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FEATURED



Controversial doctor takes over end of life case

A **controversial doctor has been appointed to take charge of the treatment of our client 'FHR'**, whose name is anonymised by court order.

Astonishingly, this is the same doctor who recommended the withdrawal of treatment for Robert Barnor, who sadly died in February. At the time, we were helping his family challenge the decision in court, which Professor Turner-Stokes made unilaterally, without his family's agreement and without seeking permission from the Court of Protection.

With the help of the Christian Legal Centre, Robert's tragic and seminal case will now be considered by the Supreme Court in 2027.

Professor Turner-Stokes is now overseeing the case of FHR, who is 28-years-old and has a brain injury. His mother - who is being backed by the Christian Legal Centre - is strictly prohibited from revealing her own identity in connection with the case or publishing any photographs or videos of her son.

FHR's family is calling on the doctor, Professor Lynne Turner-Stokes, to step aside from directing the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment from the young man, while the Supreme Court prepares to examine her role in the controversial death of Robert Barnor.

These are not the only cases of its kind that the Christian Legal Centre has stood by. **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 FHR and his mother, and for everyone involved in the case - that justice would be done and that his life would be upheld at this crucial time.

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Nurses back Sandie as her trial begins in Dundee

Two of our client nurses - Bethany Hutchison and Jennifer Melle - **are set to give evidence during Sandie Peggie's case** against the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) at an employment tribunal in Dundee.

The RCN is the same institution that failed to defend the **Darlington Nurses** and **Jennifer Melle** - both of whom were penalised for saying no to transgender ideology and believing that men cannot become women.

Sandie says that the RCN discriminated against her because of her belief in biology, after she was suspended by NHS Fife for objecting to a transgender doctor's use of a female changing room.

Our Chief Executive Andrea Williams was quoted in the **Express** and **Scottish Daily Express**, and the case was also covered by the **BBC** and **Daily Mail**.

Sandie’s case began just one day after we released the news that Health Minister Karin Smyth told our clients (the Darlington Nurses) that **there is no plan for new NHS rules on single-sex spaces.**

This is despite the government promising action following the Supreme Court ruling 18 months ago.

Bethany Hutchison of the Darlington Nursing Union said: “The government has had long enough. The law is clear. Women should not have to go to court simply to secure a safe place to change.”

Read: Darlington nurse and Jennifer Melle to be witnesses in crucial case

Read: Health Minister says “no plans for new rules” to nurses



Tim Dieppe booed at Lib Dem Christian Forum

The Liberal Democrat Christian Forum hosted a fringe event last weekend titled, “How can Lib Dems challenge the rise of populism and Christian Nationalism?”

Tim Dieppe, Head of Public Policy at Christian Concern, was invited to speak on the panel.

Tim argued that Christianity has been a significant force for good in Britain’s history and that Christianity remains the best foundation for our nation.

But **when Tim stated that the decline of marriage is bad for society, he was booed** by members of the audience. In a new article on our website, Tim tells the story and reflects on how progressive ideology has taken hold of the Liberal Democrats.

Read: Booed for saying marriage is good for society



Join us tomorrow at Restoring Sexual Integrity

There is still time to **join us at the door of Westminster Chapel tomorrow** as we partner with Desert Stream Ministries for *Restoring Sexual Integrity*.

Desert Stream Ministries founder Andrew Comiskey and our Chief Executive Andrea Williams will address the challenges culture and politicians bring to living as sexually-faithful Christian men and women.

We are partnering with Desert Stream Ministries to equip the Church to offer better pastoral care to people with same-sex desires and attractions, and to Christians struggling with pornography and other sexual sin.

Take this final opportunity to join us and around 150 others for an empowering day which will include biblical teaching, worship, practical discussion and testimonies from individuals who have experienced freedom and restoration through Christ.

Join us tomorrow at Restoring Sexual Integrity



NHS continues to allow men into women’s spaces

The Christian Legal Centre is currently backing a senior consultant psychiatrist - known as ‘Dr A’ - as she brings legal action against an NHS Trust for allowing bearded male patients who identify as women to be admitted to female psychiatric wards.

Andrea Williams was interviewed for a feature on BBC North West, and said:

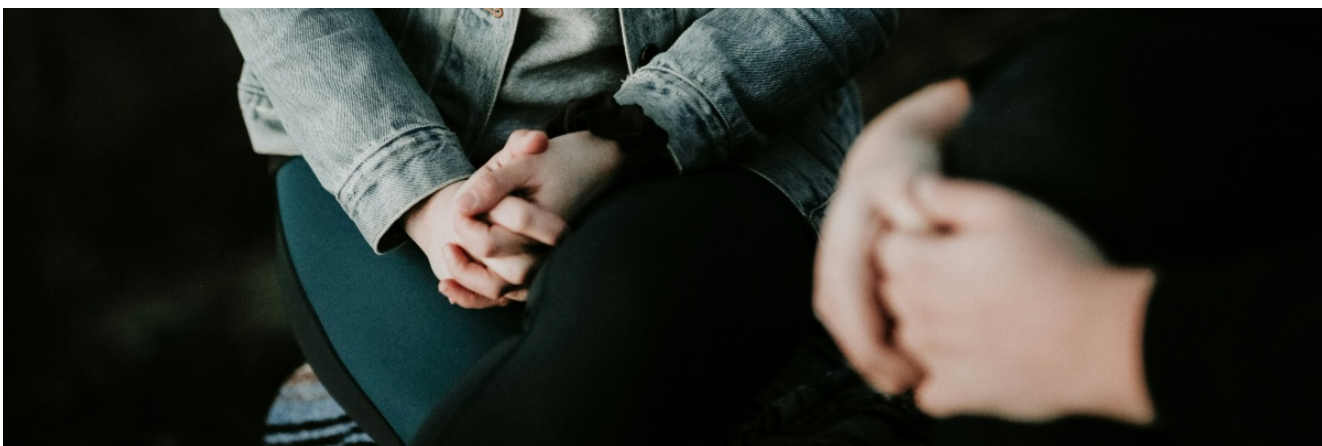
“Policies that align with biological reality have to be implemented for the safety and health and protection of everyone who enters the hospital from patient to consultant.”

“It’s baffling as to why the NHS is unable to simply roll this out.”

Pray that our national institutions would recognise and return to the fundamental truth that we are created either male or female, in God’s image. Pray that no more women in our nation would be forced to conform to transgender ideology in the workplace by using incorrect pronouns and sharing single-sex facilities with biological men.

Watch: Andrea Williams on BBC News

TAKE ACTION



Stop ‘conversion therapy’ ban in Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland Assembly is seeking the public’s views on its Conversion Practices (Criminalisation) Bill.

This bill, if enacted as it stands, will criminalise certain types of consensual conversations, including criminalising parents who disagree with a child’s gender identity.

Please take action to **respond to the consultation** before **Thursday 1 October** and tell the Northern Ireland Assembly not to progress this bill.

Take this final opportunity to protect Christian freedoms in Northern Ireland by saying no to a ban on ‘conversion therapy’.

Use our guide and help stop ‘conversion practices’ ban in Northern Ireland

Say no to the vilifying of Christianity in education

Northern Ireland is also currently asking the public for views on its **new Religious Education syllabus** - which pushes a secular state philosophy that shifts away from teaching Christianity as true and promotes pluralism instead.

Moreover, the Equality and Human Rights Commission’s (EHRC) new draft technical guidance for schools is still open to public feedback. This provides an **opportunity for Christians to tell the EHRC** what you have witnessed in your own school, and to produce guidance that will prevent future restrictions on Christian freedoms such as those of our clients Bernard Randall, Kristie Higgs, Nigel and Sally Rowe and Felix Ngole.

The deadline for responding to both of these education consultations is Wednesday 30 September.

Please take this final opportunity to respond to these important consultations for the future of Christian education in the UK.

Uphold the teaching of Christianity in Northern Ireland

Tell the EHRC to protect the rights of Christians in education

IN DEPTH



“I think the Archbishop needs to resign”

The Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally faced widespread criticism last week after she gave a (now redacted) “interfaith” award to Islamic cleric Tahir Ashrafi, whose organisation had previously honoured Osama bin Laden.

Our Head of Public Policy Tim Dieppe went on GB News’ Free Speech Nation to respond, and he highlighted the urgent need for renewed moral courage within the Church of England, as well as arguing that the **incident demonstrates a serious failure of due diligence**.

Watch: Tim Dieppe on Free Speech Nation

IN THE NEWS



Islam

This week, *Spiked* published an extract chapter of our **Wilberforce Publications book by Tim Dieppe**, on the challenge of Islam to British society.

“In my book, *The Challenge of Islam*, I have sought to highlight the role and influence that Islam now has in the UK. We need to understand the challenge of Islam and work out how to respond. At its root, this is a battle for the soul of the nation.”

Pray for more Christians to build courage in speaking out on the challenge of Islam and in bringing the gospel to Muslims, and pray that historic and authentic Christianity would re-capture the heart of our nation.

Get your copy of Tim's book: **The Challenge of Islam**

“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God”
1 John 4:2 ESV



Freedom

Richard Johnson is a client of the Christian Legal Centre who faced nearly **two years of prosecution for distributing a gospel tract** in what prosecutors called a “LGBT safe space” in Soho.

Thanks to our help, he was recently found not guilty, and our Chief Executive Andrea Williams writes for Christian Today:

“We should ask how a Christian evangelist handing out Christian literature on a London street ended up before a criminal court at all.”

Read: **No part of London should become a gospel exclusion zone**

Help us to continue backing Christians like Richard

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Romans 1:16 ESV



Church

The Telegraph reported the story that an 80-year-old self-described “**terrorist granny**” is **seeking election to the Church of England’s General Synod**, despite facing charges for supporting Palestine Action.

Tim Dieppe was asked to comment in the Telegraph and said that the woman’s candidature was “extraordinary.”

Christian Concern has staff who are also standing for election at General Synod. Pray for candidates to be elected to Synod who are faithful to the gospel and passionate about the advancement of biblical Christianity.

“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”

James 3:1 ESV



Beginning of life

The Independent reports that **women who have abortions will now be entitled to claim unpaid bereavement leave** under new expanded rules by the government.

Our nation is on the trajectory to 300,000 abortions a year. We are living in a culture that doesn’t just accept abortion but encourages and promotes it - without consideration for the rights of the child.

Pray for a miracle in our society. Pray that abortion would become unthinkable and that we would turn from it, upholding all human life as priceless and made in God’s image.

“but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’”

Matthew 19:14 ESV



Society

The Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer in the Midlands is due to open in 2028, and **GB News shared this week that its first section has now been built**.

“Imagine the impact of a Christian landmark that generates global attention, displays the infinite facets of God and declares the power of praying to Jesus.

“A never-ending wall of a million bricks, each one digitally linked to a story revealing how Jesus has answered a specific prayer for an individual. This is the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer.”

Christian Concern is pleased to partner with this project, and **our supporters can submit their own personal story of God's answered prayer** by using this special link.

Share your answered prayer with our private link

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 4:2 ESV

EVENTS



Sat 7 Nov, Yarnfield: 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.

Secure a discount by booking your early bird ticket now.

Book your discounted ticket



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.

Events at Christian Concern

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