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News from the Archbishop of Canterbury

Archbishop Justin has called on members of the Anglican Communion to pray and advocate for an end to the fighting in South Sudan which has large regions of the country in recent days.

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5220/archbishop-urges-prayers-as-violence-mounts-in-south-sudan>

News from the Archbishop of York

The Archbishop of York is inviting anyone between the ages of 18 and 30 who is thinking of training for ordained ministry to come to a conference at Bishopthorpe Palace, York, on March 1 2014.

<http://www.archbishopofyork.org/articles.php/3028/step-forward-2014>

Today's Press Coverage

Guard

As part of the paper's "Readers' stories" feature church communities from around the country describe why it is still important to be a Christian today

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/06/christianity-church-congregations-readers-stories>

Times

Katharine Welby, the daughter of Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, has blogged about the pressure that her struggle with depression has put on her faith, the Times reports. In the blog, Katharine Welby says when she feels low she doesn't feel like "going to God."

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3967719.ece>

Express

Nick Ross refers to Archbishop Justin's interview with Barclays chief Antony

Jenkins on BBC Radio 4's Today programme as an example of relative "balance" compared with the controversial edition of the programme guest-edited by PJ Harvey last week which was widely accused of left-wing bias.
<http://www.express.co.uk/comment/expresscomment/452432/Nick-Robinson-is-right-the-BBC-did-get-it-badly-wrong-over-immigration>

BBC

A Grade I listed church in Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin in Charminster, is being destroyed by flooding because water is backing up behind a bridge which is also listed, its vicar has said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-25619874>

BBC

A feature by BBC religious affairs correspondent Robert Pigott about Pope Francis.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25466403>

Sun/Times/Express/Tel/BBC

Church of Scotland minister Donald McInness has lost his position as a school chaplain after posting comments on Facebook saying homosexuality was a "perversion."

<http://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/scotsol/homepage/news/5361716/Gay-rant-chaplain-school-KO.html>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3967879.ece>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/452401/School-fires-chaplain-for-saying-homosexuality-is-a-disorder-and-a-perversion>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/10553919/Church-of-Scotland-minister-loses-role-as-chaplain-of-Glasgow-school-after-calling-homosexuality-a-disorder.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-25621301>

Times/Tel

A former member of the Vatican's Swiss Guard has claimed in a Swiss newspaper article that cardinals, bishops and priests prey on the young men recruited to be the Pope's bodyguards.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article3967532.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/vaticancityandholyseel/10553396/Swiss-Guard-claims-Vatican-official-made-sexual-advances-to-him.html>

Tel

Christopher Howse notes that a previous Bishop of Bath & Wells was killed in the Great Storm of 1661 when a chimney stack fell onto the bed he was sleeping in.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/topics/weather/10553640/The-storms-are-no-different-but-we-are.html>

FT

Brian Groom wonders whether next September's scheduled cricket match between priests from the Vatican and the Church of England will spur the use of Muslim or Jewish umpires.

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f8adeece-6bc8-11e3-a216-00144feabdc0.html?ftcamp=published_links%2Frss%2Fcomment%2Ffeed%2F%2Fproduct#axzz2pgoyXc2r

BBC

Former Belfast priest Peter Donnelly has denied sexually abusing a girl when she was a member of his congregation in the 1980s. The case is being heard at Belfast Crown Court.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-25630884>

BBC

Following on from the trial of additional baptism materials A poll finds that belief in the devil is falling.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-25622331>

Guard

Giles Fraser compares George Osborne and free-market counterparts, in their railing against the big state, to John Milton's devil in Paradise Lost and his seductive rhetoric of rebellion.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/06/george-osborne-john-milton-devil-osbornomics>

Blogs:

Andrew Brown, in the Guardian, says that while reports on the Church of England's new baptism trials are erroneous, Christianity without a "serious consciousness of sin" is shallow and unlikely to last. Brown says that the idea of sin may, however, have to be re-imagined.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/andrewbrown/2014/jan/06/church-of-england-not-abandoning-sin>

On the God and Politics blog, **Dr. Chris Baker** from the William Temple foundation asks whether local churches can revive communities?

<http://godandpoliticsuk.org/2014/01/07/can-local-religion-revive-local-communities/>

Damian Thompson, in the Telegraph, writes about the notion of "cults".

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/damianthompson/100253004/cults-how-to-separate-truth-from-fiction/>

Archbishop Cranmer suggests that the Church of England's new trial baptism liturgy is "inadequate". Postmodern times, a fixation on neutrality and poor education are "no reason for the Church to obscure the gospel."

<http://archbishop-cranmer.blogspot.co.uk/>