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IRELAND

Power sharing deal by end of month - Forster News Letter

A deal to restore Northern Ireland's power-sharing Executive could be struck before the end of the month, Arlene Foster has said.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/foster-holds-out-hope-of-talks-deal-by-end-of-month-1-7898618>

Fresh talks are off to a positive start, say the parties

Belfast Telegraph

[http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/fresh-talks-are-off-to-a-positive-start-say-the-parties-35591616.html?](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/fresh-talks-are-off-to-a-positive-start-say-the-parties-35591616.html)

Alleged bias damages public confidence

BBC News

The PPS has been under fire in recent months, accused of bias over Troubles related legacy cases.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39443828>

Record cruise ship visits to Belfast

BBC

A record 88 cruise ships are scheduled to visit Belfast this year - almost double the traffic of five years ago.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39483695>

Quickie divorce law aims to cut wait time from four years to two

The Journal

If passed, a referendum will be called to change the Constitution.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/divorce-ireland-3-3322266-Apr2017/>

A majority of people think Irish should be optional in Ireland's schools

The Journal

<http://www.thejournal.ie/claire-byrne-live-poll-irish-3322821-Apr2017/>

Congregation says government was 'forced' to set up €1.5 billion redress scheme for abuse victims

The Journal

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, one of the 18 congregations investigated by the Ryan Commission, has published a statement on the matter.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/oblates-statement-redress-abuse-3322823-Apr2017/>

GB

Newspaper headlines: St Petersburg blast and Gibraltar row

BBC News

Pictures following the explosion on the Russian city's metro dominate Tuesday's front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39486719>

Tel/BBC/Sun/Times/Sky/Mail/Mirror

Reports that the Church of England has spoken of the “folly of airbrushing faith from Easter” after the word Easter was dropped from the name of an annual egg hunt sponsored by the chocolate maker Cadbury. The event sees hundreds of

thousands of children search for chocolate eggs at National Trust properties. Telegraph reports that the event has been rebranded as the 'Great British Egg Hunt'. The reports quote the Archbishop of York who said the decision to remove the word Easter from the egg hunt logo was tantamount to "spitting on the grave" of John Cadbury, the company's original Christian founder.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/03/easter-egg-row-church-england-accuses-national-trust-airbrushing/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39487307>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3249202/national-trust-accused-of-airbrushing-faith-as-it-drops-easter-from-cadbury-egg-hunt/>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/unholy-row-over-easter-egg-hunt-7w8c2kwwr>

<http://news.sky.com/story/church-fury-as-easter-airbrushed-from-cadbury-egg-hunt-10824162>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4377706/National-Trust-banishes-word-Easter-egg-hunt.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/church-row-cadbury-national-trust-10153491>

BBC

Article by BBC Religious Affairs correspondent Martin Bashir on the response by faiths to the

recent Westminster terror attack. The report includes the vigil outside Westminster Abbey held two days after the attack and attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other faith leaders. It also highlights the forthcoming 'Service of Hope' to be held tomorrow in Westminster Abbey. The article quotes the Dean of Westminster Dr John Hall.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39482705>

Guard

Article on how charities and faith groups are supporting asylum seekers and refugees. The article features the West End Refugee Service (WERS), based in Newcastle, which has supported more than 500 asylum seekers and refugees from around 50 countries over the past year. The article says that in the past three years, Near Neighbours, which is run by Church Urban Fund, has given grants to almost 200 local asylum seeker and refugee projects run by a mixture of faith-based, inter-faith and non-faith groups. Paul Hackwood, Executive Director of Church Urban Fund and the Bishop of Manchester, David Walker, are quoted in the article.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/03/money-love-volunteers-uk-helping-asylum-seekers-government-support-charities-faith-groups>

BBC (scroll down)

Report on the House of Lords includes an item which says that the Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith, has called attention to the recent Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone and highlighted the way that religious groups can act as a 'bridge' to help prevent the stigmatisation of survivors.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/uk-politics-parliaments-39481502>

Times

Report on research from the University of Manchester which found that a pay rise of around £10,000 a year makes a churchgoer 6% less likely to attend at least one church service a month. Ingrid Storm, a research fellow at the university, said the findings indicated that churches provided a support network to those on lower incomes and that people felt less in need of community when they were better off.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/god-takes-second-place-if-mammon-provides-pay-rise-jcsm3jw58>

Christian Today

Reports on a [blog](#) by the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, commenting on the EU Referendum result and the impact on Gibraltar.

Tel

Report that British astronaut Tim Peake has dined with the Queen at Windsor Castle. One of the guests attending the dinner was listed as the former Bishop of London Richard Chartres.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/03/tim-peake-has-dinner-queen-windsor-castle/>

Christian Today/Premier

Further coverage of a study arguing that the Church of England is facing difficulties because a generation of older women who, it says, keep parishes going are reaching old age.

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-of-England-faces-grave-future-study-concludes>

Christian Today

Further coverage of a report first published in the Sunday Times on the disclosure that the BBC is closing its religion and ethics television department. The move follows the recent loss of the contract to make Songs of Praise. The Bishop of Norwich, Graham James, is quoted.

BBC (video)

Follow up video after a Sunday Telegraph story about donkeys in an east London city farm which are increasingly in demand for Palm

Sunday processions as churches organise larger and more visual demonstrations of faith in cities. (See also Stories Worth Sharing below)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-39485577>

Obituary

Peter Gibson – stained glass craftsman who rescued York Minster’s 16th century Rose Window after a devastating fire in 1984

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/peter-gibson-7q86qxvnf>

Comment

Guard

The Guardian view on funding heritage. ‘The ancient churches and cathedrals of Britain are real national treasures, shared with unbelievers. They must be paid for’.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/apr/03/the-guardian-view-on-funding-heritage-save-buildings-if-not-beliefs>