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IRELAND

Protestant Churches in NI rap Scots' move on same-sex marriage

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/protestant-churches-in-ni-rap-scots-move-on-samesex-marriage-35760127.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks

An Irish charity is raising money to help the rescued slaves of ISIS

Researchers who've interviewed survivors describe their trauma as the "most distressing" they've ever experienced.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/isis-irish-charity-rescued-3411484-May2017/>

Pledgeless manifesto gives SF plenty of wriggle room

Sinn Fein has declined to explain why it has produced a manifesto which contains just two largely uncontroversial pledges, rather than the usual tens or scores of firm commitments which parties set out before the electorate.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/pledgeless-manifesto-gives-sf-plenty-of-talks-wriggle-room-1-7980313>

Ben Lowry - SF hypocrisy over Manchester

There has been uproar since Monday night at Sinn Fein signing books of condolences on the Manchester bomb when the IRA launched three major terror attacks in or near Manchester in the 1990s.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/ben-lowry-hypocrisy-over-manchester-is-just-one-example-of-ira-distortion-of-history-1-7977316>

Thinking anew. - Irish Times column

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/thinking-anew-ascension-and-the-mystery-of-the-trinity-1.3095092>

GREAT BRITAIN

BBC News - Today's newspapers reviewed - Bank holiday terror lockdown

Headlines focus on armed police patrols at weekend events and reports the Manchester bombing has sparked an election row.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-40067639>

BBC News - Newspaper headlines yesterday - May and Corbyn unveil anti-terror strategies

Papers report on plans to crack down on social media and a change in foreign policy to fight extremism

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-40054327>

BBC/Times/Guard/Christian Today/Premier

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-40067473>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/suspected-isis-gunmen-kill-28-egyptian-coptic-christian-pilgrims-who-refused-to-convert-jv3bfbjbp>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/26/several-killed-in-attack-on-bus-carrying-coptic-christians-in-egypt>

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Archbishop-Justin-Welby-heartbroken-by-Christian-gun-attack-as-death-toll-rises>

ITV/Christian Today/Express

Further coverage following the bomb attack at Manchester Arena. Christian Today reports on a reflection by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, writing for the launch of the Thy Kingdom Come global wave of prayer. The Express reports that St Luke's Church in Goostrey, Cheshire, was packed with friends and family for a vigil in memory of Nell Jones, 14, one of the 22 people killed in the attack. ITV reported yesterday that Manchester Cathedral had reopened after the police cordon around the cathedral was lifted on Wednesday. (See also comment below, including article by Archbishop of York and report on Bishop of Manchester address at Ascension Day service)

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/809750/Manchester-bombing-victims-Nell-Jones-Freya-Lewis-Holmes-Chapel-tributes-Ariana-Grande>
<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2017-05-26/manchester-cathedral-reopens-after-bombing/>

Christian Today/Pink News

Reports on agenda for the General Synod meeting in York including a Private Member's motion brought by General Synod member Jayne Ozanne calling on the General Synod to condemn gay conversion therapy as 'unethical, harmful and not supported by evidence.' The General Synod will also debate a Blackburn Diocesan Synod motion on welcoming transgender people.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/05/26/church-of-england-to-debate-condemning-gay-conversion-therapy/>

Times

Feature on the appeal of ethical investment, highlighting the success of the Church Commissioners' £7.9 billion investment fund. The article mentions the Church Commissioners Annual Report published earlier this week showing that the fund made a 17.1% return last year.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/funds-that-will-soothe-your-conscience-and-accountant-pw362gvrn>

Comment

Yorks Evening Post

Archbishop of York: 'Manchester – act of hate defeated by outpouring of love.'

<http://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/opinion/john-sentamu-manchester-act-of-hate-defeated-by-outpouring-of-love-1-8565232>

Christian Today

Hazel Southam writes on the Ascension Day service at St Martin-in-the-Fields in London where the Bishop of Manchester, David Walker gave the [address](#).

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Christopher Howse: 'Sacred Mysteries: An eight-storey tower for Lambeth's garden'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/05/26/sacred-mysteriesan-eight-storey-tower-lambeths-garden/>

INTERNATIONAL

Terrorists Kill 28 Christians on Church Bus Trip to Popular Monastery

http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2017/may/terrorists-kill-26-christians-bus-egypt-monastery-minya.html?utm_source=ctweekly-html&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_term=9511533&utm_content=514931463&utm_campaign=email

Archbishop Justin Welby 'heartbroken' by Christian gun attack as death toll rises **BBC/Times/Guard/Christian Today/Premier**

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Egypt hits jihadists camps after attack on Copts

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