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FEATURED



Mother banned from seeing brain-injured son

The Christian Legal Centre has been backing a mother in court this week as she challenges how her severely brain-injured 22-year-old son has been treated at his care home, and as **the court potentially rules that it is in his best interest to die.**

The Mail broke the story about how the mother (who is anonymised as ‘FN’) and wider family haven’t seen the son for more than a year - after she was banned from the care home for raising concerns about how her son was being treated.

This is not the only case of its kind that the Christian Legal Centre has stood by. **Robert Barnor, Sudiksha Thirumalesh, baby Indi Gregory and Archie Battersbee** were all ruled to ‘have it in their best interests to die’ - despite the wishes of the respective families to pursue life-saving treatment.

Pray for FN, for her son and for everyone involved in the case - that justice would be done and life would be upheld.

Read on our website: Mother banned from seeing brain-injured son



Unions vow to oppose single-sex spaces

The Times reported this week that **eight major trade unions have vowed to fight back** against the recent EHRC guidance that better (but imperfectly) protects single-sex spaces.

Lisa Lockey, one of the Darlington Nurses, quit her union Unison in 2024 after 30 years, after its president at the time called our clients “transphobic bigots.”

Lisa was quoted by the Times: “Unison has repeatedly declared hostility toward its female members, dismissing our safety and privacy and seeking to sidestep the law. When you see statements like this, I feel like I deserve a refund.”

We supported Lisa and the other **Darlington Nurses** in their landmark winning case, challenging how they were treated after a man used their changing room and behaved inappropriately.

The major trade unions have long been captured by harmful ideas that are a distant way from their often-Christian roots. That’s one reason why we’re supporting the development of new unions that will uphold created reality and properly defend Christians in the workplace.

Pray that these efforts would be successful and that unions would not successfully push transgender ideology in workplaces around Britain.



Parliament Act looms over assisted suicide bill

Behind every clause of the assisted suicide bill are vulnerable people who need care, protection and hope, not assisted suicide.

“We must never forget this bill would lead to real consequences for real people. Life is valuable; if those backing this law really believe that, they must start acknowledging that this bill is simply not good enough.”

In a new article on our website, Darius Sandhu explains **what the Parliament Act means as the assisted suicide bill returns** - and why it should concern us all.

As the vote on the bill approaches Parliament on Friday 11 September, please continue to pray that assisted suicide will not be legalised in this nation, and **join us outside Parliament on the day of the vote** (see more information below).

Read: Parliament Act risk looms over assisted suicide bill



A transformed life for Jesus

How does an **antiques BBC TV star come to faith in Christ?**

Our Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe recently sat down with *Bargain Hunt* regular David Harper to discuss his passion for researching history and truth,

and how this eventually led to him accepting Christ as his Lord and Saviour, after one of the darkest times of his life.

David found YouTube apologetics resources important in his conversion - this technology has led to long-form videos and discussions that allowed him to explore the truth and find The Truth.

Jesus Christ truly can transform any life - and living in light of this amazing reality, Christians need to be bold to proclaim the truth of the Bible and the saving gospel of Jesus.

Watch: Tim Dieppe interviews David Harper about his testimony

“For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”
Luke 15:24 ESV

TAKE ACTION



Sat 7 Nov, Tamworth: Mission of God 2026

Strong families and strong marriages are the backbone of any flourishing culture.

Sadly, this backbone has been steadily eroding in Great Britain over the last several decades, and the consequences of unstable relationships and marital breakdown are evident throughout society.

Join us on Saturday 7 November for our annual Mission of God conference, in partnership with the Ezra Centre, as we focus on family and marriage, reimagining how our culture can be strengthened once again with the family backbone it needs.

Tickets are now live - join us in Tamworth on 7 November and book your early bird now to secure a discounted rate.

Mission of God 2026 | Get your early bird ticket now



Join us outside Parliament on 11 September

We’re responding in prayer and action before the debate on assisted suicide on Friday 11 September.

This week, we’re calling on our supporters to plan to **join us and other pro-life organisations outside Parliament** - the day of the bill’s second reading.

- Friday 11 September
- Parliament Square, London SW1P 3JX
- 8.30 AM - 12.30 PM

It makes a real difference when we come together to stand for life. The MPs see it and the media pick up on it when Parliament Square is filled with the pro-life message.

Our amazing supporters have turned up many times before, and it’s **time to do it again**.

It’s always so encouraging to be in an atmosphere of pro-life defenders - and the more of us there are - the greater the message we send.

Join us at the rally on Friday 11 September

Join us at 12.30pm on Wednesday for our weekly livestream

IN DEPTH



The challenge of Islam in the United Kingdom

For centuries, Britain has been a Christian nation with a clear sense of identity, morality and spirituality, all derived from the Christian faith.

Tim Dieppe writes for the Critic about the spiritual state amidst the growing influence of Islam in the UK.

“As our nation has gradually turned its back on Christianity, a spiritual and moral vacuum has emerged, and Islam has moved in to fill the vacuum.”

Read Tim in the Critic: The challenge of Islam

“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”
Matthew 12:30 ESV

IN THE NEWS



Church

Christian Today quoted Tim Dieppe’s post about **Canterbury Cathedral hosting a silent disco** to attract newcomers last weekend. Similarly, a couple of years ago our Communications Manager **Paul Huxley joined Naga Munchetty on BBC 5 Live** to discuss the 2024 silent disco held in the same Cathedral.

“The church no longer believes in the attracting power of the gospel, and resorts to secular music instead.”

Pray for a revival within the Church of England - that faithful ministers would no longer be in the minority and that leaders would uphold the word of God with all reverence.

“For zeal for your house has consumed me...”

Psalm 69:9 ESV



Freedom

Our client Simeon Chandra who was told that his insurance could not continue unless he removed handmade “Jesus Loves You” stickers from his vehicle. Evangelicals Now quoted our Chief Executive Andrea Williams on the case this week:

“This case is not about a technical vehicle modification. **It is about whether ordinary Christians are free to express their faith in public** without being excluded from essential services.”

The Telegraph reports that Stephen Gray, a retired police officer, was told that he would be **charged with a criminal offence for sharing posts online that were critical of Islam**.



Society

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams claimed in an interview that figures like Nigel Farage and Tommy Robinson are **using Christianity ‘to stir anti-Muslim feeling’**.

At the same time, he says “There’s an inevitable scepticism these days about some claims to religious conviction, and I don’t want to give way to this. If Tommy Robinson is doing his best to lead a life of Christian discipleship, I’m very glad, but I would really want to ask him some awkward questions.”

It is always fair to ask serious questions of campaigners and politicians, particularly those who name Christ. But church leaders rarely ask awkward questions of those who claim to be Christians on the political left, even if they support abortion, LGBTQ or assisted suicide.

Jesus Christ is the true hope of our nation. Pray for all of our leaders to recognise his authority and that his pattern for our lives is good for all of us.



Marriage

Melanie Phillips writes for the Times about how the government is trying to create a new framework for cohabiting couples that would give them the **same legal rights as if they were married**.

“The proposal was slipped out by the Starmer government on a Friday afternoon. This is a traditional manoeuvre by ministers hoping that no one will actually notice a proposal that’s likely to spark opposition.”

Read on our website: The chaos from redefining and undermining marriage

EVENTS

Restoring Sexual Integrity

Saturday 26 September 2026

10:00 – 17:00

Christian Concern

 DESERT STREAM

Sat 26 Sep, London: Restoring Sexual Integrity

From Pride to pornography, our culture throws broken and harmful ideas and temptations at us on a daily basis.

That’s why on Saturday 26 September, **Restoring Sexual Integrity** will see us partner with Desert Stream Ministries to host a day conference for all Christians who long to see lives transformed by the gospel.

We'll be helping Christians understand growth by God's grace into sexual faithfulness and wholeness - and how to help others do the same.

It's going to be a powerful and important day featuring talks from Andrew Comiskey and Andrea Williams.

Buy your ticket at our early bird discount today and bring along others who want to see Christians walking in the light, living holy, happy lives.

Find out more and get your ticket to Restoring Sexual Integrity



Oct-Nov: Awake, Arise! Aberdeen and Belfast

We're partnering with you to bring the hope of Jesus to the heart of society, and our **Awake, Arise! events** are coming to Aberdeen and Belfast this autumn as we continue to travel around the country to mobilise and equip delegates to make a difference for Jesus in their communities.

We have been encouraged to welcome hundreds of delegates to our recent Awake, Arise! events in London, Newcastle, Birmingham, Manchester, and Bournemouth.

We're in **Aberdeen** on Saturday 10 October and **Belfast** on Saturday 21 November. If you're in or near one of these areas, could you come to these free events and bring some friends with you?

Find out more on our website

At Christian Concern, we've spoken at nearly 200 events up and down the country over the last year, including churches, universities, and conferences.

To find out more about what events we have coming up and how you can get involved, **visit our website** for more information.

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