Minghella, Chief Executive of Christian Aid, has been appointed as the next First Church Estates Commissioner.

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<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/movers-loretta-minghella-leave-christian-aid/management/article/1438362>

UK Fundraising/Moneywise magazine

Further coverage of a trial of “tap and go” contactless payment system for weekly offerings in Church of England parishes.

<https://fundraising.co.uk/2017/07/03/church-england-announces-contactless-donations-trial/#.WVov9fnyvcs>

<https://www.moneywise.co.uk/news/2017-07-03/funny-money-even-god-accepts-contactless-cards-now>

BBC

Report on funeral at St John’s Church, Shildon, in County Durham, of 16-year-old Kieran Maxwell, who died of a rare bone cancer. Rev David Tomlinson, priest in charge, is quoted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tees-40481487>

Mail

Report that members of Wellesbourne Allotment Association near Stratford on Avon in Warwicks are opposing plans under consideration by the Diocese of Coventry to sell allotment land to

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make way for homes. A Diocese of Coventry spokesman is quoted.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4661164/Diocese-chiefs-plan-sell-176-year-old-allotment.html>

BBC

Report that a fox had to be freed by the RSPCA after it got itself wedged between headstones at St Mary Magdalene Church in Leamington Spa, Warwicks

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-40484346>

INTERNATIONAL

Juncker calls empty EU parliament ridiculous

The head of the European Commission launches a bitter attack on MEPs for failing to show up.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-40492396>

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0704/887642-jean-claude-juncker-european-parliament/>

Irish President criticises EU

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0704/887550-ictu/>

British baby on life support draws in pope, Trump

The life support 11-month-old Charlie Gard is receiving at a London hospital soon will be turned

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off over the objections of his parents, who want to take him to the United States for experimental therapy they believe could give him more time.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Vatican acknowledges past problems at 'pope's hospital'

An Associated Press investigation that found that under its previous 2008-2015 administration, the mission of the children's hospital had shifted to focus more on profits than on its young patients.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Trump can't reverse the decline of white Christian America

Two-thirds of those who voted for the president felt his election was the "last chance to stop America's decline." But his victory won't arrest the cultural and demographic trends they opposed, writes Robert P. Jones.

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

United Church of Christ resolution decries Israel's treatment of underage prisoners

The resolution, passed at the church's general synod in Baltimore, also calls on the U.S. to withhold military assistance to Israel.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

South Philadelphia mosque takes on matchmaking of black Muslim women

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Muslims say there's an epidemic of educated, professional women older than 30 struggling to find suitable matches, but the United Muslim Masjid in South Philly is trying to help them with a "Marriage Fair."
[More from Philly.com](#)

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