

Christian Weekly News

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- Teacher sacked for social posts raising concerns about two-tier policing
- Jennifer Melle: “I was abandoned by RCN during biggest crisis of my life”
- Hundreds of Koreans gather to pray for revival in the UK

Christian teacher Simon Pearson has launched legal action with the help of our legal team after he was [sacked for Facebook posts commenting on the Southport and Manchester airport attacks](#).

After he posted raising concerns about what he saw as ‘two-tier justice’, an Islamic representative of the National Education Union (NEU) threatened to go to the police and the media if Preston College did not sack Simon.

The case raises critical questions about the balance between workplace conduct, personal beliefs, and the right to speak freely on matters of public concern.

“I am appalled by the way I’ve been treated ... I’ve dedicated my life to education and to supporting students from all walks of life ... Yet as soon as I was branded ‘Islamophobic’ for expressing concern about violent crime, I became a marked man. It was clear that I had to be found guilty by the College, it became a witch hunt, and I had to be eliminated no matter what ... I am determined to fight for justice and for the freedom to raise legitimate concerns in public and private as part of national debates on extremely serious issues that impact us all.”

His story first [broke in the Telegraph](#), leading to Simon being interviewed by [GB News](#), [Talk TV](#) and the Telegraph’s ‘[The Daily T](#)’ podcast.

[The Times](#), the [Daily Mail](#), the [Express](#), [Spiked](#) and [Christian Today](#) also covered the story, with Rakib Ehsan commenting twice on the case, discussing its [implications for free speech](#) and on how [Christianity gets less protection than other faiths in modern-day Britain](#).

With our friends at CitizenGO, we have [launched a petition to defend Simon Pearson](#), calling for him to be vindicated and be given his job back. Sign and share the petition to help raise awareness of Simon’s case and to call for his reinstatement.

[Teacher fired for social media posts launches case](#)

[Donate to help Simon in taking legal action](#)



In an [interview with the Express](#), Jennifer Melle has said that the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) abandoned her during the most traumatic period of her life.

She said: “During the biggest crisis in my life, the Royal College of Nursing abandoned me for over a year. I reached out for help when I was at my most vulnerable, but they left me to face this ordeal alone.”

[Jennifer was racially abused by the patient and threatened with assault](#). But rather than being protected, she has been suspended and is being investigated as a 'risk' to the NHS for whistleblowing about how she was disciplined for indirectly 'misgendering' a transgender paedophile patient.

A paying RCN member for 12 years, Jennifer says that when the incident happened, the union dismissed her case as not “meritorious” and told her to complete a “reflection” exercise to avoid future 'misgendering'. She received no support despite the RCN recognising the abuse she experienced.

Our legal team is backing Jennifer's case. The [Darlington Nursing Union](#) has now also written to the RCN asking it to support Jennifer.

Pray that Jennifer would be vindicated and that she would see increasing public and political support as her case progresses.

[Read the Express coverage >>](#)



Over this week, we were joined by hundreds of Koreans who gathered in London to pray for revival in our land and for God to make the UK holy again.

Over 300 Christians from Korea and America came for the *Make the UK Holy Again conference*, which was organised by the Esther Prayer Movement and [Pastor Paul Song](#)'s church. From Monday afternoon to Thursday evening they prayed and worshiped fervently as long as the venue was open. It was deeply moving and humbling to see their love for the UK and their passion for the gospel.

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[Watch highlights from Make the UK Holy Again](#)

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[Bernard shared the story of how his life was turned upside down for defending pupils' freedom to believe the biblical view of marriage.](#) He said the Church has decided he is "too dangerous to preach because I might teach the Church's own teaching".

Praise the Lord that this was a fruitful time of unity and strengthening of the Church, both in our nation and across the world.

[Watch and read Bernard Randall's powerful speech >>](#)

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[Make a donation to support Bernard and others like him](#)



Last week, Cherry Vann was appointed as the new Archbishop of Wales. She is openly a lesbian, and says she is focused on bringing LGBTQIA+ 'tolerance and inclusion' to the Church.

Writing for Premier, Andrea Williams says Cherry Vann's appointment as Archbishop of Wales only [further exposes the Church's apostasy and disregard for the Bible](#).

"What does the Church in Wales now stand for? If it will not uphold its own doctrine, how can it be trusted to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ? If it celebrates what scripture condemns, how can it call anyone to repentance and faith? A Church that no longer believes or lives by the Bible is not just irrelevant, it is apostate."

[Read Andrea Williams' comment in Premier >>](#)

[Read: Andrea Williams' comment on new Archbishop of Wales](#)



A government website recently advertised a job for a Sharia law administrator.

What does the affair tell us about the status of Sharia law in the United Kingdom?

Public Policy Researcher [Carys Moseley explores the links between this job advert and the Didsbury Mosque](#), exposing the serious ramifications of attempts to subtly introduce Sharia law in the UK.

“By perpetuating a policy vacuum, the UK government is effectively allowing Sharia Law advocates to operate with impunity. Muslims who do not wish to use Sharia Councils and some Christian women and their children may well be caught up in all this.”

[Read: Who is behind the Sharia law job advert?](#)



For six years, the Church of England has stopped one of its own chaplains from fulfilling his ministry.

Why? Because he held to the Bible and didn't promote LGBT ideology.

Rev. Dr Bernard Randall was blacklisted by Derby Diocese for supposed safeguarding concerns because he gave a sermon in school chapel which said that pupils should be free to hold to a Biblical view of marriage – the Church of England's own doctrine.

Bernard has been cleared by several other secular agencies because there is no safeguarding case for him to even answer. But all these years later, the Church is still ludicrously saying that he remains a risk because of what he might say in future sermons.

This has to stop now.

[Sign our new petition today](#) and stand with us as we stand with Bernard Randall.

[Justice for Bernard: Sign and share our petition](#)

Commenting on street preacher [John Steele's recent case win](#), our Head of Public Policy, [Tim Dieppe, says creating an official definition of 'Islamophobia' will only make the situation worse](#).

While Islamic-motivated grooming gangs have been swept under the rug and Christians are arrested for questioning Islam, we cannot welcome in a 'backdoor blasphemy law'.

"If that happens, there will be even more arrests of street preachers. People will start losing their jobs for saying something someone perceives as Islamophobic. We will have, in effect, an Islamic blasphemy code, and yet more two-tier policing."

Street preacher John Steele, arrested after raising questions about how Islamic teachings condone domestic abuse, [spoke to GB News about his case](#). With the support of the Christian Legal Centre, he was vindicated and had all charges against him dropped.

[Read: On Rotherham and the reality of two-tier policing >>](#)

[Watch: John Steele on GB News >>](#)

Our Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe appeared on Revelation TV to discuss [whether Christians should be involved in culture wars](#).

"The only reason that we think slavery, infanticide and paedophilia is wrong is because of Christianity," he said as he tackled difficult questions about life, family and Islam.

In a similar vein, Tim Dieppe also [reviewed Bijan Omrani's latest book](#), 'God is an Englishman: Christianity and the Creation of England', saying it demonstrates how "Nothing can compare with the influence of Christianity on these Islands."

Both these discussions explain the hard-won place of Christianity as the bedrock of our society and explain how crucial it is that we defend it.

[Watch: Tim Dieppe on Revelation TV >>](#)

[Read: Review of 'God is an Englishman' >>](#)

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A family in Ireland [found out that their mother had secretly committed suicide](#) at a clinic in Switzerland after the clinic messaged them on WhatsApp to let them know her ashes would be posted to them.

Pray for comfort for this family, and that the legalisation of assisted suicide would still be halted here in the UK.

[Read more about this tragic case >>](#)

As variations of Muhammad still top the charts for boys' names in Britain, the [unprecedented surge in babies being called Yahya](#) has prompted concerns that this is a token of solidarity with Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar.

Pray that our nation and our politicians would see the danger of Islamisation in the UK and stand against it. Pray also that faithful Christians are emboldened and equipped to share the gospel with their Muslim friends and neighbours.

[Read more >>](#)



"It is an outrage that public money is still being squandered while women fight for basic rights," writes [Janice Turner about safe single-sex spaces in the Times](#).

She also mentions the Darlington Nurses and Jennifer Melle, whose cases are being supported by Christian Concern and the Christian Legal Centre.

Meanwhile, the NHS announces it is [postponing a ban on allowing biological men \(who identify as women\) to access female-only changing rooms](#) until the Autumn.

However, early indications are that the [new EHRC guidance will indeed bring about proper single-sex spaces for women](#).

Finally, the [Times View exposed the insanity of the NHS flouting the Supreme Court ruling on biological sex](#), saying "Enough is enough. The public sector in general and the health service in particular cannot be allowed to treat the law as optional... It is long past time for ministers to impose their authority in the name of sanity."

Pray that the Darlington Nurses, Jennifer Melle, and others facing similar situations would see justice. Pray also that workplaces in the NHS and across the country would take immediate action to protect safe single-sex spaces for women.

[Read Janice Turner's commentary >>](#)

[Read the Times View on single-sex spaces guidance >>](#)

[Read about how the NHS is delaying access to single-sex spaces >>](#)



The [Premier League and Premiership Rugby have dropped their support for Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign](#) and will stop using rainbow armbands. The scandal-hit charity's campaign saw sportsmen and women wearing rainbow laces to indicate their support for political LGBTQ+ ideology. But sporting rules against religious and political statements were [used against Christians like Cody Gakpo](#) who wanted to express their faith instead.

Both plan to launch new LGBTQ+ inclusion initiatives - let's pray that both sports will recognise the need to fully include Christians too.

[Sports drop support for Stonewall's Rainbow Laces >>](#)

[Sign our petition supporting Cody Gakpo >>](#)

In a [BBC interview](#) with Amol Rajan, Conservative Party leader Kemi Badenoch has said that she lost her faith in God after seeing news coverage of the appalling abuses perpetrated by Josef Fritzl.

She [said](#) "I rejected God, not Christianity. So I would still define myself as a cultural Christian."

Bijan Omrani commented in the Telegraph that Badenoch talking about faith, even though she says she lost it, [shows the retreat of secularism](#).

What would you say to Badenoch to encourage her to put her faith in Jesus Christ, not just in cultural Christianity? There are many others like her who see the goodness of a Christian society without trusting in the God who made us and answers prayers.

[Let us know: What would you say to Kemi Badenoch?](#)

[Our Communications Manager, Paul Huxley, will be speaking at the South West Bible Week 2025.](#) The conference theme is "In The Name of Jesus" and will reflect on Acts 4 and how Peter & John were forbidden from teaching and speaking in the name of Jesus.

Paul will discuss how we are facing similar challenges in the present age and will provide wisdom, insights and encouragement for how to respond biblically as these challenges further develop in the future.

The talk starts at 11am but will be preceded by a short time of praise and worship.

[Find out more >>](#)