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THIS WEEK

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FEATURED

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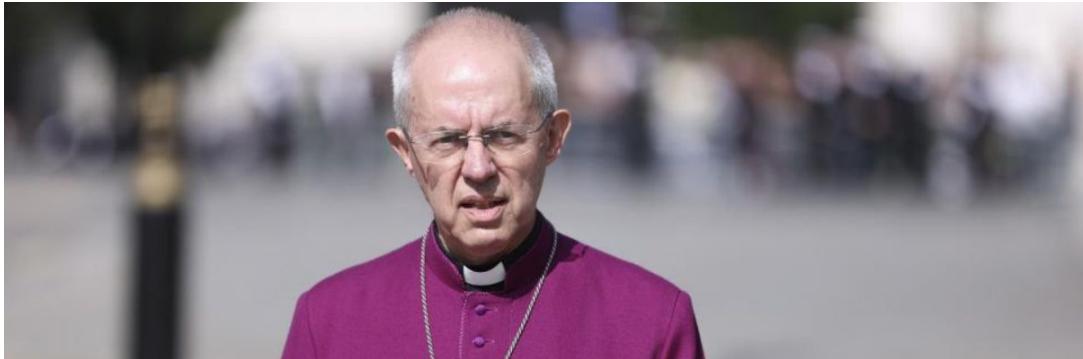
This week, the Archbishop of Canterbury stepped down after widespread calls for him to resign over his part in the failure to expose abuse within the Church of England (CofE).

But Welby was not only responsible for overlooking abuse. He was responsible for allowing false teaching to infiltrate the CofE.

“Under his watch, much of the church has abandoned biblical CofE teaching, church leaders have departed from a biblical definition of marriage, and the church has bowed to transgender and homosexual ideology.”

Our Chief Executive Andrea Williams reflects on Justin Welby’s resignation as the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Chaplain hands in 40,000 petition to CofE

Rev. Dr Bernard Randall, supported by the Christian Legal Centre, is seeking justice after a senior Church legal officer for clergy discipline found that the Archbishop of Canterbury 'misunderstood the scope of his powers', and was 'plainly wrong' for blocking a serious complaint of misconduct being investigated.

Together with Bernard, we delivered a 40,000 signature petition to Lambeth Palace, just hours before Justin Welby announced his resignation.

Bernard commented:

'It looks as if the senior leadership of the Church of England are afraid of being openly, emphatically Christian.'

Bernard has still not received justice. Pray with us that he will be vindicated swiftly.

[Watch Bernard outside Lambeth Palace as he delivers petition >>](#)

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Assisted suicide has devastating consequences

‘Assisted dying’ is not removing life support. It’s not writing a ‘do not resuscitate’ request. And it’s not providing pain relief in someone’s dying moments.

Communications Manager Paul Huxley discusses the manipulative language used by pro-euthanasia campaigners to disguise the grim reality of assisted suicide.

We’ve been sent a number of dark stories that expose how legalising assisted suicide will affect society. Holly Baines highlights these to show how legalising assisted suicide will threaten vulnerable people.

The father of the late Indi Gregory speaks from tragic experience when he says that the promised safeguards about judges in Kim Leadbeater’s bill is “meaningless”.

A judge ruled that it was in Indi’s best interests to have her life support removed against the wishes of her family and despite the offer of further treatment in Italy at no cost to the NHS.

On Monday we are hosting a special livestream on YouTube where we will be joined by Larry Worthen, executive director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada, one of the leading voices against Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

Larry will give a presentation on why the UK should not follow the path of Canada, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers.

Read: It’s assisted suicide, not assisted dying >>

Attend our Monday livestream on the dark reality of Canada >>



Call for parents and teachers to respond

The government is conducting a review of the national curriculum, but there are concerns about how this will be delivered particularly on the issue of sex education.

But along with the review, the government have also put out a call for evidence, and Emily Bourne, from our Education Team, explains how Christian parents and teachers can respond before the deadline of next Friday 22 November.

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Nurses urge Health Secretary to protect women

The Darlington Nursing Union has urged Health Secretary Wes Streeting to issue formal guidance to NHS Trusts to ensure that changing rooms, showers or toilets may only be shared based on biological sex, not self-declared gender identity.

The union has been started by the group of nurses at Darlington Memorial Hospital, after they were infamously victimised by their bosses for complaining of harassment in their female changing room by a biological male who identifies as a woman.

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Charity which harmed children ‘let off lightly’

Public Policy Researcher Carys Moseley investigates whether the Charity Commission is guilty of 'whitewashing' the transgender charity Mermaids, who claimed that puberty blockers are reversible.

"Not only did Mermaids show insufficient concern about the issues, but also the Charity Commission failed to do so. Mermaids was let off lightly.

"We've said that Mermaids should be banned from all schools and lose its charitable status. Until and unless this happens, the problems will continue."

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TAKE ACTION

Join us in the stand against assisted suicide

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

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.

Could you join us?

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.

Join us outside parliament on Friday 29 November

IN THE NEWS

Sexuality

The Foundling Museum has launched an LGBT+ rendition of Handel's deeply Christian 'Messiah' – called A Queer Georgian Yuletide: Handel's Queer 'Messiah' – as part of its Queer Georgian Social Season events.

Elsewhere, at the Human Rights Council, the UK government's statement on Costa Rica advised the country to 'take further measures on banning conversion therapy'.



Education

The Daily Mail published two reports on the indoctrination of transgender ideology in school.

One article revealed that a school is telling 'pupils aged as young as four to address their gender neutral teacher as 'Mx'".

The other report shared of a Glasgow school facing backlash from teachers, who are concerned that parents are unaware that 'the school is organising a coffee morning fundraiser 'to buy chest binders for trans pupils'.

Pray that our schools will not continue to push harmful transgender ideology on young children, that pupils will be protected from the effects of these radical ideas, and that teachers will be emboldened to speak up about the reality of what is being taught and promoted in schools.

Freedom of speech

Telegraph journalist Allison Pearson reports on the 'two-tier justice system' as police launched an investigation into a tweet she posted last year, accusing her of a non-crime hate-incident. Many have come out in opposition to this 'appalling attack on free speech', with the Daily Mail reporting on 'thought policing' and the Telegraph warning against police patrolling opinions.

Christian Legal Centre client Councillor Anthony Stevens responded to the reports by sharing his own experience of being arrested over an alleged non-crime hate-incident relating to posts he made defending free speech.

Pray that our police force would focus on preventing crime rather than controlling opinions, that our politicians would stand up for freedom of speech, and that those targeted would be protected and emboldened to continue standing for truth.

Sexuality

The Daily Mail reported that Debenhams was forced to remove an offensive 'A gay in a manger' Christmas jumper after Christians protested and boycotted the store.

Praise God that Debenhams agreed to removing this jumper mocking the message of Christmas, and pray that the true meaning of Christmas would be restored and celebrated in our nation once again.

PARADE MARSHAL ORDERS PARADE – STAND AT EASE

Opening Prayer

Imam Ahmed Elbeyouk from the Dyke Road Mosque

Hymn

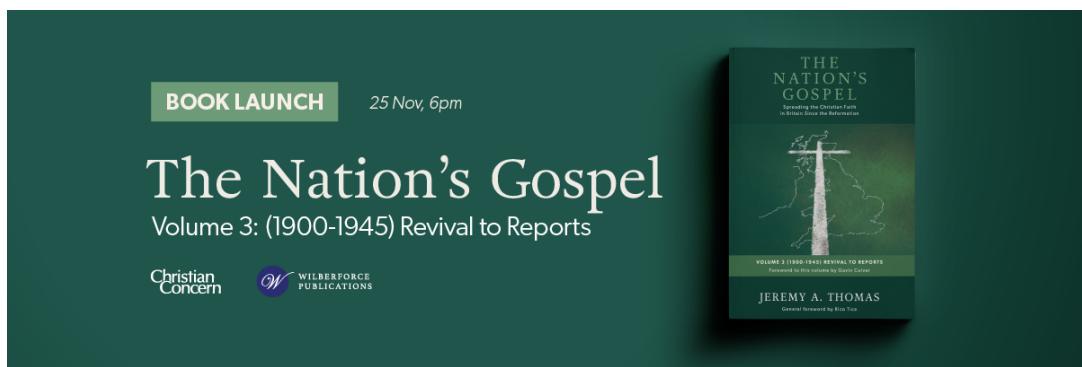
The Lord's My Shepherd

Islam

The Brighton Remembrance Sunday memorial service was opened with an Islamic prayer, and David Atherton reports that a man who simply questioned the 'presence of pro-Palestinians on Remembrance Sunday' was arrested 'for causing harassment, alarm, and distress'.

Pray that our government would recognise the risk Islam is posing to our nation, that our police would not target those rightfully concerned about Islamic influence, and that Christians would be bold in bringing the hope of the gospel to Muslim communities.

EVENTS



Mon 25 Nov: Book launch, central London

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 in just over a week at a special event on **Monday 25 November in central London**.

Tickets only cost £5 and include refreshments, so why not [book now?](#)