



## **GB Press review**

**2nd January 2014**

### **News from the Archbishop of Canterbury**

Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said in his New Year Message, delivered at a community centre in South London, that Christians become involved in social justice not for political reasons but because they have received God's love.

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5216/its-not-about-politics-its-about-love-archbishop-gives-first-new-year-message>

### **News from the Anglican Communion**

Archbishop David Moxon, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See, and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, has been appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit "in recognition of his services to the Anglican Church."

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2013/12/archbishop-david-moxon-knighted.aspx>

### **Press Coverage**

#### **Times/Tel/Guard**

Reports of the Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message (see above) delivered as he visited a South London community centre. Archbishop Justin quoted Mandela saying addressing poverty is an act of justice, not charity, and defended the right of himself and other church leaders to speak about matters beyond purely religious ones, saying the church performs a function of being "glue" that holds society together.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3963577.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10546198/Welby-dismisses-critics->

[calls-to-stay-out-of-politics-and-stick-to-talking-about-God.html](#)  
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/jan/01/archbishop-canterbury-nelson-mandela-poverty>

### **Times**

Reports that the Church of England (Church Commissioners) has yet to dispose of its small investment in payday lender Wonga, Archbishop Justin told BBC Radio 4's Today programme this week.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3962315.ece>  
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/024aec7e-723c-11e3-bff7-00144feabdc0.html#axzz2p8xxgwft>

### **Mail/Guard**

Continued coverage of remarks by Archbishop Justin, on BBC Radio 4's Today programme this week, in which he noted that certain City of London institutions are "in denial" about the financial crisis and its impact on the world economy. The Mail notes that JP Morgan pays over 100 of its staff an average of GBP2 million.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2532458/Bank-employs-Tony-Blair-adviser-paid-126-staff-average-salary-2m-2012.html>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2014/jan/01/2m-average-bonus-jp-morgan-bankers>

### **Mail**

Report on an interview given by Rev. Professor Richard Burrige, Dean of King's College, London to the Today Programme. According to the report Richard Burrige commented that the attitude of many Christians who tried to get the Monty Python film the Life of Brian, banned in the 1970s as blasphemous, was "embarrassing" and that the Life of Brian showed how unique a person Jesus was.

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2532171/A-U-turn-Biblical-proportions-34-years-release-senior-churchman-calls-Life-Brian-extraordinary-tribute-Jesus.html?ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2532171/A-U-turn-Biblical-proportions-34-years-release-senior-churchman-calls-Life-Brian-extraordinary-tribute-Jesus.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)  
<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/5351721/vicar-praises-life-of-bryan-monty-python.html>

### **Guard/Express/BBC**

Pope Francis, in his New Year address, said that too many people have become indifferent to war, violence and injustice, and called on the world to "cry for peace" for suffering people.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/01/pope-francis-cry-for-peace->

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<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/451478/What-is-happening-in-the-heart-of-man-Pope-Francis-calls-for-peace-in-New-Year-s-speech>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25568719>

## **Times**

One of the founders of the Sunday Assembly, the "godless" church which has been popular in London and is now crossing over to the U.S., talks of how "schism" ensued among New Yorkers in trying to decide how to spread the vision across America.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/americas/article3963230.ece>

## **Mirror/Mail/Times**

Reports of the death of Father Joseph Williams, a Roman Catholic priest in Houghton Regis, Luton, who died apparently of natural causes in a supermarket car park and is thought to have lain dead in his car for three days, including comments from the Bishop of Northampton, the Rt. Revd. Peter Doyle.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/priest-joseph-williams-found-dead-2979297>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2532230/Priest-dead-wheel-Morrisons-car-park-THREE-days.html?>

[ITO=1490&ns\\_mchannel=rss&ns\\_campaign=1490](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2532230/Priest-dead-wheel-Morrisons-car-park-THREE-days.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3962925.ece>

## **BBC**

A French Roman Catholic priest who has been freed in Cameroon nearly seven weeks after being abducted from his parish and moved to Nigeria has been welcomed back to France by president Francois Hollande.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25566473>

## **Letters**

Several correspondents write to tackle Philip Collins, who in a recent column urged Archbishop Justin and other Anglican leaders to make a more powerful case for the existence of God.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/letters/article3963020.ece>

**Blogs** In God and Politics, Canon J John provides a special thought for the new year.

<http://godandpoliticsuk.org/2013/12/31/putting-off-the-old-putting-on-the-new/>