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FEATURED

Pray for life and family in the United States

Please pray for the United States of America, with Donald Trump winning the 2024 Presidential election.

While many people have serious reservations about Trump, many of his actions and policies have the opportunity to do significant good for the US and the world.

His first term led to the appointment of judges who rightly overturned Roe v Wade, making it possible for states to protect unborn children from abortion and saving tens of thousands of lives.

His second term could be equally productive in protecting children. Ahead of the election he pledged to take action to stop much of the damage caused by gender ideology, particularly to children.

The vice-president-elect, J.D. Vance, is a professing Catholic. In 2020, he wrote about his conversion from atheism. He is clearly serious and thoughtful about his faith, despite some use of coarse language.

Please pray that God would use this term to bring about good and to be a positive influence on the US and the world.

There were also several votes on Tuesday relating specifically to abortion. Read or listen to Al Mohler's briefing for analysis of those votes and what it means for the pro-life movement in America.



Stand for life with us on 29 November

Three weeks from today, MPs will be debating Kim Leadbeater's bill to legalise assisted suicide in Westminster.

It could be the most pivotal vote, with MPs set to decide whether to support the bill on principle or whether to oppose it.

It's essential that MPs are aware of how strongly many people oppose this bill, which would put vulnerable lives at risk and send the deadly message that some people's lives aren't worth living.

So, on Friday 29 November, we're going to be standing outside Parliament with other organisations, rallying against the bill and once again bringing to light the extreme consequences that will inevitably come if assisted suicide is legalised.

Please could you join us?

The rally will take place from early in the morning to lunchtime. Please save the date, let us know that you're coming and share with everyone who may be interested in joining you.

You do not need to register to come, but it will help us know how many people to expect and to update you if there are any changes to the plans nearer the time.

Finally, if you missed it on Monday, you can re-watch our workshop on how to engage with your MP on this vital issue.

Come to the rally on 29 November



CofE's idolatry leads to 'many, many victims'

Justin Welby recently revealed that he now believes sexual intimacy is morally acceptable providing it is in a "stable, committed and faithful relationship."

Benjamin John shows the deadly consequences of the leaders within the Church of England promoting false teaching by submitting to the gods of the culture rather than the One True God of the Bible.

"In our society of sexual chaos there are going to be many, many victims. And the Church needs to be there to point people to the God who heals and saves. Only in Jesus is hope and salvation truly found."

[Read more >>](#)



Resisting Islam, reaching Muslims

Last weekend, Christian Concern and the Ezra Centre for Christian Thought co-held the annual Mission of God conference in Birmingham.

The theme of the conference was the challenge of Islam in the United Kingdom.

Nabila Roukhamieh-McKinna reports on the success of the conference, and explains the main takeaways from each of the keynote speakers.

“The palpable enthusiasm in the crowded conference room was a testament to the pertinence of the subject to the lives of ordinary Christians, who are becoming acutely aware of the need to be equipped for their increasing encounters with Islam and Muslims.”

[Read the full report from the Mission of God 2024 conference >>](#)

TAKE ACTION

Next week: Andrea Williams in Scotland

We are living in a time of fast-moving cultural change. But Jesus Christ remains the only true hope for society.

Early next week, Chief Executive Andrea Williams will be in Scotland (one evening in Edinburgh and one evening in Glasgow), giving talks on the State of the Nation and answering questions from those attending.

If you are passionate about seeing the hope of Jesus brought to the heart of society, then plan to come to this special event with Andrea Williams, either in Edinburgh on Monday 11 November, or in Glasgow on Tuesday 12 November.

Reserve your free spot for Monday 11 November in Edinburgh

Reserve your free spot for Tuesday 12 November in Glasgow



The Nation's Gospel: join us for the book launch

In *Revival to Reports*, volume 3 of *The Nation's Gospel*, author Jeremy Thomas shows how, in the first half of the twentieth century, the Church lost her confidence in the gospel and increasingly conformed to culture.

We are launching this book at a special event on **Monday 25 November** in **central London**.

Tickets only cost £5 and include refreshments.

[Find out more and book your place today.](#)

IN THE NEWS

Beginning of life

As reported by the BBC, although seven US states tragically approved measures to further liberalise abortion, similar attempts were rejected in Florida, South Dakota and Nebraska as voters stood for the sanctity of human life in the womb.

Praise God for this protection of precious human life and pray that other states would reverse the abortion liberalisation measures and recognise the humanity of the unborn.

End of life

After concerns that MPs would not have enough time to properly consider the proposals before voting, the Telegraph reports that MP Kim Leadbeater has agreed to publish the full text of her assisted suicide bill early next week.

As more MPs say that they will oppose assisted suicide, the Critic published two helpful articles on the topic.

The first analysed the 'seductive argument' of assisted suicide campaigners and warned that legalising assisted suicide would have major detrimental costs on the rest of society.

The second explored the case of Christian Legal Centre client Sudiksha Thirumalesh, and concluded "It is not the job of judges to tell someone that they are wrong for believing in life".

Praise God for the increasing hesitation about legalising assisted suicide, pray the truth about the reality of assisted suicide will be further exposed, and that our MPs would stand strong in support of life and vote against this bill.



Marriage

The Times reports on a new study that found married people are less likely to be depressed, as “Marriage provides a source of companionship, intimacy and social integration, which can buffer against loneliness and social isolation.”

Pray that our society will have a restored vision of the goodness of biblically-ordained marriage and recognise the invaluable impact that strong marriages and biblical families have on culture.

Sexuality

A new report from CEASE exposed the horrors caused by the pornography industry, reiterating that the industry puts ‘profits before people’ and is intentionally ‘normalising and monetising sexual violence’.

Gender

The Sunday Post reports that concerns raised by doctors and education experts warn 'Scotland is "experimenting" with children's lives by allowing trans ideology to override the truth'.

However, the Glasgow Guardian reveals that a Gender Identity Clinic in Edinburgh has paused all sex-reassignment surgeries for under-25s, after the Cass review revealed the serious ramifications of transgender ideology for children.

As warped sexual ideology wreaks havoc in our culture, pray that our society will be drawn back to biblical truth and that the church will be a strong witness for the goodness of God's design for sexuality, gender, and sexual intimacy.

Education

As reported by the BBC, the increasing hostility towards evangelical Christianity in the UK means that young people feel "it is much more difficult now to come out as an evangelical Christian in school than it is to come out as LGBT."

According to the Telegraph, opposition to the government's VAT continues as the latest legal challenge comes from a single mother with three children, who argues the tax increase will "disproportionately impact" single mothers like her who are less likely to be able to afford the extra costs.

Each fresh legal challenge solidifies the discriminatory effect of Labour's VAT increase and strengthens the case of the Christian schools pursuing a judicial review, with support from the Christian Legal Centre.

Join us in praising God for the increasing public opposition to the government's plans and praying for the Christian Legal Centre team as we fight to preserve access to independent education.

Church

Christianity Today features comment from Tim Dieppe as it reports on calls for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, to 'repent over same-sex relationships stance'.

The Telegraph shared a controversial archbishops review that accused conservative churches of racism and a 'lack of cultural awareness'.

The publishing of the long-overdue Makin Review exposed the Church of England's coverup of John Smyth's horrific child abuse. The Telegraph also revealed that the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby's 'failure to act meant that the Church of England's most prolific child abuser was never brought to justice'.

Pray that Smyth's victims would finally have justice and the support they need, and know the comfort and healing that only God brings.

IN DEPTH

Standing strong in a world of persecution

Chief Executive Andrea Williams joined Nalini Tranquim on her YouTube channel to talk about the rising persecution of Christians and practical steps for knowing and exercising our rights.

“Andrea's work as a Christian rights advocate and her vast experience defending religious liberties across Europe make her voice one we need to hear now more than ever.”

[Watch the episode >>](#)



We will remember them

On Remembrance Sunday, services will be held around the country to honour members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty in conflicts during and after World War I. Many of these services are likely to include the hymn by Isaac Watts, the first verse of which reads:

O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,

our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.

Were evidence from armed conflict situations needed, to testify to God being 'Our Help in ages past ... our Shelter from the stormy blast', then Beyond the Odds - Providence in Britain's Wars of the 20th Century provides it.

As one verified reviewer said:

"This scholarly work is a beautiful balance between historical narrative to set the scene, then a gracious interpretation of the spiritual narrative running alongside such events – a viewpoint rarely analysed alongside factual recollections."

EVENTS

Fri 22 Nov: Awake, Arise, Gosport

We are living in a time of fast-moving cultural change. But Jesus Christ remains the only true hope for society.

There is an urgent need for Christians to pray, take effective action and engage our communities and wider society.

If you want to see the hope of Jesus at the heart of society, then don't miss this special event in Gosport on Friday 22 November with Andrea Williams.

[Reserve your spot >>](#)

Sat 23 Nov: Being a light in the Isle of Wight

Following the Awake, Arise event in Gosport, The Apex Church (Isle of Wight) will host a day conference on the Isle of Wight, where Andrea Williams, Tim Dieppe, and Rebecca Bensted will share about Christian Concern's work in the face of challenges encountered by Christians in today's culture.

Christian Concern's speakers will commentate on the current state of our nation, the important work of Christian Concern, and how all Christians can work together to shine the light of the hope that is found in Jesus.

[Find out more >>](#)

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