



## Today's GB Press Coverage

### **BBC**

A Reading vicar has been charged with sexually abusing three teenagers and has been bailed to appear in court in Newbury later in January.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-25645333>

### **Metro**

Report on St Mark's school Church of England school in Southampton, where 42 different languages are spoken by pupils.

<http://metro.co.uk/2014/01/07/heres-st-marks-the-school-where-pupils-speak-42-languages-between-them-4253729/>

### **BBC**

Reports on flooding across the country including quote from vicar Jane Sherwood in Oxford Diocese

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-25633693>

### **Mai/Ind**

Pope Francis has a baby lamb draped around his neck as he visits a nativity re-enactment at Justine, outside Rome, as it is confirmed he has dropped the title "Monsignor" for all but the most senior clerics.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2535647/Lamb-God-meet-man-God-Pope-Francis-real-lamb-draped-neck-visit.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/pope-visits-nativity-reenactment-9045015.html>

### **Guard**

The Guardian features photographs of worshippers celebrating Serbian Orthodox Christmas, which falls on January 7th at a church in Bourneville, Birmingham.

<http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/gallery/2014/jan/08/serbian-orthodox-christmas-liturgy-in-birmingham-in-pictures>

## **Ind**

A review of "God's Cadet's", a BBC4 documentary about the Salvation Army, revealing a broad range of people attracted to serve.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/tv/reviews/gods-cadets-joining-the-salvation-army-bbc4--tv-review-9044902.html>

## **Tel**

Foreign visitors could be charged for having abortions in the U.K., as part of a crackdown on "health tourism". The idea is under consideration by the government.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10557251/Foreigners-may-be-charged-for-abortions-on-the-NHS.html>

## **Metro/Mirror**

A Brazilian old-aged-pensioner, Inri Cristo, believes he is the reincarnation of Jesus Christ and has attracted young female followers from around the world.

<http://metro.co.uk/2014/01/07/the-reincarnation-of-jesus-meet-the-brazilian-oap-on-a-scooter-who-believes-hes-christ-4253779/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/real-life-stories/inri-cristo-claims-jesus-reincarnated-2997318>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2535168/Man-thinks-hes-Jesus-hundreds-young-women-follow-world.html>

## **Ind**

Natasha Devon, commenting on boxer Evander Holyfield's use of the Bible to defend his claim that being gay "ain't normal", says that it tends to be only the most vocally homophobic Christians who get quoted on the question of gay rights and we shouldn't judge all Christians by this. She says that majority of "thinking Christians" rarely get a say on the matter.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/dont-judge-all-christians-by-evander-holyfields-homophobic-comments-9044755.html>

## **BBC**

A church in Darlington, Grade II-listed Holy Trinity, has won a quarter of a million pound lottery grant to support repairs.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tees-25639000>

## **BBC**

Pilgrims have flocked to the tomb of a recently-canonized saint in Georgia, following up on beliefs spread in part through social media, that Father Gabriel would grant two wishes.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-25639381>

## **Metro**

A feature about the United Nations' forthcoming investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church's, which begins on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> with a Vatican delegation to Geneva.

<http://metro.co.uk/2014/01/06/will-the-vatican-comply-with-un-investigation-into-child-abuse-4247726/>

## **Tel**

Frans Schraven, a Dutch Bishop who was killed in the 1930s for refusing to hand over Chinese women to Japanese soldiers to serve as prostitutes, could be beatified by the Roman Catholic Church, which is considering an application submitted by a modern day Bishop of Roermond, the Netherlands.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/10555036/Bishop-who-protected-Chinese-girls-from-Japanese-soldiers-could-become-patron-saint-of-sex-abuse-victims.html>

## **Blogs**

**The Bishop of Sheffield** has blogged as part of a series on the Psalms, looking at "what if we don't feel like rejoicing?", including references to the severe weather.

<http://bishopofsheffield.blogspot.co.uk/2014/01/in-all-circumstances-not-for-all.html>

**Brother Ivo** has commented on the recently released alternative baptism text, offering the perspective of what Apple would do.

<http://brotherivo.com/blog/2014/01/07/baptism-liturgy-what-would-apple-do/>

**Psephizo** on alternative baptism text, suggesting that a new single liturgy for baptism should be developed.

<http://www.psephizo.com/life-ministry/experimental-baptism/>