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MEDIA REVIEW - April 9 at 10.30

IRELAND

Garda overtime rises massive 52% as pressure of battling Irish gangs takes its toll

The Journal - Garda overtime increased by to a huge extent last year with an additional €23.5 million paid out to the force's 28 regional divisions.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/garda-overtime-foi-3323589-Apr2017/>

'We're on the verge of a really important victory': Large crowds gather in Dublin for Right2Water protest

The Journal - Crowds turned out in Dublin today for the demonstration.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/water-charges-protest-4-3326309-Apr2017/>

Ulster Unionist Party confirm Robin Swann as new leader

BBC - The North Antrim MLA ruled out a single unionist party after being confirmed by party members.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-politics-39533558>

GB

Sunday April 9

BBC

Newspaper headlines: 'Russia accused over Syria war crime'

As Boris Johnson scraps a trip to Moscow, the Sunday papers analyse the situation surrounding Syria.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-the-papers-39542620>

BBC

8% of non-religious people think Jesus did rise from the dead, suggests a survey.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-39153121>

BBC

The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry will mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-39541940>

Christian Today

Report that Archbishop of Canterbury will be taking part in a Facebook live about prayer and the launch of Thy Kingdom Come **today at 3pm** during his visit to Spring Harvest (*full details of how to log in can be found in the article*).

Obsv

Feature on the financial challenges facing cathedrals noting that tomorrow full details of a new Working Group, ordered by both Archbishops, will be announced, looking into the way cathedrals are governed. Article notes the Group will be chaired by the Bishop of Stepney, Adrian Newman, with the Dean of York, Vivienne Faull, as deputy chair and includes comments from both.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/08/cathedrals-financial-crisis-church-england>

BBC

Report on BBC local radio poll on the resurrection showing a range of views among Christians and atheists. Includes comment from

churchnewsireland@gmail.com

Bishop of Manchester, David Walker: "This important and welcome survey proves that many British people, despite not being regular churchgoers, hold core Christian beliefs. Alongside them it finds surprisingly high levels of religious belief among those who follow no specific religion, often erroneously referred to as secularists or atheists. This demonstrates how important beliefs remain across our society and hence the importance both of religious literacy and of religion having a prominent place in public discourse."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-39153121>

Metro/Eve Stand

Preview of PC Keith Palmer's funeral tomorrow at Southwark Cathedral and how the public can pay their respects to the policeman murdered in the Westminster terror attack.

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/04/08/how-to-pay-your-respects-at-funeral-procession-of-westminster-hero-pc-keith-palmer-6562474/>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/pc-keith-palmer-funeral-route-time-and-how-to-pay-your-respects-to-police-officer-killed-in-a3510751.html>

Comment

Yorkshire Post

Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines: The Church and how it is forging friendships

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/nick-baines-the-church-and-how-it-is-forging-new-friendships-1-8482177>

Saturday April 8

Tel/BBC/Guard

Reports on announcement yesterday that the Dean of Liverpool, Pete Wilcox, is to be the next Bishop of Sheffield.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/07/new-bishop-sheffield-enormous-privilege-proof-read-wifes-raunchy/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-39525805>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/07/no-10-names-new-bishop-sheffield-pete-wilcox-row-female-clergy>

Tel/Times/Exp

Reports on comments made yesterday in TES interview with CofE's Chief Education Nigel Genders: "Because we think every child is important, we want to develop more schools that are meeting the needs of all pupils, irrespective

of whether they've got high academic ability.” Also see [CofE Comms blog](#). *Express* focuses on the importance of chaplains.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/church-rejects-plans-for-new-grammars-723wdcfcw>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/04/07/church-england-rejects-new-grammar-schools-states-will-build/>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/789204/School-education-Church-Of-England-chaplains>

Christian Today

Report on [Lambeth Palace Gardens](#) being open to the public on the first Friday of every month until the end of August. Article, which includes photos, notes visitors can get ‘a chance to explore the 12th-century private garden which has graced the home of Archbishops of Canterbury since the middle ages’.

Mail

Report on comments in the [Church Times](#), by Roger Bolton, who hosts Feedback on BBC Radio 4, saying that the BBC’s religious coverage is a ‘mess’ because its liberal staff are dangerously out of touch. Article includes comment from a BBC spokesperson.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4391578/Radio-4-host-says-BBC-s-coverage-religion-mess.html#ixzz4ddxYjuYJ>

Mail

Interview with CofE priest Rev Marie-Elsa Bragg, duty chaplain of Westminster Abbey, on her debut novel.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4392050/Melvyn-Brigg-s-priest-daughter-father-s-infidelity.html#ixzz4ddvxZlpr>

Tel/Mail/Mirr/Ex

Reports on thanksgiving service yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, for the life of Lord Snowdon, which was attended by the Queen and other members of the Royal Family.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/07/queen-leads-tributes-former-brother-in-law-photographer-lord/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-4389708/Queen-Duke-Edinburgh-remember-Lord-Snowdon.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/queen-leads-tributes-lord-snowdon-10181226>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/royal/788998/lord-snowden-photography-memorial-service-royal-family-princess-margaret>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/the-queen-attends-service-of-thanksgiving-for-lord-snowdon-a3510111.html>

Tel

Feature on the date of Easter noting that the Archbishop of Canterbury has previously said the date should fall on the same Sunday each year.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/easter-2017-dates-meaning-behind-good-friday-easter-sunday-easter/>

Letters

Times (Fri)

SUPPORT FOR IMPACT OF BEREAVEMENT

Sir, The government's recently introduced bereavement support payments reduce the availability of support for widows, widowers and their children to only 18 months. Bereavement is a crushing burden and its impact can last for far longer than this, especially in families with children.

The Church of England conducts about 150,000 funerals annually and supports families often for years afterwards. I know from first-hand pastoral experience that many bereaved families are not ready to stand on their own feet so quickly.

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f the government is serious about this payment providing much-needed support during the most crucial years of the bereavement process, then three years of support should be considered the minimum, especially where children are involved. Anything less does a great wrong to those who are already suffering. Universal credit, with its conditions and focus on increasing work hours for single parents, is not appropriate for a young family still coming to terms with grief.

Dr Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans