



Press review

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Today's Press Coverage

Guard

The Revd. Lucy Winkett explains that the decision of her church, St. James Piccadilly, to erect a life-size replica of the Israeli security fence in Bethlehem as part of an art installation, is not about denying the right of the state of Israel to exist or taking sides in the conflict, but is about fuelling free expression and debate.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jan/02/bethlehem-unwrapped-not-taking-sides-israel-security-wall>

Tel

Report that Tatler magazine, which usually focuses on lifestyle issues, has published a list of "top state schools" including Church of England Schools

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/10547971/Tatler-magazine-publishes-guide-to-Britains-best-state-schools.html>

Ind/BBC

Pope Francis has nearly tripled the number of people coming to watch him speak at public audiences and Masses at the Vatican, compared to his predecessor, Pope Benedict, statistics show.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/pope-francis-tripled-crowds-at-vatican-during-2013-9035692.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-25581440>

Sun

Former treasurer Nicola Holding is accused of stealing nearly £120,000 from her church and its attached preschool. She failed to appear in court but admits defrauding St. Boniface Church, Plymouth to the tune of around £50,000, and its preschool of nearly £70,000, according to reports.

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/5354068/church-treasurer-faces-jail-for-120k-fiddle.html>

BBC/Mirror

Father Joseph Williams, the Roman Catholic priest found dead in his car in a supermarket car park in Bedfordshire had been reported missing the previous day, the BBC reports.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-25581695>

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

BBC

Fighting continues in South Sudan, the newly-created Christian dominated part of the war-torn country, ahead of planned peace talks in Ethiopia.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-25573882>

Letters

Janet Gough, from the Church of England's Cathedral and Church Buildings Division, writes to the **Guardian** to point out that church treasures rely on the care of parishes for their preservation.

<http://www.theguardian.com/theguardian/2013/dec/31/anglican-parishes-treasures>

Blogs

Brother Ivo suggests that the best resolution for the Church of England would be to "make child abuse history." While the Church doesn't get the credit it deserves for tackling this, he suggests, accepting diocesan policies on this matter would go a long way towards protecting vulnerable children.

<http://brotherivo.com/blog/2013/12/30/a-new-year-resolution-for-the-church/>

Archbishop Cranmer discusses the new influx of immigrants from Eastern Europe and the sometimes inhumane response of the media.

<http://archbishop-cranmer.blogspot.co.uk/2014/01/romanians-bulgarians-and-jesus.html>