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Crucial Christian school case heard at High Court

This week, the Christian Concern legal team was at the High Court supporting a crucial legal challenge of the government's decision to force fee-paying schools to charge VAT.

Christian schools, parents and pupils were represented in court by Bruno Quintavalle as they challenged the new government policies. The changes to VAT unfairly target Christian schools, parents and pupils, placing an unbearable financial burden on families who choose Christian education.

- Watch our video with Andrea Williams, teachers and pupils from outside the Royal Courts of Justice
- Read and watch coverage from Sky, the BBC, The Telegraph, the Daily Mail, GB News and The Standard.

Roger Kiska, legal counsel to the Christian Legal Centre, explains the legal arguments made in court on behalf of the Christian schools.

“The outcome of this case will have significant implications for both parental rights and the legislative safeguards that are in place to protect UK citizens from perverse and unfair taxation. Win or lose, this naked attack on private school families, and their knowing disregard for religious minority and SEN pupils, is a black eye on the current government which will remain for years to come.”

Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe also spoke to Premier about why the government's VAT policy is a major threat to Christian freedoms, and commented that “no other European country imposes VAT on education.”

As we defend Christian education and parental rights, please pray that ordinary Christian families would be able to continue providing their children with Christian education.

Watch: Christians take government to court on VAT policy >>

Read: Roger Kiska explains the arguments made in court >>

Listen: Tim Dieppe on Premier >>

Donate to help us continue standing with Christian schools



NHS Trust stalls Darlington Nurses' challenge

This week, an Employment Tribunal judge in Newcastle told the NHS Trust - who employ the Darlington Nurses - that if it does not comply with proceedings, 'it does so at its peril', following a decision to adjourn the case to October.

With the help of the Christian Legal Centre, and represented by Pavel Stroilov, the Darlington Nurses took legal action against the Trust in May 2024, after they were forced to get undressed in front of a male colleague who 'identifies' as a woman called 'Rose.'

Despite having 18 months to investigate the nurses' claims, and 10 months since the launch of their legal claim, the Trust had made another application to adjourn the hearing, claiming it has not had enough time to complete its internal investigation.

The nurses' adjourned hearing this week was tracked closely by the media, and reported on by ITV, the BBC, the Daily Mail, The Independent and GB News.

Chief Executive Andrea Williams commented: "How difficult can it be for the NHS to acknowledge the simple reality that men are men and women are women? Instead, equality and diversity policies are being weaponised against dedicated nurses who are simply asking for common sense to prevail."

Please continue to pray for the Darlington Nurses - that the public interest in their case would increase resistance to the harms of gender ideology. Pray that our nation would recognise that we are created either male or female, in God's image.

Read: 'If NHS Trust does not comply, it does so at its peril' >>



Labour council threatens evangelists with prison

A group of street preachers are at the centre of a legal battle with a local authority which has tried to impose an injunction that would criminalise prayer, singing and evangelism.

Following an intervention by the Christian Legal Centre and local politicians, the preachers have managed to temporarily halt the Labour-run Rushmoor Council's attempts to censor the Christian faith being proactively shared in Aldershot and Farnborough town centres.

Michael Phillips from the Christian Legal Centre spoke to GB News about the case, and explained what the injunction would look like:

"So in fact the only thing that you'd be permitted to do is just stand there like the Jehovah's Witnesses and if anybody approaches you that's fine, but anything else would be prohibited and, if you break this, you could go to prison."

The Telegraph shared that one of the preachers said: "As a Christian I am commanded to share the good news and am therefore compelled to share the gospel. The gospel is not my idea, I am being obedient to God."

Pray for evangelists in Aldershot, Farnborough and throughout the UK - that their freedoms to talk about Jesus and share the gospel would be protected - and that all Christians in the UK would be unashamed of Jesus, no matter the cost.

[Read more >>](#)



Christianity will always square up to false gods

“It is impossible for an evangelist to do his or her job without criticising other religions. We are, after all, meant to “demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God.” (2 Cor 10:5). How can this be done without criticising false religions?”

Our Head of Public Policy, Tim Dieppe, writes about the importance of Christians having the freedom to criticise other religions, especially in the wake of the UK flirting with an Islamic blasphemy law.

“The widespread adoption of the notorious APPG definition of Islamophobia is an additional threat to freedom of speech. Government plans to formulate an official definition of Islamophobia will doubtless further serve to curb the freedom to criticise Islam.”

[Read: Freedom to criticise other religions >>](#)

Come to assisted suicide rally on 25 April

The assisted suicide bill committee finished their scrutiny of the bill last week. Our briefing recaps what happened and is designed to expose how, despite promises to the contrary, this bill is even more flawed, dangerous and open to abuse than it was originally.

On Friday 25 April, we're gathering outside parliament to show MPs that the UK must not go down the road of assisted suicide. We're praying every day that this bill will itself be killed - but we need to take a stand for life.

Who knows how many lives will be spared by this bill not going through.

So, please let us know that you'll be with us outside parliament on 25 April, and be sure to invite your church family so that we fill out Old Palace Yard and send a strong message to parliament, and to this nation, that suicide is never the answer.

Join us outside parliament in the stand for life >>

Read: Our briefing on the assisted suicide bill >>

Join us outside parliament: stand against assisted suicide

TAKE ACTION



Stand with Jennifer Melle by signing our petition

Jennifer Melle is a nurse who was punished for 'misgendering' a convicted paedophile who racially abused her while she was on duty.

We need to raise our voices to stand with Jennifer Melle - because it is shocking the way she's been treated.

Please sign our petition to tell the Secretary of State for Health, Wes Streeting, to issue national guidance protecting NHS staff from compelled speech on gender identity.

It's essential that as many people as possible sign and share this petition to raise awareness about what has happened to Jennifer, and to call on the health secretary to put it right.

Sign and share our petition as we call for justice for Jennifer



God listens to prayers for people to be saved

In Genesis 18, Abraham pleads and bargains with God for the sake of innocent lives.

Over Lent, we're doing exactly the same. We are pleading with our Lord to have mercy on this nation, and to not allow assisted suicide to become legal.

We're sharing short daily prayer points on social media so that you can pray for one minute, once every day, that assisted suicide wouldn't be legalised.

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.

Can you partner with us in prayer this week, in this spiritual battle for the lives of so many?

IN DEPTH

How we can engage Islam with the gospel?

Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe appeared on the [Solas podcast this week to explain his background on engaging with Islam](#), how he got involved with Christian Concern in light of the challenge of Islam, and how we can engage Islam with the gospel.

Tim's book *The Challenge of Islam* is now also [available on the blockchain](#) - and he explains in an X thread the benefits of buying books that are “unburnable, unbannable, and immutable.”

[Listen to Tim on the Solas podcast >>](#)

[Buy your copy of The Challenge of Islam \(Amazon\)](#)

Confusion around sex and gender must stop

The government recently released the Sullivan Review, which was intended to address concerns about “the loss of robust, standardised data on sex in the UK” and defines sex as biological sex instead of ‘legal sex’.

It also set out guidance for the collection of data on sex and gender identity.

Carys Moseley breaks down the key recommendations and highlights why they are so important to implement in challenging radical transgender ideology.

“This issue of confusion around sex and gender in public sector data is ubiquitous. Far from being a marginal ‘single issue’, it cuts across all government departments and public bodies, as well as affecting the charity and business sectors... Should the recommendations be implemented, they would be a vital step towards changing an organisational culture which has held so much negative sway over so many people’s working lives.”

Pray the government would implement these recommendations and protect people across the UK from transgender ideology in the workplace and beyond.

[Read Carys Moseley’s article on the Sullivan Review >>](#)

Andrea Williams shares her testimony with UCB

Chief Executive [Andrea Williams](#) spoke to Matt Brown on UCB, [sharing her personal testimony](#) about what led her to serving the Lord as a barrister, as well as sharing about the testimony of Christian Concern.

“My heart still longs that all should know the Lord Jesus Christ. My heart weeps at the idea that anybody should perish.”

[Listen to Andrea Williams on UCB Radio >>](#)

IN THE NEWS

End of life

Last week, the assisted suicide committee ended, leaving the bill even more dangerous and faulty than it was before. Safeguards were dismantled, safer amendments were voted down and concerned MPs were branded scaremongers.

Opponents of the bill were clear in their concerns: suicide isn't healthcare, it cannot be safely integrated into our healthcare system, and delegating it to private providers will open wide the door to the commodification of suicide.

However, proponents of the bill refused to listen to these concerns.

Pray that God would change the hearts and minds of pro-assisted suicide MPs, that all MPs would be convinced of the dangers of this bill and that they would vote against it at Third Reading.

[Read our X thread on why suicide is not healthcare >>](#)

[Join us outside parliament on 25 April](#)



Gender

Shocking data reveals that “a toddler was suspended from nursery after being accused of being transphobic or homophobic” - but even more disturbing is the reality that this is only one of 94 similar cases of pupils in state primary schools being suspended or expelled for ‘transphobia’ or ‘homophobia’ between 2022-2023.

Discussing their own experiences with mandatory acceptance of radical transgender ideology in primary schools, Christian Legal Centre clients Nigel and Sally Rowe spoke to GB News about this unbelievable case and why they removed their 6-year-old from primary school over threats of being labelled ‘transphobic’.

Pray that the public, school leaders and our government would see the deception of radical transgender ideology, realise the harm it is doing to children, and oppose it in public.

EVENTS



Sat 26 April, Oxford: Education Revolution

Christian Concern is hosting its Education Revolution Conference on Saturday 26 April 2025 in Oxford.

Education Revolution will gather, network, support and equip faithful Christians who are committed to raising the next generation in the ways of the Lord.

There will be contributions from a panel of experts and practitioners, and leading discussion groups on key topics.

Last year's conference was so successful that we had to move to a bigger venue, so be sure to secure your ticket to Education Revolution 2025 now.

[Book your ticket to Education Revolution](#)

Sat 21 June, London: 75 years in ministry

Evangelist David Hathaway is celebrating 75 years in ministry on Saturday 21 June, and you are invited to join him!

Details:

- Emmanuel Centre, SW1P 3DW
- Saturday 21 June
- 10:30-17:00

Chief Executive Andrea Williams will be in attendance, and you can find out more information by [clicking this link](#).

“This anniversary is not just a reflection of his past; it’s a call to evangelise, to inspire faith, to pass on the baton and ignite a passion for the Gospel in every corner of the world. Together, let us embrace the Great Commission, for the best is yet to come.”

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