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IRELAND

FAITH

Methodist Church Conference begins today

The annual conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland begins today at Trinity Methodist Church Lisburn The programme of the conference is available at -

http://www.irishmethodist.org/sites/default/files/Bluebook%20repression%20for%20email%20distribution_0.pdf

Relic of St Teresa of Calcutta visits Belfast for Irish tour

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2017/06/13/news/relic-of-st-teresa-of-calcutta-visits-belfast-for-irish-tour-1053171/>

Day of Prayer at Nutts Corner in September with US evangelist

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<http://www.downanddromore.org/news/2017/06/Day-of-Prayer-on-September-9-promises-to-be-special>

SVP Ireland fast becoming an unequal nation

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/TLj51jRPXXY/svp-ireland-is-fast-becoming-an-unequal-nation-452381.html>

SVP 130,000 families turning to moneylenders

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/RjMu3FK7Q74/svp-130000-families-turning-to-moneylenders-452436.html>

Bishop's tribute to late Rev Liz McElhinney

<http://www.downanddromore.org/news/2017/06/Bishop-Harolds-tribute-to-the-Revd-Liz-McElhinney>

Results of Triennial Elections in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

<http://churchofirelandcork.com/2017/06/12/results-of-triennial-elections-in-the-diocese-of-cork-cloyne-and-ross/>

Obituary : Bishop Donald Caird

Irish Times

He had a conventional upbringing as a **Church of Ireland** boy in the middle-class suburb of Ranelagh. As a pupil at Wesley College facing State ...

<http://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/obituary-bishop-donald-caird-1.3111351>

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POLITICS - NORTHERN IRELAND

Michael Mansergh - DUP could do great service to all Ireland on Brexit

The DUP could do a “great service” to the island of Ireland if they use their influence at Westminster to push for the UK staying in the customs union, a former Fianna Fail TD has said.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/dup-could-do-great-service-for-whole-of-ireland-former-td-1-8006916>

DUP hopeful of government deal soon

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2017-40255958>

May seeks to allay peace process fears over DUP - Tory pact

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/theresa-may-seeks-to-allay-peace-process-fears-over-duptory-alliance-35823247.html>

The DUP are not bigots – rights are improving for gay people in Northern Ireland

<https://inews.co.uk/opinion/dup-not-bigots-rights-changing-gay-people-northern-ireland/amp/>

Jeff Dudgeon, the Ulster Unionist councillor, on DUP and gay rights

News Letter - In a fascinating article that is being read across the UK, Jeff Dudgeon, the Ulster Unionist

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councillor who led the battle in the 1970s and 80s to decriminalise homosexuality in Northern Ireland, says that the Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson can rest assured things will not go backwards on gay rights as a result of the Tory-DUP deal:

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/jeff-dudgeon-i-have-long-battled-with-the-dup-over-gay-rights-but-i-do-not-find-them-hostile-now-1-8006776>

Durkan regrets only Derry voice in Commons is Campbell's

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/mark-durkan-i-regret-that-only-derry-voice-in-commons-is-gregory-campbell-1.3118577>

Brexit, Theresa May, and the Ulster Plantation

<https://www.thedetail.tv/articles/brexit-theresa-may-and-the-ulster-plantation?utm>

DUP says talks with Theresa May to prop up minority Tory government set for 'successful conclusion soon'

The Independent

Theresa May's talks to prop up her Government with Northern Ireland unionists are set for a "successful conclusion soon", according to the DUP leader.

[Read the full story](#)

Police investigate claims of voting irregularities in N Ireland

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<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/police-investigate-claims-of-vote-theft-in-northern-ireland-1.3118073>

The Electoral Commission has been told by an MLA that ‘vote stealing’ by impersonators has been ‘co-ordinated’ in the Foyle constituency.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/foyle-vote-theft-was-co-ordinated-says-sdip-mla-1-8006977>

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0613/882433-election-investigation/>

MOTHER AND BABY HOMES

There are growing calls from victims and campaigners for a public inquiry into Northern Ireland’s former mother and baby homes, with claims the findings would “shock this society to its core”.

Detail Data has examined archive documents and interviewed women and children who survived conditions in the homes for unmarried mothers that existed in Northern Ireland until the early 1980s – including institutions run by the Catholic Church, the Church of Ireland and the Salvation Army.

<https://www.thedetail.tv/articles/mother-and-baby-homes-the-case-for-a-public-inquiry?>

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NI report scathing on how Nazareth Lodge and homes were run

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/institutional-abuse-ni-report-scathing-at-how-nazareth-homes-were-run-1.3118654>

Former residents call for NI mother and baby homes inquiry

New research into "shameful" infant mortality rates adds weight to calls for a public inquiry.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40264777>

Statement from Down and Connor on Nazareth homes

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/statement-from-diocese-of-down-and-connor-on-nazareth-house-and-lodge-1.3118676>

ABORTION

Abortion once again issue that will not go away

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/abortion-is-once-again-the-issue-that-will-not-go-away-1.3118628>

Number of NI women travelling to GB falls

The number of women from Northern Ireland travelling to England and Wales for an abortion has fallen by 109 in the space of one year.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/fewer-women-travelling-from-ni-to-england-and-wales-for-abortion-1-8006653>

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NI girls aged as young as 13 are seeking abortions in England

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/ni-girls-aged-as-young-as-13-are-seeking-abortions-in-england-35823122.html?>

Irish women account for seven in 10 non-resident abortions carried out in UK

More than 3,200 women and girls travelled from Ireland to the UK for terminations last year.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/irish-women-abortions-uk-3441909-Jun2017/>

3265 women travelled for abortions

<http://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2017/0613/882382-abortion-figures/>

20 Irish teenagers travel for abortions each month figures reveal

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/twenty-irish-teenagers-are-travelling-to-uk-for-abortions-every-month-new-figures-reveal-35821254.html>

'Opening the coffin every two hours to put in ice-packs so remains stay cool'

How many more girls are our government prepared to abuse while they delay a referendum on the Eighth Amendment, asks Gerry Edwards.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/readme/opening-the-coffin-every-two-hours-to-put-in-ice-packs-so-remains-stay-cool-3441810-Jun2017/>

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DUP hits back at 'bile, hate and venom' from critics of anti-abortion stance

https://inews.co.uk/essentials/news/uk/dup-criticism-hits-back-bile-hatred-venom-anti-abortion-gay-marriage/?cm_mmc=B2C-_-inews-newsletter-v2-_-SEC1-_-

Record number of women have selective abortions when pregnant with twins

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/06/13/record-number-of-women-choosing-selective-abortions-when-pregnant-with-twins/>

POLITICS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Varadkar set to be elected Taoiseach

http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0614/882589-new_taoiseach/

Simon Coventry appointed deputy leader of Fine Gael

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/simon-coveney-appointed-deputy-leader-of-fine-gael-35822225.html>

Ireland is one step closer to lifting the Good Friday alcohol ban

Cabinet approved a number of amendments to a private members bill which would lift the ban.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/good-friday-alcohol-ban-2-3442177-Jun2017/>

EDUCATION - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Good news for parents: Back to school allowance is going up by 25%

Meanwhile, the weekly payments for those in Direct Provision are also set to be increased.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/back-to-school-allowance-2-3442510-Jun2017/>

Christian Brothers warn against blocking of development

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/christian-brothers-warn-council-over-bid-to-block-clonkeen-development-1.3118105>

UNITED KINGDOM

BBC News: Newspaper headlines: May's Brexit plan and SAS pose as homeless

Wednesday's front pages continue to be dominated by the fallout following the general election.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-40269118>

Guard/Tel/Premier

Reports that at least 200 firefighters and 40 engines are on the scene of a huge fire at the 24-storey Grenfell Tower block near Notting Hill in

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west London. Guardian and Telegraph live coverage reports that nearby St Clement's Church has been receiving evacuated residents and others affected by the fire.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/live/2017/jun/14/grenfell-tower-major-fire-london-apartment-block-white-city-latimer-road>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/14/grenfell-tower-fire-massive-blaze-engulfs-block-flats-near-white1/>

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Churches-open-doors-to-evacuated-residents-after-massive-West-London-blaze>

Premier

Report that the Archbishop of Canterbury was among leaders from different faiths who joined Muslims breaking their Ramadan fast at a Big Iftar hosted by the Al-Khoei Foundation

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/>

[Archbishop-Justin-Welby-honoured-to-join-Muslims-breaking-fast](#)

Pink News

Report that the singer-songwriter and broadcaster Vicky Beeching has received the Thomas Cranmer award for outstanding contributions to contemporary worship music from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Article quotes the award citation

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which notes: "Her support for gay marriage and her announcement in 2014 that she herself was gay led to rejection by some of her erstwhile followers but also brought her to prominence in the UK as a commentator on religious and social affairs." More than 35 people from around the world were recognised for their outstanding service to the church at awards the ceremony in Lambeth Palace. (See also News from the Archbishop of Canterbury, above).

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/06/13/gay-rock-star-vicky-beeching-recognised-by-church-of-england-for-contribution-to-worship/>

Tel

Light hearted report on a selfie posted on Twitter by Alastair Campbell, the former director of communications for Tony Blair, wearing the Archbishop of Canterbury's mitre. Writing on Twitter, Mr Campbell said: "Last month I nicked Archbishop mitre when he popped out." The article includes Archbishop Justin's response on Twitter where he said: "Pleased to see Alastair Campbell finally doing God... I will need that mitre back though."

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/06/13/alistair-campbell-reveals-naughtiest-thing-ever-done-posts-selfie/?WT.mc_id=tmg_share_tw

Yorks Post

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Report that the family of seven-year-old Katie Rough will take part in the Great North Run to raise money for education in Africa. Seven relatives and family friends will run the half marathon in September in honour of the Archbishop of York, who they say has been a 'great support' to them. A 15-year-old girl has been charged with Katie's murder and faces trial next month.

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/crime/family-of-tragic-york-girl-katie-rough-run-in-aid-of-african-children-1-8593231>

Bloomberg

Report that Glencore Plc made a surprise \$3.5 billion bid for thermal coal-rich ground on Australia's east coast controlled by Rio Tinto Group and Japan's Mitsubishi Corp. The Church of England, which owns some Glencore shares, said it was reviewing the company's coal bid. It filed a [climate disclosure resolution](#) at the company's annual shareholder meeting last year that passed with 98% support from investors. A spokesman for the Church Commissioners is quoted.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-06-12/glencore-doubles-down-on-coal-as-mining-rivals-head-for-the-exit>

Christian Today

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Further coverage following the vote last week by the Scottish Episcopal Church in favour of allowing same sex couples to marry in church. The article reports on a blog by Lee Gatiss, Director of the Church Society. It also refers to a paper from the LGBTI Mission on the questions and issues for the new large scale teaching document on human sexuality, announced following the General Synod earlier this year.

Christian Today

Further coverage of a claim by Nick Tolson, of National Churchwatch, that the Church of England is not sufficiently protected from terrorists and should better train staff to stop attacks. The article refers to [resources](#) on security for visitors and staff published on the CofE website. (See also blog by Dean of Westminster, Dr John Hall, in Stories Worth Sharing, below)

Metro

Feature on Corpus Christi and why it is celebrated

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/06/13/what-is-corpus-christi-and-why-is-it-celebrated-6705794/>

Queen receives new Apostolic Nuncio

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<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/06/09/queen-receives-new-apostolic-nuncio/>

It would be a waste of time for May to seek support from English evangelicals in light of DUP Tory deal

<http://anglicanmainstream.org/the-tories-and-the-dup-why-its-complete-waste-of-time-for-theresa-may-to-chase-the-religious-right-in-the-uk/>

Preventing schism in C of E

<http://anglicanmainstream.org/preventing-schism-in-the-church-of-england/>

Is Welby playing rock, paper, scissors with Church Unity?

<http://anglicanmainstream.org/is-justin-welby-playing-rock-paper-scissors-with-church-unity-does-he-know-that-rock-wins/>

Brexit talks remain on course for next week, May confirms

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/brexit-talks-remain-on-course-for-next-week-theresa-may-confirms-35822901.html>

EU to unveil banking rules which would hit London

http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0613/882271-brexit_clearing/

INTERNATIONAL

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/06/13/pope-francis-asks-to-cardinals-to-inform-him-whenever-they-leave-rome/>

Southern Baptists have lost a million members in 10 years

Membership in the Southern Baptist Convention declined for the 10th straight year, while baptisms dropped to the lowest level in 70 years, according to statistics released in time for the SBC annual meeting this week.

[More from baptistnews.com](http://www.baptistnews.com)

White House confirms Jerry Falwell Jr. on education task force

Little is known about the task force, which was first mentioned by Falwell in January — around the time he said Trump asked him to be the secretary of education, a post that went to another conservative Christian.

[More from Religion News Service](http://www.religionnews.com)

Bernie Sanders's crusade against . . . believing in hell?

Perhaps Sanders was just meaning to deny a government job to someone whose theology he

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finds objectionable, which is not only presumptuous but unconstitutional, writes Michael Gerson.

[More from www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

Can an evangelical, progressive Democrat succeed in Florida?

Although it makes some of his allies and campaign staff anxious, Chris King has not been bashful discussing the role faith has played in shaping his life on the campaign trail.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Study: Clergy are more partisan than their parishioners

While it's not clear whether this translates into politicized sermons or social activism, it's evidence that religion may be yet another area where many Americans are pulled into exclusive partisan spheres by their leaders.

[More from www.theatlantic.com](http://www.theatlantic.com)

Guess whose D.C. hotel Franklin Graham chose to host his big banquet?

Franklin Graham, a North Carolina-based evangelist and the son of Billy Graham, didn't officially endorse Donald Trump last year, but he's become an enthusiastic backer of all things

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Trump and held the banquet at Trump's hotel.
[More from charlotteobserver](#)

Sri Lanka arrests five over anti-religious violence

Sri Lanka police have arrested five people including a member of a Buddhist organization for instigating religious violence against Muslims and a Muslim for defaming Buddhism.
[More from Religion News Service](#)

Vatican tailors, cobblers try to adapt to Francis's 'papal athleisure'

Pope Francis's penchant for simple clothing has inspired a demand for more comfortable frocks from clergy worldwide.
[More from cruxnow.com](#)

Ontario Catholic high schools shouldn't press students to study religion: settlement

Students attending Canadian Catholic high schools take one religion course each year, but also have a right to exemption from religious studies because the schools get public funding and enroll non-Catholics.
[More from www.theglobeandmail.com](#)

'Changing Our Minds' explores psychedelic drugs and spiritual healing

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A new book offers accounts of patients with depression, PTSD and other challenges reporting everything from a greater “oneness” with the universe to visions of Jesus on the cross. [More from Religion News Service](#)

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