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THIS WEEK

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- Two cases reveal anti-Christian bias during hearings
 - Ask your church to pray against assisted suicide
 - Awake, Arise! Join us in London as we equip one another to stand for Jesus
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FEATURED

Anti-Christian bias as teacher's trial restarts

The case of Christian teacher 'Hannah' (name changed due to reporting restrictions) had to be stalled after one of the members on the Tribunal presiding over her case was found to have anti-Christian bias.

Hannah was sacked by the primary school she worked at for questioning its 'trans affirming' policy — and her retrial began this week.

But history is almost repeating itself, because her trial was abandoned last year and rescheduled (for this week) after it collapsed when the whole presiding panel was forced to recuse itself for 'apparent bias.'

Her case was covered in the media, including by the BBC, The Telegraph, the Daily Mail, GB News and Nottingham Post.

Please pray for Hannah's case after she gave evidence this week. Pray that she would receive justice after four years of legal battle. Pray also that transgender ideology would not be taught to young children, and that Christians like Hannah would continue to be bold to resist it.

[Read: Panel member removed from tribunal over 'apparent bias' >>](#)



Bernard gets retrial over biased panel member

On the same day as Hannah's case, a judge ruled that Bernard Randall's case needs a fresh tribunal to hear his case, because there was an 'appearance of bias' in the first tribunal.

The 'bias' was found because the same member who sat on the Tribunal for Hannah's case also sat on Bernard's case.

Bernard's extraordinary case, which has been going on for six years now, shocks every person who hears about all the details for the first time.

Our summary of his story so far has gone viral on X (passing a million views) as we explained all the twists and turns that make Bernard's case near-unbelievable.

And in a new article for Premier Christianity, Bernard writes "now I'm stuck in a time loop of legal battles".

Please pray that Bernard's story would continue to wake wider society up to the shocking treatment of faithful Christians within the Church of England, as well as in the legal system.

And pray that the new tribunal that will hear Bernard's case would not have anti-Christian bias, and will give Bernard justice at last.

Donate to help us support Bernard and others like him

Current Legal Issues

A CLOSER LOOK

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Concern

New: seminars on current legal battles

On Monday 31 March, we're hosting a seminar at our London office on *Legal and Medical Perspectives Through a Christian Framework*.

Roger Kiska from the Christian Legal Centre and Paul Huxley, our Communications Manager, will be informing us as we consider assisted suicide bill currently in the House of Commons.

- When: Monday 31 March, 18:00-20:00.
- Where: Christian Concern, 70 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 8AX.
- Tickets: £10 and include drinks and nibbles.

We're excited to launch a new series of these legal seminars, focusing on assisted suicide, freedom of speech and transparency.

While these seminars are primarily intended for lawyers, they are open to all.

The dates for the next two seminars will be announced soon.

For now, we hope you'll join us on Monday 31 March as we hear from two professionals on how we can engage legally with legislation that threatens life and Christian freedoms.

[Book your ticket to join us at this seminar](#)



Ask your church to pray against assisted suicide

This Lent, we're taking one minute every day to pray that assisted suicide would not be legalised in this nation.

We're sharing short daily prayer points on social media so that you can pray for one minute, once every day, against assisted suicide. So far we've prayed:

1. That all MPs would consider and understand the ramifications of legalising assisted suicide.
2. That the dangerous reality of assisted suicide – as seen in other countries – would be understood by the public.
3. Giving thanks for Christian leaders who have spoken against assisted suicide.

Could you partner with us for one minute every day of Lent to *pray for their lives*?

We're also hosting prayer livestreams every Wednesday from 12:30-1pm on our YouTube channel, where together we are praying that the assisted suicide bill will be defeated.

Make sure you come to our livestreams on Wednesday lunchtimes, and commit to praying with us so that, by God's grace, this bill gets defeated.

And could you get your church, your small group and your friends involved? We need to stand together in prayer and action.

How might God respond if his church rises up to pray against assisted suicide?

Join our prayer livestream on Wednesday.

TAKE ACTION

Awake, Arise! Stand and speak for Jesus

Awake, Arise is now just two weeks away, and there is still time to secure your tickets to an inspiring day of teaching, worship, prayer and testimonies that will encourage and equip you to:

- Look up and see Jesus, the Lord of all
- Wake up and understand the battle around us
- Rise up and bring the hope of Jesus to the heart of society

You can also get a discount for group bookings, so book your place today and encourage others to come with you as we all stand and speak for Jesus in today's world.

Join us in central London at Awake, Arise!



Tell the Crown Estate to reject Pride flags

In 2022, the Crown Estate ordered 100 Pride Progress Flags to hang over Regent Street, London to mark 50 years of Pride Month. And they've repeated the display every year since.

Could you ask the Crown Estate not to repeat this display in 2025?

We've experienced success when pushing back on Pride flag displays before, so it's worth asking the Crown Estate to not display the flags on Regent Street this year.

Please write to the Crown Estate, and explain:

- That these flags are divisive and inappropriate for a major shopping street
 - That including the 'progress' chevron indicates support for controversial transgender ideology that fails to respect women's spaces and has led to serious harm caused to gender-confused children
 - How they make you feel excluded from those spaces
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IN DEPTH

Blasphemy laws, Ramadan and 40k in opposition

Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe appeared on the *Premier Unbelievable?* show with Andy Bannister to discuss 'Islamophobia' in Britain and what this means for Christians.

Tim also commented in the Daily Sceptic on Ramadan and the growing influence of Islam in the United Kingdom. He writes:

“The influence of Islam extends well beyond politics into finance, education, fashion, food and festivals. People have been arrested for criticising Islam, and some have been convicted for such. I don't think anyone insulting any other religion or religious leader has been arrested or imprisoned for a very long time.”

Our petition calling on the Deputy Prime Minister to reject adopting the APPG definition of 'Islamophobia' has over 40,000 signatures.

If you haven't already, could you sign your name to the petition and ask your friends to do the same?

And make sure you also get your copy of Tim's new book: The Challenge of Islam.

Watch: Tim Dieppe on Premier Unbelievable? >>

Read: Tim in the Daily Sceptic >>

Join over 40,000 others in rejecting 'Islamophobia' definition

DON'T CREATE A NEW ISLAMIC BLASPHEMY LAW SIGN THE PETITION

nor is intended to restrict free speech. Islam as a religion has been read and interpreted in many different ways. A group clearly devoted to the promotion of Islam should be free to express their criticism, debate and discussion of the religion - by Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The inclusion of blasphemy laws



IN THE NEWS

End of life

The assisted suicide bill committee continued to meet this week. Kim Leadbeater MP said that, under her bill, doctors would be obliged to offer assisted suicide to all patients with terminal diagnoses. She later denied this implication of her bill, but the confusion continues to demonstrate how poorly thought through this legislation is.

Conservative MP Danny Kruger explained how a series of amendments to make Leadbeater's bill safer have been categorically rejected.

Pray that our culture would never promote death for the most vulnerable in our society. Pray that God would allow Kim Leadbeater's bill to be rejected at third reading.

Gender

New sentencing council guidelines were published on Wednesday that suggest more lenient criminal treatment for people who identify as transgender, or who belong to a faith minority.

Robert Jenrick, the Shadow Justice Secretary, said: “it enshrines anti-white and anti-Christian bias into our criminal justice system.”

In addition, the Times shared that “staff working for NHS Scotland have been told they have a legal duty to treat biologically male colleagues with facial hair as women if they identify as female.”

The Darlington nurses - clients of the Christian Legal Centre - were required to do just this, but have taken their NHS trust to court after they were forced to share a changing room with a biological male who openly said that he was trying to get his girlfriend pregnant.

Pray that transgender ideology would come to an end in this nation. Pray that women and children in particular would be kept safe from men who believe they have a right to go into women's spaces.



Society

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) is calling for MPs to back an amendment to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill that would outlaw smacking in England.

In reality, this would not help children who are genuinely being physically abused, but only those whose parents use reasonable chastisement.

Pray that this amendment would not be passed and that Christian parents who discipline their children in line with Scripture would not be criminalised. Pray that authorities would be more effective within existing laws to protect children.

[Read more about the dangers of this bill >>](#)

Islam

The Times revealed that the Greater Manchester police and the Met have been “failing to record whether crimes are motivated by extremism”, leaving them blind to the threat of terrorism.”

Pray for our nation’s police force, that they would be just and strong to prevent evil. Continue to pray also that an Islamic blasphemy law would not come into place in Britain, so that we can freely criticise the dangers of Islam.

[Join over 40,000 others in rejecting ‘Islamophobia’ definition >>](#)

EVENTS

5 April, Tamworth: Courageous and Confident

On Saturday 5 April 2025, Chief Executive Andrea Williams will be sharing about Christian Concern's work in light of the challenges faced by Christians in today's culture. She will also be joined by some of our clients.

Andrea will speak on the current state of our nation, the assault on free speech, the challenge of Islam and the important work of Christian Concern.

Andrea and our clients will also explain how Christians should respond to the issues affecting society today.

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