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A judge presiding over the appeal of Claire Brennan has been [revealed as a pro-abortion activist](#).

Claire is the first person to be convicted under Northern Ireland's abortion clinic censorship zone law. With our help she has made an application for the recusal of

Judge Ciaran Moynagh, who heard Claire's appeal last Tuesday.

Moynagh was previously awarded Humanist of the Year for his legal activism on abortion, calling into question whether he can judge impartially on Claire's case.

Several previous Christian Legal Centre cases have seen judges or panel members recused over possible bias, including [Bernard Randall](#) and ['Hannah'](#).

Pray that justice would be done in Claire's case and that unnecessary, anti-life buffer zone convictions like hers would be overturned.

[Read: Activist judge reported over concerns of impartiality in pro-life case](#)



This morning, the Wilberforce Collective and Christian Concern [placed hundreds of pairs of shoes outside Parliament](#) to solemnly represent the hundreds, if not thousands, of people who will die each year by state-sanctioned assisted suicide.

The [visual demonstration exposed the sombre reality](#) that we will not be able to get back our family, friends and colleagues who take their lives by assisted suicide.

Storm Cecile, who led the demonstration, commented on the vision behind it:

“The creative demonstration is a visual representation of all the people we will lose each year to the assisted dying bill. We hope that by showing this, it will humanise the people that we will lose to the bill.”

Storm is the carer of her father Cecil Harper (64), who found out that he had cancer in 2019, and was told that he may have 2-3 years to live. Cecil is still alive today, and spoke to the media outside Parliament last week about why he is against this bill.

Inside Parliament, the House of Lords continued its second reading of the bill. Again, many peers opposed the bill, with about twice as many speaking against it as for it. As is customary in the House of Lords, the bill was allowed to progress but will now face extra scrutiny from a new select committee.

There is a real chance that this deadly bill will be stopped. Please continue to pray and to [write to peers](#) sharing why they should oppose the bill.

[Read: Hundreds of pairs of shoes in demo against assisted suicide](#)



The Christian Legal Centre is supporting councillors in Wales who are standing up to a local Council's decision to [lease a historic library for use as a mosque](#).

A group of Monmouthshire County Councillors have issued a formal legal warning to the Council over its controversial decision to lease the historic Carnegie Library in Abergavenny for use as a mosque and community centre.

The 30-year lease was awarded to Monmouthshire Muslim Community Association (MMCA) at an annual rent of just £6,000, despite internal council estimates suggesting the property could command £20,000–£25,000 per year.

The proposed mosque would be the first in Monmouthshire, aiming to attract worshippers from across the county.

The legal action against the proposal - supported by the Christian Legal Centre - was reported in [The Telegraph](#), the [BBC](#), as well as in [Wales Online](#) and [Nation Cymru](#).

[Read: Councillors may seek judicial review over mosque plan](#)



Health Secretary Wes Streeting has publicly acknowledged and listened to the cases of our clients the [Darlington Nurses](#) and [Jennifer Melle](#). Both cases have seen nurses forced by their NHS Trusts to accept transgender ideology.

[Wes Streeting has voiced support for our clients](#) as they have sought protection from men using women's changing spaces.

But this week, undercover footage of Streeting suggests that he is more supportive of puberty blockers and transgenderism than he has publicly revealed.

Our Public Policy Researcher Carys Moseley [writes on Streeting's comments on puberty blockers](#):

"Coming from the Health Secretary this isn't at all acceptable. Puberty blockers are in no way a genuine medical treatment, given that puberty is not a disease or a pathological condition. It really won't do for the Health Secretary to give the impression that clinical advice and evidence on this matter is a regrettable nuisance, a bit like the batty old aunt in the attic."

[Read: Where does Wes Streeting really stand on trans issues?](#)

Last Saturday, over 100,000 people took part in the Unite the Kingdom rally in central London.

Trevor Phillips, former head of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, [saw how many people would be drawn to the movement](#):

“The angry protests outside asylum hotels are now metastasising into a simpler, broader message: stop immigration, defend free speech, revive Christianity. It is a compelling trinity for a country that feels angry and unmoored.”

But others are less convinced, with concerns about the beliefs and behaviour of some of those involved.

Communications Manager Paul Huxley says that [it is easy to see how these movements would appeal to Christians](#): “We’re used to culture ignoring us, if not treating us with outright contempt.”

Yet if these people’s desire for a Christian nation is real, we need to do more than give lip service to Jesus - we must take him seriously, repenting and turning to him, not co-opting to our pet causes - whatever they are.

[Read: Is the right wing revival real?](#)

The world is crying out for wisdom.

Political leaders face major challenges with wars, migration and social unrest. And the Bible has answers and insight that would transform our nation for good.

This year's [Mission of God conference](#), organised in partnership with the Ezra Centre for Christian Thought, will prepare you, your family and your church to engage the political sphere with a biblical worldview.

The day will feature talks from internationally recognised speakers Andrea Williams, Rev. Dr Joe Boot, Stephen Perks and Tobias Riemenschneider.

Join us on Saturday 15 November for a day that will encourage and equip you to take part in God's great mission.

[Watch: Why should you attend Mission of God 2025?](#)

[Book your place today](#)



The government said in Parliament this week that sharia courts are compatible with British values.

Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe [responds and explains how the government needs to stop unregistered Islamic marriages](#):

“It is an astonishing and outrageous claim. Sharia law discriminates against both women and non-Muslims, allows polygamy, and is fundamentally incompatible with English law and British values. Tolerance of those we disagree with does not extend to allowing them to set up a parallel legal system operating on values entirely contrary to our own.”

[Read: Government claims sharia courts are in line with British values](#)

Did you know that at a recent Committee debate on the Children’s Wellbeing and School’s Bill, an amendment was proposed which [sought to remove the requirement for collective daily worship in all state-funded schools](#)?

Education Team Administrator Emily Bourne analyses the recent Committee debate on the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

“Christians must speak up to defend the place of faith in education, both in public and private life.”

[Read: Christian education freedoms under threat in government bill](#)



Christian Concern's Carl Willers, as well as our client [Gozen Soydag](#), joined Simon Barrett on Revelation TV this week to discuss the [assassination of Charlie Kirk and his impact](#) on Gen Z Christians.

"The impact he's had on a culture, on a generation, is profound. And if he can create that change, why can't we?"

[Watch: What does the assassination of Charlie Kirk mean for Gen Z?](#)

This week, MP Danny Kruger [defected to Reform](#) from the Conservative Party.

[Danny recently spoke in Parliament](#) about the need for our nation and its laws to be deeply and thoroughly Christian.

Pray with us that Danny will be able to continue speaking boldly and wisely for Christ in his new role.



Michael Deacon highlights [a new satirical sketch by Mitchell and Webb](#) in the Telegraph. The sketch highlights a future, dystopian society where the old and unwanted are lethally injected.

“For a reasonable price, you can pay the ultimate price, explains the advert’s presenter, with a smarmy smile.”

Michael highlights the sketch in response to an article in the New Statesman, which argued that assisted suicide will help the country to save money.

[Read more >>](#)

Fiyaz Mughal writes for the Telegraph about Labour not combating Islamism in the UK, and the fact that [even Muslim countries think Britain has a problem](#) with Islamism.

[Read Fiyaz Mughal in the Telegraph >>](#)



The English Football Association [issued this statement](#) following legal action from Linzi Smith and FairCop over its partnership with Stonewall:

“The FA has no plan to participate in the Rainbow Laces campaign in this or future seasons. The FA has no relationship with Stonewall in connection with the Rainbow Laces campaign, or otherwise. The FA’s present intention, subject to further consideration, is to move away from supporting single campaigns based on symbolism.”

Praise God for this victory and that professional athletes will not be forced to conform to a harmful and divisive sexual ideology.

[Read more >>](#)



Against All Odds is a book that tells the extraordinary true story of Zechariah - diagnosed at birth with a severe congenital heart condition and given just two weeks to live.

Zechariah's parents chose to fight for his life, placing their faith in God over fear. They had to fight for his continued treatment.

What followed was a miraculous journey of hope, resilience, and unwavering faith that defied all medical expectations. Even in the face of medical pessimism, God can work miracles - a truth that goes to the heart of our end of life cases and the assisted suicide debate.

His [parents advertised the launch on Instagram](#) this week.

The [book's release is being celebrated with a launch on Friday 26 September](#) in London.

Our Chief Executive Andrea Williams has written the foreword for the book, and she will also be [speaking at the book launch](#).

[Book your ticket to the book launch](#)

[Zechariah's parents advertise the launch on Instagram](#)

AWAKE, ARISE! 

STAND AND SPEAK FOR JESUS IN TODAY'S WORLD

We've done London and now it's time to start heading around the country - beginning in Scotland!

Join us in Edinburgh (21 Nov), Glasgow (22 Nov) or Dundee (24 Nov) for 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

The [Glasgow event](#) is a day-long meeting, while the [Edinburgh](#) and [Dundee](#) events are evening only.

Our nation needs the church to rise up and contend for Jesus.

And we're not stopping at Scotland. Watch our updates for more information about when Awake, Arise! could be coming near you.