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## "TACTICS OF TYRANNY" ARE ATTACKING MARRIAGE

**As the C of E is accused of a marriage "fudge", an ex-CIA analyst warns of anti-marriage ideology taking over institutions**

**T**otalitarian tactics are being used to push anti-marriage ideology today, according to a former US CIA analyst.

Stella Morabito spent ten years studying the propaganda tactics of totalitarian regimes and says the same techniques are being used to push anti-marriage ideology today.

This comes as the Church of England has been accused of fudging the issue of same-sex blessings in church.

Ms Morabito believes that "progressive ideology" is "taking over all institutions". She says there is a "demonisation campaign" to censor anyone who "has a different opinion about marriage".

The Coalition for Marriage, that campaigns for traditional marital relationships, recently interviewed Ms Morabito, shortly before the C of E published 'blessing' prayers for same-sex relationships. These are seen by evangelicals as following the state's laws rather than God's. Ms Morabito confirms this is a slippery slope to state control, with children ultimately suffering.

When a state abolishes its recognition of marriage, she claims, "it really doesn't have to respect your biological relationships" either, giving the state "ultimate control of domestic partnerships and educating children".

Writing in The Federalist, Ms Morabito

said: "Much groundwork has... been laid by surrogacy and abortion laws that treat children as chattels to buy, sell, and dispose of at will. And why would the state have to recognise any other relationships resulting from marriage if it no longer recognises marriage? It could ignore your blood relationships to brother, sister, aunt, uncle, or any familial bond. In this scenario, you'd likely need a licence to raise your own child, an old communist goal that the so-called Respect for Marriage Act [in the US] conjures up."

She added: "[We live] in a nation that increasingly promotes infanticide, assisted suicide, recreational drug use, child pornography, and other ways to torture and kill our children. In fact, virtually all of their policy positions are tailor-made for family breakdown, community breakdown, and for hostility toward religious communities."

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The breakdown of family life has been much documented in recent decades and Ms Morabito asserts that family acts as a “crucial buffer between the mass state and the individual”.

Her new book, ‘The Weaponisation of Loneliness’, exposes the “divide-and-conquer tactics” used by the state, the media and technology companies, in order to “atomise” and “control” citizens. She says: “Tyrants absolutely need to isolate people in order to control them.”

And a cowed population tends to comply: “Our fear of social rejection [is] so hardwired that [it] triggers our conformity impulse” and can “even cause us to comply with evil orders”.



Stella Morabito, former CIA analyst and author, warns that the state is attacking marriage

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND’S “FUDGE” OVER MARRIAGE

**T**he Church of England has been accused of a “fudge” over its announcement that, while not recognising same-sex ‘marriage’, it will allow prayers of blessing to affirm “stable, loving relationships” – the Archbishop of York’s term.

The state Church has been under pressure since David Cameron’s government legislated for same sex ‘marriage’ in 2013. Even the leader of the Commons, Penny Mordaunt, whose twin brother calls himself gay, wrote to the Bishop of Portsmouth urging him to support a change in the Church’s doctrine.

But after five years of consultation, the Church’s teaching that holy matrimony is only between one man and one woman will not change and will not be put to a vote at the General Synod. It meets from 6-9 February, and the proximity to Valentine’s Day will not be lost on its critics.

However, “prayers of dedication, thanksgiving or for God’s blessing” on same-sex couples will be offered following a civil marriage or partnership, to the deep concern of many evangelicals.

Peter Lynas, UK Director at the Evangelical Alliance, told

Premier: “If you aren’t changing the doctrine on the one hand, but then you’re going to bless something that you don’t recognise and are asking for God’s blessing on it, that’s really difficult. Ultimately, there isn’t a clear conclusion and nobody seems to be happy. We have a bit of a fudge, a little bit for everybody.”

**“Imagine what will happen once same-sex couples are waging local campaigns against vicars for refusing to bless them”**

Christian Concern’s chief executive Andrea Williams, who served on the church’s General Synod for ten years, has called the compromise “an unworkable mess that will please no one.”

She commented: “The report says that prayers for blessing simply ask that God would cause people to flourish and walk in God’s ways – and that they do not indicate approval. Yet these prayers are deliberately designed to be used to celebrate unions or partnerships that defy and parody God’s pattern for marriage. On paper, they may celebrate friendship as between David and Jonathan, or Ruth and Naomi; but in practice they celebrate romantic, sexual relationships that defy God and his call to holiness.”

She warned that vicars will be pressured to conduct church blessings for same-sex couples: “Faithful ministers and chaplains have already been put through crippling complaints procedures and even lost their jobs for holding to what the Bible says. Imagine what will happen once same-sex couples are waging local campaigns against vicars for refusing to bless them.”

### Just 1.5% say they’re gay

The Coalition for Marriage reports that the official number of people identifying as gay or lesbian is just 1.5 per cent in England and Wales, while a further 1.5 per cent identify as “bisexual” or “pansexual”, according to the 2021 Census.

One theory as to why a small

## HOW STORM MET MORGAN



Morgan and Storm got engaged in May 2021

**W**hen Morgan Green first set eyes on Storm Cecile, he was playing the guitar at a conference. Watching Storm leading prayer there, he thought to himself, “What a great woman of God! I don’t know what God has done for her, but it’s a lot.”

Morgan is a musician, so it was natural for him to get involved with the street evangelism that Storm, who calls herself a commercial spoken word artist, was starting. Storm came from a single parent family and realised the reality of death when her brother nearly died in a car accident.

Morgan knew he liked Storm the second time they met, but Storm says, “I just thought he was a nice guy!”

Morgan first asked her out on a park bench in Stratford in early September 2020, but she said no: “I didn’t like him at the time!”

Only after initially rejecting Morgan did Storm start to be interested in him.

“He then asked me out again on 31 October and I said yes. On this occasion, he wrote me a very cute letter and then gave me a huge hug when I said yes.”

Seven months later on 20 May 2021 they got engaged and then married on 4 September: “It was a quick turnaround!” says Storm.

Now the couple, both 24, head a team of 30 volunteers in Storm’s Christian Busking Project. Storm says: “Ministering with my husband on the streets is special because we both have different gifts to glorify God. Also, we have a great synergy; I know where and what Morgan is about to play and Morgan knows what I’m about to sing/ proclaim: it’s both prophetic and powerful at the same time.”

proportion of the population exercises... “an outside influence over public policy” is that 7.5 per cent of residents in the

City of London identify as gay or lesbian – over five times the national average.

### RESOURCES FROM OUR PARTNER PASTORS

**Marriage:** A booklet by Pastor Les Potter, written with his wife Joan, is available, along with his healing booklet, from the address on p15, or email [uref@aol.com](mailto:uref@aol.com)

**Divorce and remarriage** One of HEART’s partner pastors has started a series of messages on this sensitive subject, with the central tenet

that Scripture should be interpreted theologically, biblically and pastorally. The Church can be seen as hard-hearted on this issue and miss God’s premise that avoiding divorce, like avoiding sin, is God’s intention for mankind rather than his prescription. Email [sermons.thekingschurcharundel@gmail.com](mailto:sermons.thekingschurcharundel@gmail.com) for the 15 and 22 January messages.

## US REDEFINES MARRIAGE

**W**ith President Biden’s enthusiastic signature, the US ‘Respect For Marriage’ Act has officially rejected the Bible’s view of marriage. It repeals the ‘Defence of Marriage’ Act, which established a federal definition of marriage as a “legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife”, and, instead, recognises marriage regardless of sex, race, ethnicity or national origin.

“This shows that our nation is veering off a cliff toward godless immorality,” said Jenna Ellis, a vocal Christian and Constitutional Law Attorney. She was especially shocked that 39 Republicans in Con-

gress and 12 in the Senate had voted for the Act.

The “silver lining,” Ms Ellis declared, “is that the (Dis) Respect For Marriage Act is plainly unconstitutional, and therefore, it opens itself up to being challenged by Religious Freedom legal centres such as Alliance Defending Freedom.”

Jack Hibbs, Senior Pastor of Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills, called on pastors to take a stand over the issue. “The voice that people need to hear is the Bible. We need pastors to realise this is the last ditch effort.” He added: “The men in the pulpit must get on their face, seek out God, and get their marching orders. That’s the only hope for America right now.”



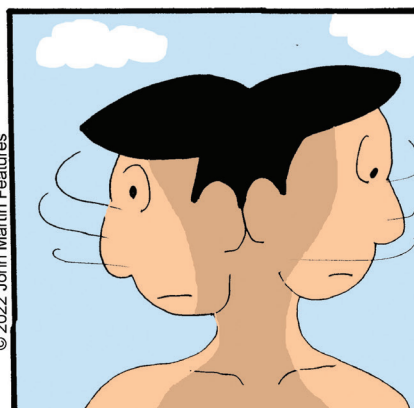
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## “Male and female he created them” - Genesis 1:27b



# PEOPLE & PLACES

## MARTIN’S MIRACLE MISSION TRIP

**If HEART readers in Bexhill and Hastings ever wonder why their usual distributor, Martin West, hasn’t brought papers to their churches, it’s because Martin is responding to an even higher call**

For years Martin West has made mission trips to Uganda, founding an orphanage and preaching the Gospel. After his 21st visit in November with Through Faith Missions, he told HEART, “We saw over 4,000 people



Martin preached on Muslim radio station Signal FM. Inset: Ex-street children dancing together

become Christians, with many miraculously healed and set free from demonic control.” Despite public places being closed early due to the Ebola virus, Martin says: “The Gospel was proclaimed in schools, colleges, prisons and hospitals – and in police stations!”

### They rescued 21 children from the streets

Those in poorer rural villages also heard the Gospel through open-air evangelism and early morning radio sermons. Describing how he impacted the Ugandan Muslim community, Martin was surprised to be asked to preach on an Islamic radio station one Saturday morning and then be invited back to preach the following five days.



Rescued from the street: Lamech is now in a home and was baptised on 15 January

He described another miracle: “A Muslim lady in hospital got saved, healed of back cancer and now preaches the Gospel to family and friends.” The orphanage, founded through Ugandan charity ‘God’s Grace Evangelistic Team’, is headed by Martin’s friend Bruno and this time they rescued 21 children from the streets. These included young Lamech, one of 11 who chose to be baptised on 15 January, who is now in a

new home. Martin and the team also gave out over 800 Bibles and New Testaments, but “there is desperate need for more.” Two security guards received New Testaments and became Christians. Grateful families in need received “50 mosquito nets, 60 spectacles, four beds with mattresses and 700 food parcels”. A free talk and slideshow of the mission are available, or you can sponsor any of the ex-street children. Martin would appreciate prayer for future mission trips: email [john3.16west@btinternet.com](mailto:john3.16west@btinternet.com)

## “I WANT TO BE A VOICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE”

**A Christian occupational therapist wants to ensure no one is left out of church**

Nobody likes to see parents having to rush their disruptive children out of a service, or say they can’t come to church because of disability. But in a worldwide survey, 61 per cent of respondents said they avoided church due to conditions such as autism, ADHD or physical disabilities. Christian occupational therapist Anne Laure Jackson was horrified: “Anyone who walks into a church should feel that they belong and that there are strategies to help.” She has spent years giving sensory advice to parents and professionals and has seen improvements in children and adults who struggled with clumsiness, poor handwriting or sitting still at mealtimes. “Sometimes a child’s challenging behaviour stems from an unmet sensory need, rather than deliberate defiance. Simple adjustments, such as keeping worship music at an appropriate volume, or removing strong-smelling air fresheners, can literally mean the difference between a family attending church or staying at home.” One grateful parent said: “My son had regular meltdowns and would frequently follow me around the home, screaming and hitting me... now he’s a happy, settled little boy.” As a worship leader who was previously a vocalist with songwriters Keith and Kristyn Getty, Anne Laure is passionate about improving access to

corporate worship: “I want to be a voice for those who have no voice, for those who feel left out.” Anne Laure has also home educated her three sons, and is used to dealing with long-term conditions because her engineering husband, Ivan, has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. But she still believes that God heals, having seen lumps in her throat and ears disappear after prayer at an Elim church in Eniskillen, Northern Ireland. See p11 for details of the free *Sensory Healthy Church* programme



Anne Laure Jackson is helping families to attend church



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## NATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

# "PRAY FOR HARRY – HE'S DAMAGED"

A retired Christian major general has said we need to "cut Prince Harry some slack" as he is a damaged man who needs help.

Tim Cross, who has commanded forces at every level, was commenting as former soldier Prince Harry promoted his ghosted autobiography, 'Spare'.



Prince Harry was a popular member of the Royal family. He is seen here arriving at the UK-Africa Investment Summit in London on 20 January 2020

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### Retired general calls for forgiveness of 'tell-all' Prince

The Prince has been condemned by other senior officers, including Colonel Richard Kemp, former head of Britain's forces in Afghanistan, for divulging that he killed 25 Taliban insurgents and describing it as "removing chess pieces from a board."

In an interview with BBC Breakfast, Kemp said that Harry's book undermines his own security and "enflames old feelings of revenge that might have been forgotten about". Kemp also said, "It is a shame in many ways because he is a very brave man who went to Afghanistan... he had a fantastic reputation for his courage in action, and also the way he championed wounded soldiers and this... to an extent tarnished that for him."

Expressing sadness, Major General Cross said that Harry's revelations about his life as a royal and a soldier reflected his state of mind and concluded that the Prince "needs help". However, he hesitated to say Harry was suffering from PTSD, but urged Christians to pray for him, recalling that Harry "had a very difficult childhood".

**"Pray that he can emerge from this somehow stronger and be able to move on"**

Cross said: "I've got a lot of time for Prince Harry and I know he was a very good Apache pilot."

He encouraged people to "pray for forgiveness. We need

to pray for reconciliation within the family... be forgiving... pray that he can emerge from this somehow stronger and be able to move on."

Prince Harry served in the British Army for ten years, rising to the rank of Captain and undertaking two tours of Afghanistan.



Major General Tim Cross urges forgiveness of the wayward Prince

## PRINCE HARRY: CHIEF RABBI FORGAVE ME

One of the many revelations in Prince Harry's recent book, 'Spare', is that the Chief Rabbi of the time offered forgiveness after it was revealed that the young prince had worn a Nazi fancy dress outfit.

According to United With Israel, the Duke of Sussex wrote in his book 'Spare' that

after the incident he was sent to speak to the late Chief Rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sacks. Harry recalled that the Jewish leader condemned his actions but spoke to him "with the quality one often encounters in truly wise people – forgiveness... He gave me grace."

## WOMAN ARRESTED FOR SILENT PRAYER NEAR ABORTION CLINIC

### POLICE ASK: "ARE YOU PRAYING?"

A pro-life campaigner has been arrested for praying in an exclusion zone around an abortion clinic.

Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, director of anti-abortion group March for Life UK, was standing outside the BPAS Robert Clinic in Kings Norton, Birmingham, when police officers questioned her after receiving a complaint.

She said she was not protesting, but might be praying inside her mind.

The clinic is within one of the buffer zones that Birmingham City Council has introduced to clamp down on anti-abortion demonstrations – and even prayer is banned.

West Midlands Police told Premier: "Isabel Vaughan-Spruce was arrested on 6 December and subsequently charged on 15 December with four counts of failing to comply with a Public Space Protection

Order (PSPO). She was bailed to appear at Birmingham Magistrates Court on 2 February 2023."

Organisations like religious freedom charity ADF UK and conservative advocacy group CitizenGo are campaigning against the zones, which they say prohibit free speech.

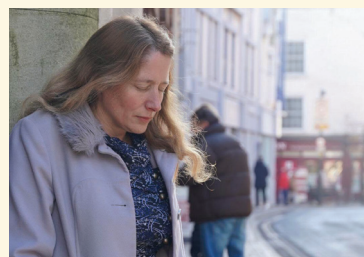
**Silent prayer was deemed to be "protesting and engaging in an act that is intimidating to service users"**

Vaughan-Spruce was not handing out leaflets or holding a banner, yet she was arrested, endured a search – even of her hair – and interrogated.

CitizenGo said her bail restrictions ban her from public prayer even outside the buffer zone, and that after being released she was left to find her own way back to her car, 12 miles away, in the dark.

ADF UK reports that Vaughan-Spruce's silent prayer was deemed to be "protesting and engaging in an act that is intimidating to service users" – even though the clinic was closed at the time. A video which shows the police asked, "Are you praying?" was viewed over six million times on Twitter.

The UK Supreme Court ruled in favour of abortion clinic buffer zones in December.



Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, director of anti-abortion group March for Life UK, has been arrested for praying outside an abortion clinic

Credit: ADFUK

## SCOTLAND'S GENDER BILL CLASHES WITH UK

### Sunak acts to protect women

Despite public opposition to its Gender Recognition Reform Act, the Scottish Parliament passed the bill just before Christmas – but the UK Government has blocked it.

The bill's implications for the UK caused consternation in the Conservative Government and the Secretary of State for Scotland, Alistair Jack, made the unprecedented move of implementing section 35 of the Scotland Act to stop the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill receiving Royal Assent.



Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, is pushing gender identity reform

Credit: Scottish Government

The proposed law allowed people to self-certify as a different legal gender without medical approval – and lowered the age for this to 16. It is thought that this would endanger women and undermine the UK's Equality Act, which protects single-sex spaces regardless of a gender recognition certificate.

The Christian Institute reports that the former Advocate General for Scotland wanted Westminster to scupper the bill. The Rt Hon the Lord Keen of Elie PC KC wrote: "It would not only be impractical but constitutionally improper for the UK Government to permit a devolved legislature to enact a provision that had a material impact upon the operation of the law throughout the United Kingdom."

**Keir Starmer wants similar legislation for the whole country**

Whereas Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, the father of two young girls, had voiced concern about the impact of the bill

on the rest of the UK, Labour leader Keir Starmer said he would like similar legislation for the whole of the country, though with modifications, and Welsh First Minister Mark Drakeford also supports the Scottish proposals.

A YouGov poll showed that over two-thirds of Scottish people oppose Nicola Sturgeon's gender bill.

But Scottish Trans, the trans equality project of LGBTI equality and human rights charity the Equality Network, condemned the UK Government's decision.

Vic Valentine, Manager of Scottish Trans, said: "It was passed by the Scottish Parliament by 86 votes to 39, with the overwhelming support of the SNP, Labour, the Greens and the LibDems."

"We fully expect the Scottish Government to challenge this in the courts."

## 250 YEARS SINCE 'AMAZING GRACE'

This year is the 250th anniversary of the world-famous hymn 'Amazing Grace' by John Newton.

First publicly read aloud on New Year's Day 1773, the words reflect the former slave trader's journey to faith. He penned the hymn for a sermon at St Peter and St Paul Church in Olney, Buckinghamshire, on that first day of 1773.

A tract called 'Amazing Grace', written by evangelist Roger Carswell, is available from [www.10ofthose.com](http://www.10ofthose.com).



A stained glass image of John Newton at St Peter and St Paul Church in Olney

Credit: Adam Jones/Wikimedia



# THE SEXUAL GROOMING OF OUR CHILDREN



## FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN, THERE SHOULD BE THOUSANDS OF US SPEAKING UP

By Dr David Mackereth

**After last issue's feature on the alarming state of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in UK schools, Dr David Mackereth issues a call to concerned people to speak out about the extreme materials and new ideologies that Laurence Fox calls classroom "grooming"**

**I**s the sexual coercion of our little children any less of an existential threat to our civilisation than Russia's recent threat to attack UK cities with nuclear weapons? It may not be as sudden or dramatic, but is surely as effective.

### Astonished

I am astonished at the lack of concern among ordinary people over things that will change our society forever. As one who took a stand, I know what it is to fight 'the system' that we have accepted.

Four years ago, having been a qualified doctor for 30 years, I lost my job at the Department for Work and Pensions because I said that I would refuse to use pronouns in a new way and would not call a hypothetical, six-foot tall, bearded man "she" or "Mrs". The Employment Tribunal ruled that my belief that humans are born male or female was "incompatible with human dignity" and "unworthy of respect in a democratic society".

### Failure to act leaves us as slaves of a new order that cares nothing for our children

Several court hearings have taken place with the help of the Christian Legal Centre. So far I have won only the right to believe that mankind is male and female, but no protection for that belief under the law.

### Imprisoned

Where are the doctors, nurses and teachers who are speaking up on this issue? For the sake of the children, there should be thousands of us. Other doctors like me could also prove without any difficulty that a person cannot change sex. Teachers are at the forefront of this new sexual movement. I stand with Enoch Burke, a Christian teacher in the Republic of Ireland who was recently imprisoned after taking a similar stand on pronouns. Some say that he was only in prison for contempt of court, but I believe that no teacher should end up suspended, let alone incarcerated, for refusing to use transgender pronouns. Upon his release in December 2022, he now faces the confiscation of his property after continuing to turn up at his Church of Ireland secondary school.

### Grooming

When it comes to Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) in schools, a handful of mothers have spoken out in Wales.

They say that the materials used in schools amount to sexual grooming of very young children. Why are not all the parents of the land marching on parliament over this?

I have heard of schools refusing to show teaching materials to parents, even though they have a legal right to see it. Parents have been vilified, sidelined and demonised by the authorities for seeking to defend their children. How did it come to this?

### There is a desperate desire to believe that the government is acting in our best interests

### Fear

I have spoken up for the freedom of doctors to be able to question whether a person can or can't change sex. I believe that teachers and parents should be easily able to challenge RSE.

I have seen first-hand that fear is a potent force for keeping people silent, but I am coming to the reluctant conclusion that it is not fear that is at the very root of the problem, but sheer indifference. People don't care. People want someone else to take the fall.

### Ownership

There is a desperate desire to believe that the government is acting in our best interests, and that the powers that be will always restore stability. The truth is that the political rulers are supporting this whole regime, and are responsible for it, even if they appear to remain aloof from the torrent of foul sexual material being poured on our children day after day.

Failure to act leaves us as willing slaves of a new order that cares nothing for us or our children. If we do nothing, the next generation will not be stable, secure, prosperous, or happy.

It is our last chance.



*Dr David Mackereth is a medical doctor who studied at the universities of St Andrews and Manchester. Qualified in 1998, he spent most of his working life as a specialist in emergency medicine and is also formally trained*

*for Christian ministry.*

*In 2018 he lost his job as disability assessor at the Department for Work and Pensions for refusing to use transgender pronouns, and is still fighting his case in the courts.*



Clare Page is courageously taking on the government over RSE

An overview of inappropriate RSE material is at [rsereview.org/resources](https://rsereview.org/resources). A full list of organisations and links is with this article at [www.heartpublications.co.uk](https://www.heartpublications.co.uk). If you are not online, send sae to our office (address on p2).

### Parents push back

Clare Page is crowdfunding for a tribunal case after her daughter's secondary school refused to give parents access to the RSE materials provided by the 'School of Sexuality Education', citing copyright concerns. Her daughter was taught that the world is "heteronormative", and that this can be countered by becoming "sex-positive". Pupils were referred to the programme's website, which contained sexually explicit material, and Page discovered that one of the facilitators also runs a sex toy business.

Meanwhile, mums who took the Welsh government to court over RSE have lost their judicial review, but are planning to appeal. Public Child Protection (PCP) Wales was represented by leading human rights barrister Paul Diamond, who called the Welsh RSE code "extreme and unbalanced".



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# News you won't hear on the BBC

## FREEDOM WATCH

### A NEW WHO "MEDICAL POLICE STATE"?

### WANTED: YOUR VIEWS ON DIGITAL ID BEFORE 1 MARCH

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is moving towards a "worldwide totalitarian medical and scientific police state", according to a US professor and bioweapons expert.

Dr Francis Boyle warned that the WHO's secretly negotiated amendments to the International Health Regulations may violate international law.

The new rules were discussed behind closed doors in Geneva, Switzerland, by the International Health Regulations Review Committee (IHRRC) between 9 and 13 January. IHRRC members are unelected and are only answerable to the WHO's Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Author James Roguski said the amendments "would make the WHO's proclamations legally binding rather than just advisory recommendations" and lead to "global digital health certificates".

This proposed expansion of power comes as the WHO continues negotiations for a global pandemic treaty, which many fear will override the sovereignty of member states.

#### The amendments could lead to "global digital health certificates"

Children's Health Defense claims that the two proposals would "greatly expand the scope and reach of the IHR, institute a system of global health... 'passports' and allow the WHO to mandate medical examinations, quarantine and treatment."

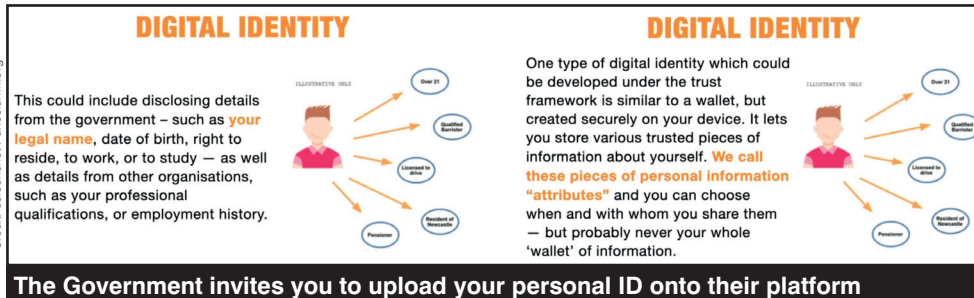
The WHO's connections are a roll-call of globalist organisations: its 'relevant stakeholders' include GAVI (the Vaccine Alliance), listed as an observer along with the Vatican, Palestine and the Red Cross. The WHO also lists the Gates Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Clinton Health Access Initiative and the Rockefeller Foundation, among others, as "non-state actors in official relations with WHO". Meanwhile GAVI's partners are UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank.

Other stakeholders are George Soros' Open Society Foundation and Open Philanthropy, which funded a report on a Monkeypox pandemic 'simulation' in March 2021 (in partnership with the Munich Security Conference).

### JUDGE FIRED AFTER OPPOSING COVID VACCINES

UK magistrate Karia McCallum was fired from her position after opposing the Government's Covid inoculation scheme.

Apparently her use of the suffix JP (Justice of the Peace) while campaigning against the Government's Covid-19 policies was the reason for her removal. In April 2021, she announced that she had made a complaint to the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Her press release accusing the British government of genocide, crimes against humanity and breaches of the Nuremberg Code.



The Government invites you to upload your personal ID onto their platform

The Government hopes that you will upload all your personal ID so that you can identify yourself via your smartphone at any time.

And in view of some people's reluctance



Streamlined system or security risk?  
The foreword to the digital ID consultation was written by Alex Burghart MP

to trust the Government, it has put out a tender to tech firms inviting them to bid for the right to "persuade" citizens to share their personal details with Whitehall.

Meanwhile the Cabinet Office has launched a consultation for citizens to say if they wish to merge their logins for multiple Government websites into a single account called GOV.UK One Login. The deadline to respond is 1 March.

UK Column commented that the move could place citizens at greater risk of identity theft, since it could include a smartphone-based digital identity 'wallet' - containing date of birth, right to reside, work or study and employment history.

This 'wallet' has already been "road tested" by an app used by the British military, which contains personal information relating to health and pay, according to UK Column.

The 'Consultation on draft legislation to support identity verification' can be found at gov.uk.

### FRUSTRATED OXFORD LOCALS REMOVE "ANTI-CAR" BOLLARDS

Oxford's new scheme to block residential roads is "draconian" and will increase congestion, Heritage Party leader David Kurten has said.

CCTV footage shows Oxford residents in hoodies removing bollards at night. Footage also shows vans driving straight over planters in the middle of the road.

The obstacles were erected as part of the existing Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme to limit the use of certain routes, but critics say that drivers have to go further and use more fuel, while ambulances and fire engines also have longer journeys.

David Kurten urged citizens to protest against the "anti-car" restrictions by standing for one of the 8,000 council seats available in May's local elections in England and Northern Ireland.

He said that the LTNs were introduced "with emergency legislation [during] Covid times", in order to "circumvent" the need for a proper consultation. "They're not just anti-car, they're anti-freedom", he said.

He told viewers of his YouTube channel that councils would try to carve up cities such as Oxford into six different zones and say "You are only allowed to drive from one zone to another on 100 days per year without getting a huge fine."

Oxford locals have been frustrated by

increased congestion. Maggie Brown called the bollards "selfish" and claimed that a journey that previously took 20 minutes now takes more than an hour. "We get pollution every single night from traffic piling up from the bottom of Morrell Avenue right to the top."

She added: "My health has deteriorated big time - this time last year I was in the gym, I was swimming. I was the fittest 73 year old you've met and now I can't even climb up the stairs without losing my breath."

LTNs are part of the controversial '15-minute city' concept promoted by the World Economic Forum.



Heritage Party leader David Kurten says citizens must win their freedoms back by standing for election to local councils



Journalist and feminist author Naomi Wolf claims Yale University is forcing its students to be "medical hostages"

### FEMINIST AUTHOR: Yale is forcing students "to be lab rats"

Acclaimed feminist author Naomi Wolf has revealed that Yale University receives more funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) than from tuition fees.

Since 1998, Yale has received \$9 billion from HHS, but only \$475 million from tuition fees.

In addition, the University has required all students (but not faculty or staff) to receive the bivalent Covid booster before returning from the winter break. Students who fail to comply will have access to university "facilities, dorms,...classes [and] library privileges" removed.

Dr Wolf, a journalist and lifelong Democrat, accused Yale of "trafficking the bodies of its students", stating that her alma mater is forcing students "to provide the 'service' of being lab rats or medical hostages".

(Source: Independent Institute)

### BANNING CASH IS "FINANCIAL ABUSE"

A nationwide ban on cash would be financial abuse, according to political commentator Calvin Robinson.

The Bank of England is currently considering a central bank digital currency (CBDC) and the Bank has told ministers "to intervene on digital currency programming" to ensure that digital cash "is only spent on essentials or goods which an employer or Government deems to be sensible".

Furthermore, under 20 per cent of transactions in England are made in cash, and many local bank branches have used lockdowns as an excuse to close.

Arguing that "a world where... the Government knows where you spend every single penny" means "a world without freedom", Robinson urged: "Use [cash] or lose it." (Source: calvinrobinson.substack.com)

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# NO WAY OUT?

**W**herever you look in the world today, you see nations in a state of discontent, frustration and unrest. Whatever society you look at, whether it is a dictatorship or a democracy, left wing or right wing, it's in a bad place. Most people are alienated from government and those in authority.

In fact, Jesus speaks of "the distress of nations with perplexity". The word for 'with perplexity' in the original Greek is 'aporia' which literally means 'no exit / no way out'.

Today we see a global crisis taking shape with no way out and no one able to resolve it, causing people to be afraid of what is coming on the world.

In Britain we have growing unrest over the cost of living, prices going up, strikes, shortages and rising taxes. Many people are now in poverty with not enough money to buy food and heat their homes in the winter. We have lawlessness, random acts of violence, family breakdown and racial tensions causing many to fear for their safety in the places where they live. We have a migration situation which is out of control and causing growing social friction.

If it's bad from the point of view of a developed Western nation, it is much worse in most of the rest of the world. Dictatorships like Russia, China, Iran and North Korea are crushing the freedom of their own people and threatening their neighbours with war and weapons of mass destruction. Countries in Africa and the Middle East are suffering from poverty, famine, war and oppression – often with the scourge of terrorism blighting lives. There is also an increase in natural disasters, droughts, floods and extreme heat and cold.

## Ukraine catastrophe

Russia has deliberately destroyed Ukraine's infrastructure, leaving many with no electricity or running water, and little food. Some fear the crisis could develop into an open conflict between Russia and NATO, with the possible use of nuclear weapons. Spin-offs from the war are affecting food and energy supplies around the world.

World leaders come together in organisations like the World Economic Forum (WEF), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the G20 and the United Nations (UN). They put forward plans to sort out the world's problems and create a 'new world order' with their 'Great Reset', 'Agenda 21' and 'Agenda 30'.

## TONY PEARCE EXAMINES SOME OF THE SIGNS FOR 2023

**What is happening now is setting the scene for the final period of world history. The Covid crisis, the global warming scare, war in Ukraine, increasing natural disasters, shortages, the threat of famine and the focus on globalism all show that man has no solution**

On present progress they may manage to bring an end to Western capitalism, but what they will replace it with looks very much worse.

### Russia, NATO and world order politics

Vladimir Putin gave a speech in Moscow on 27 October in which he said Russia's invasion of Ukraine will "accelerate" the inauguration of a "new world order based on law and justice" in which economic and political gains will justify the losses sustained thus far. As reported in the Washington Examiner, he said, "We're facing a historic milestone. Ahead of us is possibly the most dangerous, unpredictable, and, at the same time, crucial decade since the end of the Second World War."

### Russia's invasion of Ukraine will "accelerate" the inauguration of "a new world order" – Vladimir Putin

The idea that Putin's invasion of Ukraine will bring a new world order based on law and justice sounds bizarre. Far from creating a law-abiding, justly governed future, Russia's army has been exposed as undisciplined, badly led and ill-equipped, committing war crimes against civilians.

Having failed to win on the battlefield, Putin is now using missiles and

drones purchased from the Islamic Republic of Iran to destroy Ukraine. Millions of Ukrainians have fled the country, while many of those who remain face the harsh winter. So it's the opposite of a "new world order based on law and justice".

Where does Putin get his idea of a "new world order" from? One of his aims is to restore Russia as a great power equal to the USA as it was in the days of the Soviet Union. Therefore he has to bring Ukraine back to Moscow's sphere of influence as it was in the days of the Soviet Union, and prevent it from moving into the Western sphere of influence through membership of NATO and the EU.

Russia's fear was that the Western alliance intended to use Ukraine as a springboard to break up Russia and absorb it into the Western-based globalist order. This was not actually a baseless fear (although nothing justifies Putin's invasion of Ukraine).

There is evidence that US-based globalists have been trying to weaken Russia with the aim of absorbing it into their 'World Order' programme. There was a plan set out in a document called the Grand Chessboard by Zbigniew Brzezinski, former US national security adviser and founder of the globalist Trilateral Commission and Council on Foreign Relations.



Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been a catastrophe for their fellow Slavs

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His plan specifically involved bringing Ukraine into the Western/NATO/EU orbit first, then using it as a base from which to destabilise and take down Russia. Russia would be split into six separate regions, none of which would be able to resist American/NATO/EU domination. Putin saw the 2014 Orange revolution which kicked out the pro-Russian Ukrainian government and brought in a pro-Western government (with the EU's backing) as evidence of this plot.

Many in Russia's power elite believe that NATO continues to work for the destruction of Russia by its support for Ukraine. Retired General Ben Hodges, former commander of the US Army Europe, told London's Times Radio that the debacle in Ukraine could have grave implications for Russia itself: "We were not prepared for the collapse of the Soviet Union. We need to be prepared for the collapse of Russia."

The Deputy Chairman of the Security Council of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev, said that a nuclear holocaust would be the end result of NATO bringing Ukraine into its orbit.

## Russia and China

Russia is building up its partnership with its BRICS allies – Brazil, (Russia), India, China and South Africa. At the Beijing Winter Olympics in January 2022, Putin and China's lifelong President Xi shared their vision for a new world order.



**China's President Xi is less enthusiastic about being allied to Putin after the latter's invasion of Ukraine**

"The world is going through momentous changes," their joint statement said, noting the "transformation of the global governance architecture and world order."

This was followed by a meeting between the foreign ministers of Russia and China, Sergei Lavrov and Wang Yi, at which Lavrov said that the two countries intend to move forward towards "a multipolar, fair, and democratic world order."

At the present time this is not going too well, as China is less than enthusiastic about Russia's war in Ukraine, especially as Russia loses ground, but it remains in alliance with Russia. The multipolar world order they are looking at currently sees three major power blocs emerging: the Western NATO alliance, Russia and allies in Eurasia, and China in east Asia.

## Iran and Israel – the Russia connection

Iran has openly stated its intention to eliminate the state of Israel. Israel is already engaged in behind-the-scenes



**Spin-offs from the Ukraine war are affecting food and energy supplies around the world**

sabotage inside Iran, using cyber warfare and attacks on its infrastructure, and threatens to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities. Israel is also involved in a proxy war with Iran, hitting targets inside Syria where Iran has bases.

Russia has naval bases in Syria at Latakia and Tartus and an air base at Khmeimim. In February 2022 the Russian military deployed long-range, nuclear-capable bombers and fighter jets carrying state-of-the-art hypersonic missiles to Syria for massive naval drills in the region. Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu arrived in Syria to oversee the drills and met with Syrian President Bashar Assad to discuss plans for further military-technical co-operation.

As Russia becomes ever deeper involved with Israel's main enemy in the Middle East, it has become more hostile to Israel. It has shut down the Jewish Agency in Russia, which defends Jewish interests in Russia and helps Russian Jews emigrate to Israel. Moscow has issued a severe warning to Israel not to get involved in the Ukraine conflict and not to supply any weapons to Ukraine.

Eyal Hulata, Israel's national security adviser, has warned that since Iran has begun supplying ballistic missiles to the Russians for their ongoing invasion of Ukraine, "Israel will start supplying high-precision missiles to Ukraine," in order to shoot them down.

## "We were not prepared for the collapse of the Soviet Union. We need to be prepared for the collapse of Russia"

Iran has broken the agreement made with the international community over its nuclear programme by shutting down cameras monitoring its nuclear sites, in defiance of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The IAEA also warned that Iran is in the process of installing hundreds of new IR-6 centrifuges at its underground Natanz uranium enrichment plant. This new activity will bring Iran even faster to the so-called

'breakout capacity,' and from there it's only a matter of time before the Islamic Republic will be able to produce a nuclear warhead that it can mount on one of its long-range missiles.

Israel had hoped the international community would resolve the Iran problem through diplomatic channels by bringing the issue to the UN Security Council. However, since this is unlikely to happen, the government in Jerusalem reserves the right to end Iran's nuclear programme through its own direct action.

## The EU may emerge as a dominant power, in conjunction with the UN and the WEF

With Benjamin Netanyahu currently returned to power as Israel's prime minister, Iran will not be allowed to develop nuclear weapons, as the mullahs' prime target would be Tel Aviv. The Jerusalem Post says it will take Iran another two years to develop a nuclear device and delivery system. Israel has carried out trial runs for an attack on Iran's nuclear sites.

Israel's F-35s are prepared for an attack on Iran, having succeeded in designing a system that eliminates the need to refuel its F-35 Adir stealth fighter jet mid-mission. Israeli Air Force (IAF) engineers have also succeeded in placing a 1,000 kg bomb in the body of the 36 F-35s available to the IAF. Israel has also found a way to make the F-35s invisible on the radar during a future bombardment of Iran's nuclear facilities.

In November 2022, the IAF conducted its largest joint aerial drills with the US Air Force in years, involving a mock mission to take out Iranian nuclear sites. Aerial refuelers from both sides assisted, in addition to fighter jets.

The US and Israel have lately pledged closer military and intelligence co-operation, with Washington vowing to assist the Jewish state with missile defence if it ever came under attack.

Iran's response to such an attack (if it happens) could involve strikes on Israel from Iran's proxies in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, and could potentially even

drag Russia into the fray. With Russia already indebted to Iran for its supply of drones, an Israeli-US attack on Iran could lead to Russia coming in to help Iran in its fight against Israel.

Israel is developing a very powerful and effective missile defence system and also hi-tech missiles of its own capable of pinpoint accuracy in locating and destroying enemy targets. If a target is in the dining room of an apartment on the fourth floor of a ten-storey building, Israel can put a missile through the window of the room. This enables Israel to isolate and inflict mortal blows only to terror infrastructure. This was used to great effect in the recent campaign against Islamic Jihad in Gaza in September.

Sooner or later these developments could precipitate the biblical war of Gog and Magog, in which an alliance of nations comes against Israel and is supernaturally destroyed by God's intervention on Israel's behalf. This army will be led by a power coming from the uttermost north in alliance with many anti-Israel nations, including Persia/Iran. It will meet its doom on the mountains of Israel.

In this case Russia's power will be broken, possibly the US's too, since the prophecy speaks of fire falling on Magog (Russia) and the coastlands of the sea (a way of describing distant lands whose names were unknown in the days of the Bible). In this case the EU may emerge as a dominant power, in conjunction with the UN and the WEF.

Out of this the Antichrist emerges and makes a peace covenant with Israel, setting off the final seven-year period of the tribulation before the return of the Messiah.

## Where is it all heading?

It seems the world is moving towards global dictatorship, but this is, of course, prophesied in the Bible. Jesus told the disciples what would happen at the end of this age, in the days before his return. He prepared them – and us – by telling them 2,000 years ago that the world will be plagued by wars and conflict in the last days of this age, which will threaten humanity with final destruction. Only Jesus's Second Coming will save us from this fate (see Matthew 24, Revelation 6).

If you have not put your full trust in Jesus the Messiah and Saviour of mankind yet, please do not delay.



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## RUSSIANS GET GOSPEL HELP

Russians fleeing to Serbia to escape the conflict are being given copies of '10 Signs of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ' by Tony Pearce, translated into Russian and Ukrainian.

Tony Pearce says: "We pray that many of them will seek God for salvation at this time and read their Bibles and find the true way to God." His team are also contacting Russians online and pointing them to the booklet at <https://lightforthelastdays.co.uk/publications/booklets/10-признаков-второго-пришествия-исуса/>

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS BY ANDREW HALLOWAY

## USA

## WEB DESIGNER TAKES COLORADO TO SUPREME COURT

The case of a Christian web designer who refuses to do work that supports gay marriage has reached the US Supreme Court after six years of legal battles.

Denver-based Lorie Smith is seeking an exemption from a Colorado law that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation. Lower courts ruled in Colorado's favour.

**Her case could pave the way for improved religious freedom for business owners**

The first indications are that the Supreme Court will support Smith's religious freedom, but a final decision is not expected until June.

The conservative justices seem sympathetic towards Smith's view that businesses are protected by the US Constitution's First Amendment, which should prevent them from being forced to express messages through their work that they oppose.

Her case is seen as pivotal, because it could pave the way for improved religious freedom

for business owners.

Smith, who has received death threats from gay activists and has lost a lot of business, says her fight is to prevent the government from "forcing Americans to promote views they disagree with".

She adds that "the right to create and speak consistently protects not only me but the LGBT web designer who shouldn't be forced to create custom artwork celebrating messages that oppose same-sex marriage".



Evangelical graphic designer Lorie Smith is locked in a battle with the state of Colorado over a law she believes requires her to "violate her core beliefs"

## THE NETHERLANDS

## Big Pharma funded research that sparked trans ideology

A Dutch investigation has found that the 2006 study which became the basis for the gender transition of children was bankrolled by a business that benefits from a puberty-blocking drug.

The 2006 study prompted the treatment now known as the 'Dutch protocol', which halts the puberty of adolescents suffering from gender

dysphoria. The protocol led to the 'gender-affirming' ideology that has spread through paediatric care around the globe.

However, that study is now in question as it was funded by Ferring Pharmaceuticals, the company that produces the Triptorelin puberty-blocking drug.

Investigative journalist Jan

Kuitenbrouwer and media sociologist Peter Vasterman conclude that the "scientific underpinnings of the Dutch protocol turn out to be pretty shaky".

The Dutch research has been used to justify fast-tracking children onto puberty-blockers and sex-change hormones, which in turn usually leads to transgender operations. But according to thepostmillennial.com, the study is not only suspect because of its funding, but also because it lacked a control group and had other "key methodological flaws". One child in the study even died of complications from gender-changing surgery.

In the past, after puberty, most children with gender dysphoria would accept the gender they were born with, but the acceptance of trans ideology has meant they are put on a medical pathway to gender transition, despite the known side effects of puberty blockers.



The headquarters of Ferring Pharmaceuticals in Denmark

## SWITZERLAND

## SWISS STICK WITH TWO GENDERS

The Swiss government has decided not to accept 'gender identity' ideology and will retain only male and female genders in the civil registry.

**"Disorders of sex development are not new sexes"**

The Daily Wire reports that the Swiss Federal Council declared that "the binary gender model is still strongly anchored in Swiss society". The country will not be following other Western European nations and the USA in offering a "third gender" or "no gender" option in official records.

One of the world's most famous biologists, Prof Jerry Coyne, has stated: "Actual science' done by biologists shows two sexes... There is no third sex. Disorders of sex development are not new sexes, and biological sex is binary."

Although an evolutionist, Professor Coyne has called out The New Scientist for removing the words "women" and "woman" from its articles about advances in science, even when the original papers did use these words. He writes on his 'evolutionist' site: "I feel awful that academia, and especially biology, is being distorted and corrupted by ideologues."

## BULGARIA



Zhivko Tonchev and Radoslav Kiryakov

## Two pastors win discrimination case – after 14 years

Two pastors who challenged a governmental campaign against evangelical Christians in Bulgaria have won their case at the European Court of Human Rights – after Bulgarian courts had rejected their complaints.

**The council and police warned children and families to avoid Protestant churches**

According to Premier News, the Burgas council and police wrote a letter to all schools in the city in 2008, warning children and families to avoid Protestant churches. The letter accused evangelicals of "carrying out a massive campaign of agitation", "tricking new mem-

bers" and "disuniting the Bulgarian nation". Children were even told to report if they had had any contact with evangelical churches.

Evangelical pastors Zhivko Tonchev and Radoslav Kiryakov challenged the letter in national courts but to no avail, and the council never withdrew the advice in the letter. Aided by the Christian advocacy group ADF International, the pastors appealed to the European Court, which in December ruled that Bulgaria had violated the religious freedom of evangelical churches.

Pastor Tonchev said: "As pastors dedicated to the teachings of Jesus Christ, we rejoice that our rights, and the rights of all who believe, have been recognised."

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## TWITTER TAKEOVER REVEALS PREVIOUS BIAS

Elon Musk's Twitter takeover has exposed the social media company's previous meddling in politics, silencing conservative views.

Larry Alex Taunton, an evangelical US commentator and apologist, gave examples of how free speech has improved on Twitter. He said that Musk, who purchased the platform for \$44 billion, "has gone public with documents – collectively called 'The Twitter Files' – revealing government collusion with Twitter's former executives to suppress political opposition".

Taunton added: "In the past, if I tweeted, for example, an article challenging the LGBTQ+ agenda or Islam, someone would report the tweets and Twitter would remove them."

Other outspoken figures who have been re-instated on the social media platform include Donald Trump, businessman Mike Lindell, psychologist Dr Jordan Peterson and two men who have repeatedly warned about the effects of the Covid shots – cardiologist Dr Peter McCullough and scientist Dr Robert Malone, formerly a contributor to the mRNA vaccine technology.

## RFK JR TO SUE MEDIA OVER COVID CENSORSHIP

Robert F Kennedy Jr and multiple other plaintiffs are suing mainstream news groups, alleging they partnered with Big Tech firms to censor online news.

The landmark lawsuit, filed in January, claims the Trusted News Initiative, a self-described "industry partnership" launched in March 2020 by several of the world's largest news organisations, breached the US First Amendment to conceal Kennedy's and others' Covid-related content.



Campaigner RFK Jr of Children's Health Defense

Moreover, the newly sworn-in Missouri Attorney General, Andrew Bailey, has cited documents and emails between social media employees and White House officials in a series of tweets on 6 January 2023 that sought to censor tweets by RFK Jr, chairman and chief litigation counsel of Children's Health Defense (CHD), conservative commentator Tucker Carlson of Fox News and others.

## BACK TO THE BIBLE FOR ISRAEL'S POLITICIANS

Opposition is growing from liberal Jews in Israel and in the diaspora who accuse the religious Zionists in the new government of trying to turn Israel into a religious nationalist state, which will create division and conflict – and possibly even war with the Arabs.

### The Israeli public voted for Judaism as opposed to globalism

Avi Maoz has been given charge of the new 'National Jewish Identity Department', with power over the content of the school syllabus. He has announced his intention of removing the promotion of the LGBT agenda in Israel's public education system and closing down the Gay Pride march in Jerusalem.

He compared this with the fight of the Maccabees against the Hellenist (Greek) influences on Israel, celebrated each December at the festival of Hanukkah. Maoz said: "Whoever tries to create a new, seemingly liberal religion is the darkness. Whoever

introduces agendas to brainwash the children of Israel [he means the LGBT agenda] without the knowledge of the parents – is the darkness."

An article in Israel Today reports that Bezalel Smotrich, head of the Religious Zionism Party and now Minister of Finance, said that Scripture should dictate Israel's economic policies.

"They've tried many different economic systems, right? They tried capitalism, neo-socialism, but there's one thing they didn't try – an economic approach obeying the Torah."

He referred to Deuteronomy 11:13-14, saying: "If we follow the Torah, we'll be rewarded with financial abundance and a great blessing."

Anshel Pfeffer, a journalist on the left-wing Haaretz newspaper, commented that the election result reflects the cultural war within Israel between left-leaning liberals versus the religious nationalists.

A spokesman for the Religious Zionist party said, "The Israeli public voted for Judaism as opposed to globalism. Globalism wants to undermine local national heritage. This was a vote for



Benjamin Netanyahu will be holding a coalition together. As this paper went to press, the coalition was still in place, despite a court judgement forbidding Arieh Deri to take up his cabinet post

more Jewish as opposed to a more globalist country. It's about helping change the country to promote a Jewish state."

Netanyahu himself wants respect for the Torah, but not to go this far, so this may cause a division within his coalition.

Extracted from a recent article by Tony Pearce; the full version can be seen at [www.lightforthelastdays.co.uk](http://www.lightforthelastdays.co.uk)

Comment by *Robin Benson*

## The Israeli election: Netanyahu made it in time... just

With the clock counting down and 18 minutes to go, Israel's Prime Minister-in-waiting, Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu, was able to ring President Herzog in December to say that negotiations to form a new coalition government had been successful.

The Jewish state's November election gave Benjamin Netanyahu a majority if he could form a coalition of 64 seats in the Israeli parliament, the Knesset. The coalition includes 14 members of the Religious Zionist party and 18 from Orthodox Jewish parties.

Those Israelis who wanted to see the previous administration shown the door as soon as possible will have breathed a collective sigh of relief, but to listen to the endless output of the left, or even centre-left, of Israeli politics, you would have thought it was the end of life as Israelis knew it. And the steady stream of invective – which started even before those negotiations really got underway – from politicians, commentators, and even some with military and security backgrounds, has continued unabated ever since.

Some leaders from the previous administration have even been calling for open revolt against the new government because "Israeli democracy is under threat!" These are the usual code words for those who lost and do not like the way the majority voted. It's only "democracy" when the plebs vote

the way you think they should.

So is it the "most right-wing government in Israel's modern history?" Probably.

But it's the government that many Israelis voted for! If some do not like that... tough!

People voted for policies that address the rising crime rate, Arab-on-Israeli violence and the ongoing poverty and economic stress that is a hangover from the virus pandemic debacle.

### It's only "democracy" when the plebs vote the way you think they should

Prominent figures in the religious Zionist movement are Itamar Ben Gvir, Bezalel Smotrich and Avi Maoz. Opponents of the new government accuse these men of having racist attitudes towards the Arabs and wanting to change Israel from being a liberal social democracy to a religious Jewish state. Supporters say the new government will affirm traditional Jewish religious values, promote family life and tackle terrorism and the growing lawlessness in parts of the land, giving better security for all its inhabitants, Jewish and Arab.

These policies do not portray Israel as kowtowing to the anti-Israel Biden administration in Washington DC.

Bibi and his political allies presented policies that deal with these problems (and a host of others) – and, surprise, surprise, they are back in power!

Of course Prime Minister Netanyahu will have his work cut out in keeping this coalition together, along with certain very strong-minded fellow cabinet colleagues. But it is far too early to speculate how it is going to work out.

Meanwhile, with all the raging tensions around the globe, at the end of December 2022, the UN Security Council, at the behest of the thieves and terrorists in charge of the Palestinian Authority, passed a resolution calling on the International Criminal Court of Justice in The Hague to investigate and then rule on the "illegality" of Israel's presence in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem!

This is the same Palestinian Authority which recently accused Israel's security services of specially selecting and training cattle to spy on a Palestinian Arab village. There's only one word for this: "stupidocracy"...



Robin Benson has reported on current events in Israel for many years. He appears regularly on Revelation TV's 'Politics Today' and 'Middle East Report'



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# BARRIERS BROKEN

**After an evangelical newspaper apologises for its treatment of Jews, it seems that Jew and Gentile really could be on the road to reconciliation**

By Charles Gardner

## Barriers are being broken down between Jew and Gentile.

Against the backdrop of a darkening world, we are witnessing the increasing acceptance of Jesus by Jews on the one hand, alongside a growing understanding of Israel's place in God's purposes by Gentile Christians on the other.

Joseph Steinberg, a Messianic Jew



Joseph Steinberg, chief executive of the International Mission to Jewish People

and chief executive of the International Mission to Jewish People, has issued a direct challenge to the Church through

the auspices of Evangelicals Now.

Steinberg was reviewing a TV film called 'Jews Don't Count', fronted by Jewish comedian David Baddiel. His undeniable point was that Jews seem to be the exception to the long list of minorities whose interests are constantly promoted by the liberal left.

Joseph Steinberg naturally sympathises with David's provocative challenge, originally made in a book of the same

Jewish evangelism."

However, great credit must go to Evangelicals Now for publishing, in its January issue, both this review and several other major features highlighting the Church's failure in this regard and promising to put things right.

In an extraordinary spirit of contrition, the paper's editorial concludes: "We recognise that we ourselves have sometimes fallen short in previous years

**"Our hearts go out to all Jewish people who have been so wounded by some who carry the name of Christ"**  
— Evangelicals Now

title, but then turns on the Church which, he says, is as prejudiced against Jewish people as the world while also failing to take antisemitism seriously.

He adds: "I find it painful to read the Apostle Paul's words, admonishing the Gentile Church to always make sure to share Jesus with Jewish people. Because, to be honest, I see very little care or concern given over to that responsibility by most churches."

He further challenges: "It would seem Baddiel is right – Jews don't count when we think about racism. And, unfortunately, in the Church the same can be said – especially when it comes to

in this area," adding: "Our hearts go out to all Jewish people who have been so wounded by some who carry the name of Christ... We are sorry where we ourselves have not got things right in this area, and we are resolved to learn and to do better."

So, in this and many other ways, Christians are waking up to the truth of their vital link with Israel.

Back in the land of the Bible, meanwhile, the new Israeli government is placing renewed emphasis on teaching Scripture in schools. And a recent report told of leading rabbis afraid to leave the country lest they miss Messiah's coming!

Like many in the Christian world, they recognise the end-time signs. And it was in the approach to Christmas some years ago that a group of more than 25 prominent Orthodox rabbis issued a statement calling for a renewed look at Jesus, Christianity and the New Testament.

Paul's famous statement about the barrier being broken at the Cross was, after all, made in the context of Gentiles who were formerly excluded from citizenship with Israel (Ephesians 2:12) but who had now become "one new man" (verse 15) with God's people.

Is our Lord now perhaps knocking, not so much on the door of the 'Laodicean' Church (complacent and self-seeking – see Revelation 3:20), but also on the portals of the synagogue?

A growing number of Jews are already finding that Jesus is the answer to their problems. An Orthodox Jew who travelled to South America after serving



David Baddiel, comedian and TV presenter of 'Jews Don't Count' on Channel 4

in the army found himself challenging God's existence while on a hike.

He had such a powerful encounter with God as a result that the only way he could explain it to his friend was to write the word 'Yeshua' (in Hebrew). And yet he didn't know what it meant – until he clicked on a Facebook video and discovered that Yeshua was the promised Messiah. He is now an evangelist for Jews for Jesus.

As another new disciple put it, "I was challenged to read the New Testament Scriptures and now I believe that Jesus

**Leading rabbis are afraid to leave the country lest they miss Messiah's coming!**

is Messiah." Yet another "almost cried" when he was given the New Testament.

Jews for Jesus evangelist Julia Pascoe reveals that "there isn't the same hostility from our people" as there was until quite recently.

As Jews begin to recognise "the one they have pierced" (Zechariah 12:10), Gentiles are being urged: "Look to the rock from which you were hewn." (Isaiah 51:1).

God is working his purpose out. Jesus came for both Jew and Gentile.



**Gospel call:** The steps leading down to Simon the Tanner's house are located by the house in the centre here in the ancient port of Jaffa (formerly Joppa). It was here that the Apostle Peter was called by God (through a vision) to take the Gospel to Gentiles. It's now time we Gentiles returned the favour!

# GARDNER'S WORLD ...CONTINUED

## THE KING AND I BY ANNE FRANK'S SISTER



Anne Frank's sister, who survived the Nazi camps, 93-year-old Eva Schloss

**K**ing Charles celebrated the Jewish festival of Hanukkah in December by dancing with the step-sister of Anne Frank, the young diarist who recorded her thoughts while in hiding from the Nazis. After her family's hiding place was betrayed, Anne was deported to Auschwitz and perished there while still a teenager.

His Majesty was visiting the JW3 community centre in north London and met Anne's sister, 93-year-old Eva Schloss, who spent decades promoting peace after surviving concentration camps.



King Charles III supported Jews by celebrating the Hanukkah feast

## PROBE LAUNCHED INTO BBC COVERAGE OF ISRAEL

A cross-party group of MPs and peers has launched an investigation into the BBC's coverage of Jews and Israel. It follows a Jewish Chronicle petition signed by over 10,000 people and comes in the wake of news that the BBC is reforming its beleaguered Arabic service, much criticised for its bias.

The announcement of an inquiry follows media watchdog Ofcom's ruling that the BBC failed to observe its own editorial guidelines when reporting an anti-Semitic attack on Oxford Street during Hanukkah in 2021.

## Rishi to visit Israel

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will visit Israel for the Jewish state's landmark 75th birthday this year. Speaking at a Conservative Friends of Israel reception, he said the Jewish state was now at the forefront of "remarkable achievements" in technology which their detractors would do away with.



## DRIVING OUT THE DARKNESS

Bible-believing lawmakers are making their voices heard in Israel's new government. "We have come to drive out the darkness," one of them (Avi Maoz) sang as he took the Knesset (parliament) podium, citing a popular Hanukkah song commemorating the defeat of Greek influence there in 164 BC.



Sean Taro Ono Lennon, the son of Beatle John Lennon

## BEATLE'S SON BACKS JEWS

Singer-songwriter Sean Ono Lennon, the son of Beatle John Lennon and artist Yoko Ono, has unequivocally condemned the massive spike in hate crimes directed at the Jewish community.

Swimming against the tide of celebrity culture, Sean posted FBI statistics showing the extent to which Jews are disproportionately targeted by hate crimes in the US. He wrote:

*"A surprising number of people don't even know that more hate crimes are committed against Jews than any other minority group. Racism in all forms is abhorrent and must be condemned. I don't know if Ye truly understands how dangerous and evil his words were."*

The last sentence is an apparent reference to rapper Kanye West, who recently expressed deep admiration for the Nazis.

## ISRAEL

### A 'DREAM' – IMAM

A French imam praised Israel's atmosphere of religious plurality, tolerance and co-existence during a recent visit to Jerusalem, saying the rest of Europe should be inspired by the Jewish state's example.

"Just in this small room... you hear people talking in Arabic and in Hebrew, talking of peace – salaam, shalom – and it's a dream," Tunisian-born Hassen Chalghoumi told The Media Line during an interview.

## LIBEL PAY-OUT

Veteran TV journalist John Ware has won £90,000 libel damages against a website editor who accused him of "dirty tricks" in presenting a BBC Panorama episode exposing anti-Semitism within the Labour Party.

## PUPILS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO THE MAHDI

An Iranian-linked school in London is teaching its students a popular song about the Muslim apocalypse, when all Jews must die, a Jewish Chronicle investigation has revealed. The British paper was given access to a video showing dozens of children aged 8-15 from the Islamic Republic of Iran School (IRIS) in London, standing in rows and mouthing lyrics pledging an "oath of loyalty as a warrior and servant" to the Mahdi (Islamic messiah).

## ADVICE ON ANTISEMITISM

In the wake of record incidents of antisemitism, UK schools should teach about the issue as part of a wider drive to tackle anti-Jewish hatred, government adviser Lord John Mann has said.

## PROTESTERS LOCKED UP

Four protesters are understood to have spent Christmas behind bars after they were accused of causing £500,000 worth of damage to an American-owned factory in Wales which supplies the Israeli army with weapons.

## WOMAN, 97, CONVICTED OF NAZI HORRORS

A 97-year-old woman who worked as a secretary for a Nazi concentration camp commander, has been convicted of complicity in the murders of more than 10,000 people. Irmgard Furchner was given a two-year suspended jail term for her part in the deaths of some 65,000 prisoners at Stutthof.

## TO THE JEW FIRST

### Special Offer

We surely need reminding how Christianity is essentially Jewish, that Jews brought the Gospel to us Gentiles, and it's time we returned the favour.

If you would like to know more on this subject, Charles Gardner's book *To the Jew First* can be ordered for just £10 including post and packaging from 50 Nutwell Lane, Doncaster, DN3 3JF, South Yorkshire.

Other recent articles by Charles Gardner, which can be found at [www.heartpublications.co.uk](http://www.heartpublications.co.uk), include:

- Christmas is Jewish
- Lighting the Darkness
- Time for Re-Dedication
- Good News of Great Joy
- Why are we Persecuted?
- The Wise Pharisee
- A Dangerous Theology
- Catastrophic Theology

Charles is a regular contributor to Israel Today at [www.israeltoday.co.il](http://www.israeltoday.co.il) and is also author of 'King of the Jews', 'A Nation Reborn', 'Israel the Chosen' and 'Peace in Jerusalem'.

## SIZER JUDGEMENT

Anglican priest Stephen Sizer engaged in conduct which "provoked and offended the Jewish community" and in one "serious allegation" was found to have "engaged in antisemitic activity", a church disciplinary hearing concluded in a lengthy judgement. Rev Sizer was a vicar in Virginia Water, Surrey, from 1997-2017, during which time he became notorious in Christian Zionist circles for his anti-Israel pronouncements.

The late Rev David Pawson, whose Baptist church in Guildford was in the same county as Rev Sizer's parish, even wrote a book, 'Defending Christian Zionism' to counter Sizer's teaching and also that of the more distinguished John Stott, former rector of London's evangelical Anglican church, All Souls, Langham Place.

# BIKING FOR GOD

**W**hen a preacher's kid found his heart freshly stirred by the Sermon on the Mount, it became part of God's call for him to reach out to the margins of society.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" and other well-known sayings of Jesus drove Sean Stillman to appreciate the value of those who recognise their fragility and brokenness.

## Misfits

It led to the founding of God's Squad motorcycle clubs to share the message of Christ with those whom many might regard as misfits.

It helped that Sean loved bikes himself, but his mission widened until it also embraced the homeless and others struggling to make sense of life. He invited them to meetings at a backstreet city centre venue in Swansea, South Wales, called Zac's Place – named after the friendless tax collector Jesus loved.

Otherwise known as a 'church for ragamuffins' and originally a 'church in a pub', regulars are encouraged to pour out their troubles in a caring atmosphere where love and concern are demonstrated in more than mere words.

**Last issue we published the testimony of physiotherapist Kerry Stillman who sees miracles of God's healing power in sub-Saharan Africa. Now Charles Gardner reveals she also has an extraordinary brother! Read the heart-warming story of Sean Stillman's God's Squad motorcycle clubs**

'Services' are very informal in a bar-style setting where meals are shared and spiritual food for thought is also served. Gigs too have been held there over the years, including a night with sixties legend Barry McGuire.

## Bullied

Sean grew up in a Christian home in rural Berkshire and his dad has invested his entire career in sharing the Gospel with prisoners. Being small in stature, the preacher's son got picked on and bullied at school, which inevitably helped him to understand the plight of those who struggle to fit in.



On his bike: Sean Stillman has persevered through bullying and beating

After several decades on the road covering some half a million miles, Sean looks back on his unique ministry in his

beautifully written book, 'God's Biker' (SPCK, 2018), shortlisted for best biography at the 2019 Christian Resources Together Awards.

## Beating

Being up front about their faith, their jackets emblazoned with God's Squad colours, wasn't always acceptable behaviour to fellow bikers. After one event, Sean and his pals returned home black and blue following a severe beating by rivals who took exception to their Christian affiliation.

## He came to wash her dirty, stinking feet

There were times when he felt like giving up, but he persevered through thick and thin and saw many fellow bikers added to God's family in the process.

Sean's recollections are refreshingly honest, deep and searching. There is clearly nothing shallow about him, and I especially liked the sublime – yet superbly understated – way in which he described his courtship and marriage to Jayne, with whom he has four children.

Without giving too much away, I conclude with two cameo excerpts which help to

show his heart for the lonely and dispossessed, as well as being perfect examples of the reconciling power of the Cross.

## Her murderer stole the book which eventually convicted him of his sin and brought him to Christ

## Disturbance

Jenny was a regular at Zac's Place. Though only 40, the wear and tear of life on the streets made her look much older. One night she caused a great disturbance after coming in drunk in the middle of a meeting.

Then an Australian man called Glenn went off to fetch a basin, filled it with water, and came to wash her dirty, stinking feet.

The atmosphere immediately changed and Jenny began singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so".

She eventually left the building singing that song, but tragically died just a week later. At her funeral, her father, who had long been hoping and praying for her to return home, movingly revealed how he used to sing her to sleep with that song when she was a little girl.

Jesus demonstrated his humility and servanthood by

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# Do I need this?

**BEING A CHRISTIAN** is about a relationship with Jesus Christ, the only Son of the living God, who died in our place, to pay the price for our sin. He desires to welcome you into God's family here on earth and into heaven when you die.

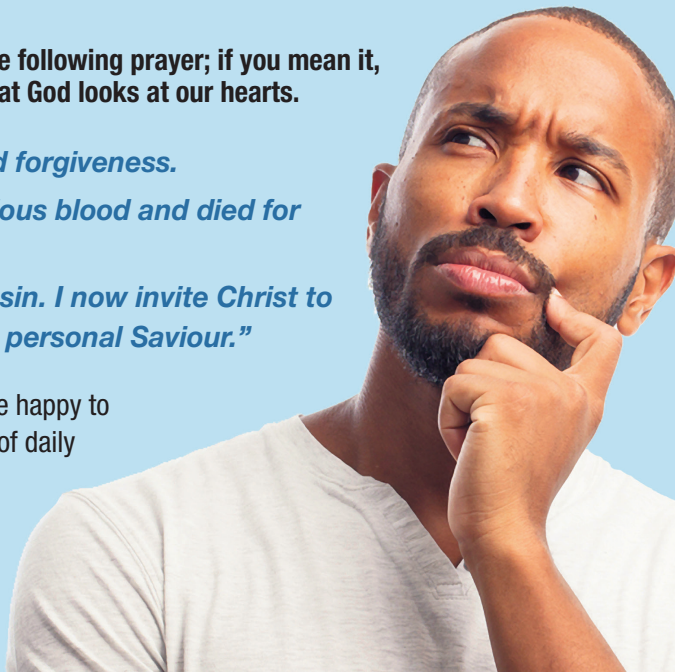
To start this relationship, simply pray the following prayer; if you mean it, he'll respond, because the Bible says that God looks at our hearts.

*"Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness.*

*I believe that Jesus shed his precious blood and died for my sin and rose from the dead.*

*I am willing to turn away from my sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Saviour."*

The churches featured in this paper will be happy to welcome you and explain the importance of daily Bible reading, daily prayer, baptism, being part of a congregation where the Bible is preached and believed, and telling others about what Jesus has done for you.



washing his disciples' feet. For all her struggles and shortcomings, Jenny just needed to know that kind of love.

Warfare

God's Squad now operates in other parts of the world, and

the other story concerns a visit to New Zealand to help establish God's Squad there. The president of its branch was actually a priest with a great love for the Maori people who took Sean to visit the grave of a 12-year-old girl – a victim of tribal warfare in 1836.



The site of Maori chief's daughter Tarore's grave; her death brought lasting peace between warring tribes

Tarore was the daughter of a Maori chief who was gifted a copy of Luke's gospel by a teacher at the mission school she attended. The book became so precious to her that she wore it in a flax bag around her neck.

Sensing it might be of some value, her murderer stole the book which eventually convicted him of his sin and brought him to Christ. He subsequently asked forgiveness of the girl's father, an action that brought peace to the warring tribes that continues to this day.

And so it was that Tarore's death brought reconciliation to the Maori people through the blood Jesus shed on the Cross.

Sean and his pals returned home black and blue following a severe beating by rivals who took exception to their Christian affiliation

Sean has since completed an MA in Applied Theology with Moorlands College and was elected God's Squad International President in 2019. However, in 2021 he was diagnosed with Parkinson's, but says that "the period of writing and self-reflection really did prepare me for this diagnosis in a way I could not have imagined."

More details from [www.exousiustrust.blogspot.com](http://www.exousiustrust.blogspot.com)

FREE BOOKLET ON HEALING

Pastor Les Potter says he hasn't been to a doctor or dentist for 40 years.

According to Pastor Les, he simply decided to believe the Bible's promises about healing and the miracles that Jesus and others did.

He and his wife Joan had already been married for 19 years before they became Christians. "I was on the verge of suicide," he recalls. "I just called out to God – and he rescued me. My wife got saved a few days later."

Soon Les was given a New Testament and read in Mark 16 that believers should lay hands on the sick. As Joan suffered from painful sinusitis, he simply laid his hands on her head – and within an hour the pain had gone.

With the evidence of a healed wife before him, Les decided he'd believe the Bible. A key book was 'Christ the Healer' by F F Bosworth. Les has written several booklets on healing himself, including 'Chemotherapy: the truth behind it'.

Les would like to offer his latest 48-page booklet, 'How to renew your youth and live in health', free of charge to readers: "I believe that many Christians would find it of great benefit in their lives, especially at this time."

To order the booklet, send a sae to Pastor Les Potter, 82 Mill Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 8HR



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# PERSECUTION WATCH by Andrew Halloway

## PAKISTAN



### HOMES OF 200 FAMILIES DESTROYED

**G**overnment contractors have bulldozed the houses of 200 families in a Christian colony in Pakistan, without warning.

Premier News reports that the people of the Nawaz Sharif Colony in Islamabad were given no advance notice about the demolition of their homes by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) on 18 October. No one was hurt, but a church was also flattened and the Christians lost not only their homes but all their possessions, making them homeless in the middle of winter.

#### Christians lost not only their homes but all their possessions

It is suspected that Muslim extremists pressurised the CDA to carry out the demolition.

**C**hristian students in Pakistan are often stigmatised for their faith.

Girls are a particularly easy target for harassment, and forced conversion remains a constant threat. One member of our student group used to get an F in an engineering module, but as soon as the teacher retired, they achieved an A grade.

The continuous discrimination we face in our society induces a particular sense of trauma. Neither the discrimination nor the trauma are ever addressed. To protect ourselves, we retreat into our shells; living like this can be emotionally exhausting.

And although our churches are supposed to be safe places to worship God, we often face the threat of terrorist attacks.

#### Trauma training

This discrimination is one reason why I founded Chosen Generation, a Christian group for university students that provides a welcoming atmosphere where students can discuss their struggles. Our mission is to bring students closer to God by providing an environment where they are free to worship and live out their faith.

#### A Christian student used to fail an engineering module, but as soon as the teacher retired, they achieved an A grade

We started as a small fellowship at the University of Lahore (UOL), meeting during the Friday break for Jumma - Islamic congregational prayers. In 2021, we gained student ambassadors at six other major educational institutions in Lahore, a really encouraging step forward.

The incense burner in our logo represents our desire to spread the "fra-

## DESPITE FEAR AND TRAUMA, CHRISTIAN STUDENTS IN PAKISTAN ARE UNITING TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

### A Pakistani Christian student group sends its members on trauma training to cope with daily life in this Commonwealth country

**Getting coursework marked down and facing constant attempts at forced conversion to Islam are part of life for Christians in Pakistan.**

**Churches are attacked and even wearing a cross can put you at immediate risk, says Anee Muskan, a 24-year-old physiotherapy student. Anee contacted HEART to tell readers about the group she founded to support fellow Christian students.**



Anee Muskan with Rev Sajid Azeem, a member of the advisory board

grance of Christ" by sharing the Gospel with fellow students (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Persecution, discrimination and being attacked in our churches has ingrained a certain fear in us, so in September Chosen Generation sent several members on an international trauma training course. This equipped them with the scientific knowledge and authentic techniques needed to cope with the traumas we face as Christian students and citizens in Pakistan. Those individuals will then teach these techniques to our other members.

We are also introducing monthly group therapy sessions to improve our members' mental health.

#### Creativity

We must bring our Christian youth out of their shells, encouraging their creativity and innovation so their divinely bestowed talents can flourish. As a Christian in Pakistan I believe we rarely have these opportunities.

Our creativity is enhanced and promoted at the level of Sunday schools and schools, but we seldom experience devoted and unbiased church fellowships. Even the societies and clubs offered at schools, colleges and universities tend towards nepotism, so we plan to introduce several of our own sub-groups to hone our members' skills in debating,

creative writing and public speaking.

One small group that began with the catchphrase, "Bring people close to God", already runs its own animation series that highlights lesser-known Bible characters such as Jehosheba, who courageously saved the life of young Joash, Judah's future king (2 Kings 11:2).

#### Christian celebrations

We celebrate the Christian festivals where our members can experience the same joy and freedom as children. On 17 December 2022, we hosted a Christmas celebration with the permission of the university authorities, a significant achievement which symbolically placed Christianity in the centre of our university. In 2020, we marked the end of Covid restrictions with a seminar on Christian persecution led by minority rights activist Mahrukh Saman Lal, a former electrical engineering student at UOL.

Our first leadership camp ('Disciples' Gala') took place in 2021, sponsored by Pakistan Christian Outreach Foundation. We covered five exceptional biblical leaders, particularly focusing on Deborah to highlight the role of female leadership in the Bible.

Students also paid tribute to Fr Emmanuel Yousaf Mani for his outstand-



A student named Joy leading worship at the Christmas Carnival 2021

ing example of Christian leadership, including serving as director of the National Commission for Justice and Peace (NCJP) of the Catholic Church of Pakistan. Thanks to the efforts of our six ambassadors in Lahore's other educational institutions, around 30 students came from outside UOL.

Chosen Generation is keen to educate our members about their Christian heritage. We arranged a symposium on the history of Lahore's United Christian Hospital, and also ran a tour of the Bible Museum Lahore with the Pakistan Bible Society.

In 2022 Chosen Generation gained 15 new members at 15 different universities, so they mark a significant expansion.

Our young people are the fragile seed that will eventually yield our nation's future. This seed needs the sunshine of biblical values, the shade of good care, the fresh air of guidance and sometimes a small amount of pesticide in the form of loving correction!

With thanks to Anee Muskan, a physiotherapy student, whose second book, recently published, tells the stories of families of falsely accused victims of Youhanabad after the 2015 twin bombings.



Anee Muskan offering Christmas gifts to Muslim students

# PERSECUTION WATCH

## UKRAINE



### CHURCH LEADER AND SON MURDERED BY RUSSIAN FORCES

**A**natoliy Prokopchuk (52) and his son, Oleksandr (19), were shot four days after being taken by Russian soldiers. Their bodies were discovered in a forest.

Release International (RI) reports that the men were abducted on 22 November while working in their garage near Kherson.

RI's partner in Ukraine, 'Pavel', says Anatoliy was a deacon and preacher at a Pentecostal church in Nova Kakhova, close to Kherson. Pavel believes the Russian troops told Anatoliy that his

church had no right to exist because "it has connections with America and other western countries".

**Their bodies were discovered in a forest**

Pavel added: "Their bodies had signs of prolonged and excruciating torture. They were so mutilated that it was difficult to identify them."

Russian forces have arrested pastors and closed churches in other occupied areas of Ukraine.

## NIGERIA



### SLAUGHTER OF CHRISTIANS CONTINUES



Sultan Bello Mosque in the city of Kaduna, Kaduna state, Nigeria

**A**t least 46 people have been killed in Christian areas of southern Kaduna state by Fulani herdsmen and other Muslim terrorists.

From 18 to 20 December, attacks on the Malagum and Abun (Broni Prono) villages in Kaura County left 38 people dead, according to Luka Binniyat of the Southern Kaduna People's Union (SOKAPU). Binniyat stated: "Not only were these poor innocent citizens killed, but not less than 100 houses were razed, with some victims burned alive" and "apparently, the security forces deployed there did nothing."

Binniyat added that in the preceding days four farmers were killed in separate attacks in other villages, and in Zangon Kataf County on 20 and 21 December, armed herdsmen

invaded homes in the village of Kamuru, killing four people, making a total of 46 people over five days.

Meanwhile, Fulani militants also attacked Christian communities in Enugu State in December – a state that has previously avoided most of the violence. Dozens were killed and whole villages cleared of inhabitants.

A recent report by the UK's All Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief stated that although most Fulani Muslims do not hold extremist views, a minority do, who "adopt a comparable strategy to Boko Haram and ISWAP [Islamic State West Africa Province] and demonstrate a clear intent to target Christians."

## INDIA



### ANTI-CHRISTIAN RIOTS HIT 20 VILLAGES

**P**ersecution of Christians continues to increase in India, where Hindu radicals are attacking converts who refuse to return to Hinduism.

International Christian Concern (ICC) reports that church services were disrupted in 20 villages in Chhattisgarh state in December.

**Believers suffered severe injuries, yet there have been no police investigations**

Hindu nationalists beat Christians with sticks, robbed their houses and destroyed three churches. Some believers suffered severe injuries, yet there have been no police investigations.

In November, an Indian pastor was left for dead after being beaten by a mob because he refused to change his faith. He later regained consciousness, reports Faithwire.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose Hindu nationalist party has endangered the Christian community

Persecution in India has "skyrocketed" since the "BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) took power in 2014... It has created an increasingly dangerous climate for Indian believers," says ICC president Jeff King.

## SUDAN



### PASTOR JAILED FOR HOLDING PRAYER MEETING

**A** church leader in Sudan was arrested and imprisoned on 21 November, charged with "witchcraft", after leading a prayer meeting for his sick mother.

Pastor Abdalla Haron Sulieman's 60-year-old mother was unable to walk but was healed when he prayed for her, and as a result Muslims rushed into the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, hoping to be healed too. Then Muslim extremists persuaded the police to arrest the pastor, accusing him of being a witchdoctor.

**Muslims rushed into the church, hoping to be healed too**

Religious freedom was advancing in Sudan under President Omar al-Bashir until the military coup of October 2021, which has worsened the situation.

## INTERNATIONAL

### OPEN DOORS USA SPLITS INTO TWO



Brother Andrew, who founded Open Doors

**A**fter much-respected Bible smuggler Brother Andrew died last September, the US branch of the organisation he founded has suffered a split.

Open Doors USA has separated from Open Doors International and is renamed Global Christian Relief (GCR).

However, Premier News reports that Open Doors will continue to operate in the US under new leadership.

GCR aims to become the world's "most extensive, covert network serving persecuted Christians." The group announced the change on 1 January, saying: "We need a large vision to mobilise dedicated Christians to support our per-

secuted family in new and life-changing ways that will expand God's Kingdom for the next 50 years."

Open Doors was started in 1955 by Dutchman Andrew van der Bijl, known as Brother Andrew and 'God's Smuggler'.

A spokesperson for Open Doors UK told Premier: "Lisa Pearce has been named the interim CEO of Open Doors in the US. This follows the departure of former CEO David Curry, who is now heading up a separate organisation that is not affiliated with Open Doors."

"Open Doors continues in the US, fully dedicated to the mission and vision of our late founder Brother Andrew to serve persecuted Christians."

**"Open Doors continues in the US, fully dedicated to the mission and vision of our late founder Brother Andrew to serve persecuted Christians"**

# News you won't hear on the BBC ...continued from page 6

## FREEDOM WATCH

### UK STILL FOLLOWS 4,000 EU RULES

Plans to remove the remaining 4,000 pieces of EU legislation from UK statute books could be scrapped if Prime Minister Rishi Sunak "fails to deliver on a promise" of removing the laws.

Ministers have pledged to "sunset" EU laws by December 2023, but some Whitehall officials reportedly want this deadline extended to 2026. The Retained EU Law Bill was being debated as we went to press.

The cost of living crisis has caused public support for Brexit to diminish, according to Professor Sir John Curtice, Britain's leading pollster.  
(Source: SaveBritain.org)

### "NO CLIMATE EMERGENCY," SAY 1,400 SCIENTISTS



A declaration has been signed by Norwegian physics Nobel Prize laureate Professor Ivar Gæver (pictured in 2010)



Viscount Monckton of Brechley, formerly special adviser to Margaret Thatcher, is among the Declaration's signatories

Over 1,400 scientists and professionals have signed a declaration stating that there is no "climate emergency".

They emphasise that climate models rely too much on the assumptions of modellers.

Signatories of the World Climate Declaration (WCD) include Norwegian physics Nobel Prize laureate Professor Ivar Gæver and the Viscount Monckton of Brechley, former special adviser to Margaret Thatcher. The alliance will now function as the Global Climate Intelligence Group (CLINTEL).

The Declaration states that the current period of warming matches historical temperature fluctuations, noting:

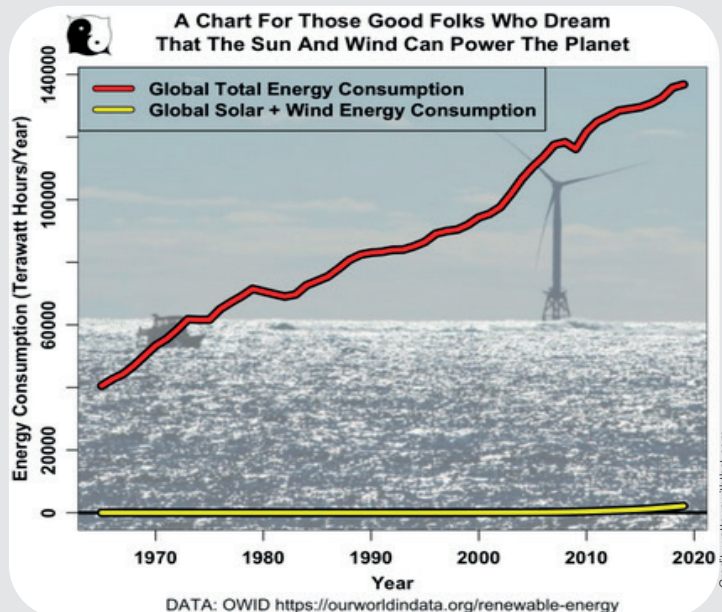
"The Little Ice Age ended as recently as 1850. Therefore, it is no surprise that we now are experiencing a period of warming.

"The world has warmed significantly less than predicted by IPCC on the basis of modelled anthropogenic forcing. The gap between the real world and the modelled world tells us that we are far from understanding climate change.

"CO2 is not a pollutant. It is essential to all life on Earth... It is also good for agriculture, increasing the yields of crops worldwide."

The full declaration is at: [clintel.org/world-climate-declaration](http://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration).

### THE WORLD HAS "WARMED SIGNIFICANTLY LESS" THAN CLIMATE MODELLERS PREDICTED, ACCORDING TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE INTELLIGENCE GROUP



A chart showing the inability of wind and solar power to match global energy consumption

## HEALTH WATCH

### DELVING DEEPER: the hidden technocrats behind mask mandates

A secretive group of technocrats was "primarily culpable" for the Government's U-turn on mask mandates, a retired NHS consultant has revealed.

Dr Gary Sidley, a former clinical psychologist, discovered that a group of scientists called DELVE (Data Evaluation and Learning for Viral Epidemics) submitted a report to SAGE on 21 April 2020, "citing... highly selective laboratory and observational studies" and "wild overestimates of the degree of asymptomatic transmission".

On 4 March 2020, Prof Chris Whitty had discouraged the use of masks among the healthy, but following DELVE's intervention the Government began mandating masks for the general public on 15 June.

According to Dr Sidley, many individuals in DELVE "have close affiliations... with other pro-restriction and highly-conflicted organisations" – including Imperial College London, the university of much criticised modeller Professor Neil Ferguson. He described the three key scientists behind the mask mandates as, respectively, "a media darling of the lockdown-and-jab-them approach to pandemic management, a fervent advocate of transhumanism, and an American 'nugger'".

DELVE is an initiative of the pro-mask Royal Society.

(Sources: Royal Society, Daily Sceptic)

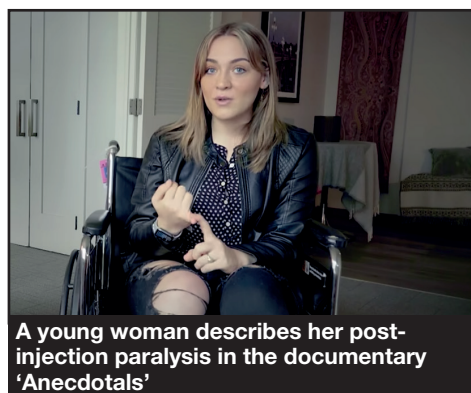
### ANDREW BRIDGEN CONTROVERSY: WHO FACT-CHECKS THE FACT-CHECKERS?

After Andrew Bridgen MP led a Commons debate outlining the dangers of the Covid-19 vaccination programme, a flurry of 'fact check' websites were quick to show how flawed his statements were.

But fact checking sites can themselves be in error, with bias dependent on who is funding them. Both Reuters Fact Check and FactCheck.org are funded wholly or partially by Facebook.

According to UK-based Health Advisory and Recovery Team, Full Fact's analysis of Bridgen's recent statements was grossly deficient. The report is at [hart-group.org](http://hart-group.org).

(With thanks to Prophecy Today UK)



A young woman describes her post-injection paralysis in the documentary 'Anecdotal'

### COVID JABS: OVER 2 MILLION REPORTED ADVERSE REACTIONS IN ONE YEAR

In a video circulated by US physician Dr Joseph Mercola called 'Anecdotal', sufferers of adverse reactions to the Covid-19 shots give their testimonies of how they have struggled to gain proper medical help and credibility.

It also reveals that over two million adverse effects were reported on the WHO's VigiAccess database between 2020 and 2021. As of January 2023 the total number has more than doubled.

Some of the side effects reported are cardiac disorders, musculoskeletal disorders and blood disorders.

### STOP JABBING, SAYS LEAD RESEARCHER

The lead author of peer reviewed research re-analysing Pfizer and Moderna's trials of the mRNA injections has called for them to be halted.

Dr Joseph Fraiman, a Louisiana emergency physician and clinical scientist, said the jabs increased serious adverse events at a rate of 1 in 800. He also said: "Now we have multiple autopsy studies that find essentially conclusive evidence that the vaccines are inducing sudden cardiac deaths".

He noted that "Nations with higher messenger RNA vaccine uptake have correlations with higher rates of excess mortality... researchers analysing this data were unable to identify any other reasonable cause of the excess death [rate] other than the vaccines given."

### WHOSE CHILD?

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# NOT SO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

## A retired GP flags up the inconsistencies between what we've been told and the excess deaths and injuries taking place

By Dr Alistair Montgomery

**T**he closing months of 2022 saw a succession of authoritative calls made to our Government to halt the rollout of the mRNA inoculations for SARS COV-2 pending a full evaluation of their safety.

These calls did not emanate from fringe "conspiracy theory" camps, but from respected members within the medical fraternity and a member of Parliament. Many of these calls came from those who had initially supported the rollout.

The first came from Dr Aseem Malhotra, an NHS trained consultant cardiologist, an expert in the prevention, diagnosis and management of heart disease, and Cardiology MSc examiner at the University of Hertfordshire. He was an early supporter of the mRNA therapy, receiving two doses and promoting them on television. But his previously fit father's unexpected death from heart disease forced him to examine the science behind the technology.

2010) for tweeting a link to an article on adverse reactions by an Israeli academic, stating: "As one consultant cardiologist said to me, this is the biggest crime against humanity since the Holocaust".



"Science has taken a turn towards darkness," said Andrew Bridgen MP, in an impassioned speech delivered to an almost empty Commons chamber this January

In fact, Mr Bridgen has a degree in Biological Sciences, so he knew more than the average MP when he spoke to an almost empty Commons chamber, outlining the potential harms of the mRNA injections and calling for the programme's complete cessation. He highlighted the contrast between the UK's stance on vaccinating children and Denmark's decision to cease all vaccines and boosters for those under 50.

After Mr Bridgen's punishment hit the headlines, however, Jews for Justice, described as "the only Jewish group within the [UK] freedom movement," publicly defended him. Founder Andrew Barr criticised "the malicious practice of weaponising antisemitism in order to silence any criticism of restrictions on civil liberties and of the vaccination programme."

Mr Barr had previously declared it legitimate to compare the Covid restrictions on civil liberties with the events

leading up to the Holocaust (such as the Jews' evacuation to concentration camps on 'public health' grounds) – but not with the Holocaust itself, a unique event.

As we went to press, Mr Bridgen was threatening former Health Secretary Matt Hancock with legal action if Mr Hancock did not withdraw his slur of antisemitism.

In mid-January, Saudi Arabia's pre-eminent cardiologist raised the alarm, but was ignored by the mainstream media. It was fellow cardiologist Dr Aseem Malhotra who tweeted: "Professor Abdullah Alabdulgader calls for the



Saudi Professor of Cardiology Abdullah Alabdulgader calling for the suspension of the Covid jabs

suspension of vaccines for cardiac concerns. He is the President of the International Congress for Advanced Cardiac Sciences and founder of the Prince Sultan Cardiac Centre in Saudi. It



Dr John Campbell PhD is now calling for a pause in the inoculation campaign

gained over 2.5 million YouTube viewers for his daily broadcasts. These friendly but factual ten-minute episodes have transitioned from seeking to counter 'misinformation' to calling for a pause to the inoculation programme pending a risk/benefit assessment of the risks versus the benefits.

Just before Christmas, 'Doctors for Patients UK' released a 20-minute video calling for the suspension of the inoculation programme. They included Dr Tess Lawrie (a specialist in interpretation of medical research), a professor and cancer specialist, a consultant in child health, a consultant pathologist, a cardiologist, an obstetrician and gynaecologist, a forensic psychiatrist and GPs

## These professionals cite concerns including myocarditis, menstrual irregularities, new onset asthma and heart attacks in young people

has been pointed out that he would not have spoken out if he did not have the blessing of the Saudi King."

Meanwhile Dr John Campbell PhD, a retired nursing tutor with a pedigree in Third World medical education, has

who have been treating patients injured by the jabs. These professionals cite concerns including myocarditis, menstrual irregularities, new onset asthma and heart attacks in young people.

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Dr Aseem Malhotra MBChB, an award-winning NHS cardiologist

This led to Dr Malhotra publishing two lengthy papers in the Journal of Insulin Resistance, speaking to MPs, giving public lectures and making media appearances.

Then, in mid-January, Andrew Bridgen MP hit the headlines after he had the Conservative whip removed (ie he was sacked from his party after holding the North West Leicestershire seat since

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NOT SO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE ...CONTINUED

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General Practitioner

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General Practitioner

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Director UKMFA

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General Practitioner

Doctors for Patients UK are calling for government investigation into mRNA vaccines

It can be difficult extracting British data and in fact Professors Norman Fenton and Martin Neil of London's Queen Mary University have expressed doubt over the accuracy of figures coming out of the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the Health Security Agency (HSA). US data is easier to find. Data from the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) shows that the first nine months of 2022

**There are many despairing people who have been injured by these decisions and who can't speak for themselves**

saw almost 350,000 excess deaths (this was at 25 September 2022). Unlike the Yellow Card reporting system of the UK's Medicines and Health Regulatory Authority (MHRA), data from the American Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) is easier to access, but it should be borne in mind that these figures are acknowledged to be anything from 10 to 40 per cent under-reported. As at 2 December 2022, VAERS reported 1,476,227 adverse events attributed to the inoculations. These included 32,621 deaths, 10,210 cases of anaphylaxis (life threatening allergic reactions), 16,447 Bell's Palsy cases, 4,615 miscarriages, 15,210 heart attacks, 35,718 cases of myocarditis, 60,758 cases of permanent disablement and 35,309 life threatening events.

There has been a recent significant rise (15 per cent above the five-year average) in the all-cause mortality across all age groups in countries with high rates of mRNA vaccination. Much of this is cardio-vascular and not Covid. These high mortality rates are reflected in the payments being made by life insurance companies, as reported by Children's Health Defense and the Epoch Times. There has been a similar increase in miscarriages and stillbirths with a reciprocal decline in birth rates.



US football star Damar Hamlin collapsed with a cardiac arrest in January, but two weeks later the devout Christian was giving thanks to God for his recovery, prompting Fox News to hail his healing as a testament to the power of prayer

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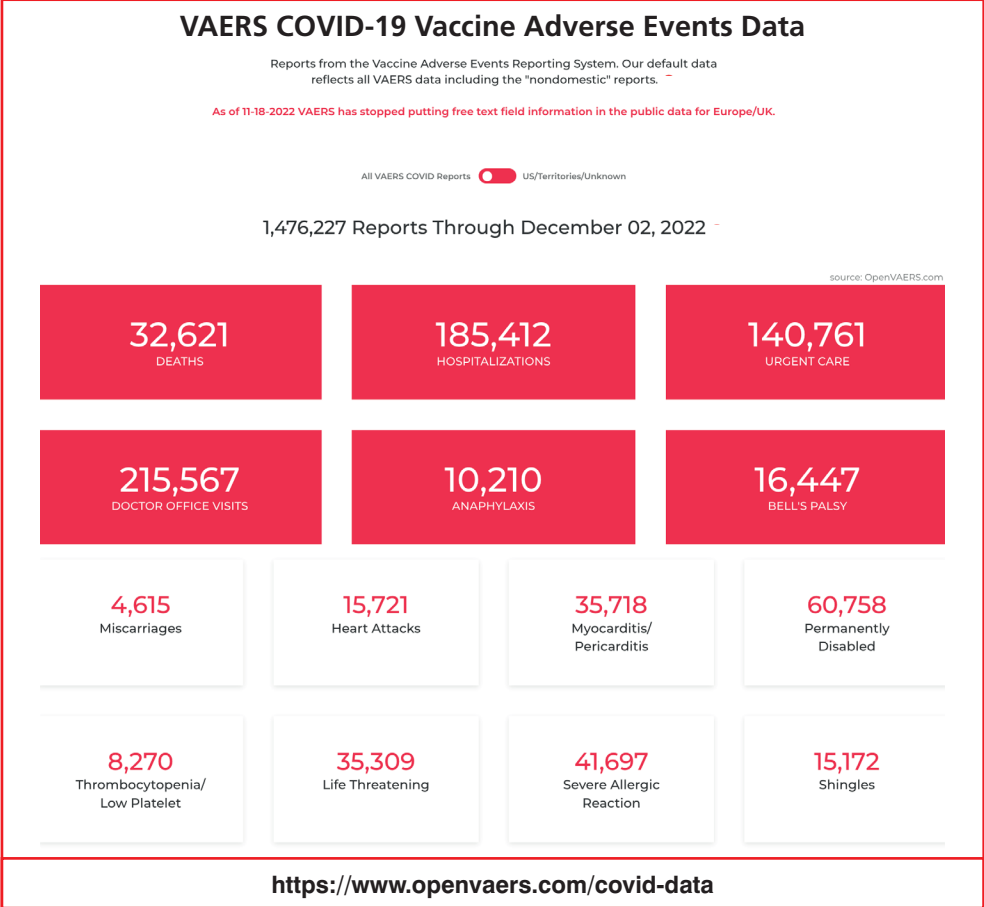
# ATHLETES DYING

Sudden cardiac deaths, especially among athletes, have been noticed by the media. Worldwide there have been 1,653 cardiac arrests in young athletes of which 1,148 have died since the rollout of the inoculations. This is a significant rise above the normal and correlates with the inoculation rollout. Between January 2021 and January 2023, 1,101 athletes died from cardiac arrests, compared to the same number of athletes under 35 dying due to various heart conditions between 1966 and 2004. Dr Simone Gold, founder of America's Frontline Doctors, wrote: "That means in two years, we have seen the same number of fatalities that we saw during a 38-year span!" A study of detailed postmortems carried out at the University of Heidelberg concluded that the unexpected deaths of 25 people within 20 days of SARS COV-2 vaccination were due to acute arrhythmogenic cardiac failure. Thus myocarditis can be a potentially lethal complication following an mRNA-based Covid shot. UK and US reg-

To just use the RRR is highly misleading. In the Pfizer trial data, the RRR was 95 per cent but the ARR was only 0.7 per cent. This does not mean that you are 95 per cent less likely to catch Covid if you are vaccinated, which is what most people thought it meant. The ARR means you are 0.7 per cent less likely, which means you need to immunise 142 people to prevent one infection.

**The risk of a serious adverse event is as high as 1 in 800**

Incredibly, the risk/benefit ratio is the opposite of what the Government has been telling us. Dr Aseem Malhotra stated that with the current variants, over 7,000 people aged over 80 must be immunised in order to save one life. By contrast, the risk of a serious adverse event is as high as 1 in 800. The benefit of the 'inoculation' diminishes rapidly with younger ages, whereas the risk of adverse events remains high.



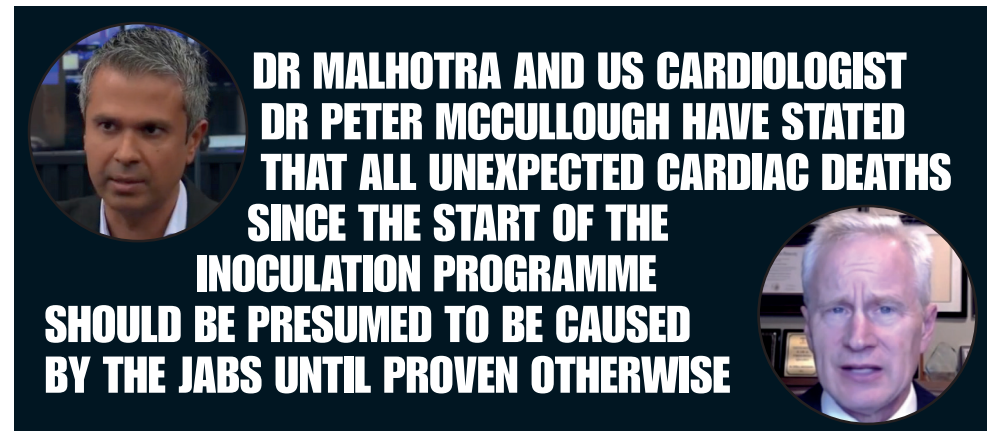
# DESTROYING HERD IMMUNITY AND CREATING VARIANTS

Eminent virologists warned early on that mass vaccination during a pandemic would force the emergence of variants and destroy the hope of herd immunity for a generation. Sadly, this is exactly what has happened. Voices speaking out include the late Nobel Prize winner Prof Luc Montagnier, and Dr Geert Vanden Bossche, who formerly worked for GAVI on Ebola vaccines and for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Discovery initiative. Dr Vanden Bossche has recently elaborated his concerns and fears

# RISK/BENEFIT RATIOS

The public was seriously misled by Dr Fauci, the head of the US's NIAID until 2022, about the infective fatality rate of SARS COV-2 compared to that of influenza. Following that, the vaccines were promoted using the Relative Risk Reduction (RRR) instead of the Absolute Risk Reduction (ARR).

# NOT SO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE ...CONTINUED



MP Andrew Bridgen after speaking at the Covid Vaccine Victim Awareness month rally outside the BBC in London on 21 January. INSET: posters of vaccine victims laid out by demonstrators

for the future on his website.

Immunology and vaccine science is too complex to explain briefly here. The media has portrayed an oversimplification which has led to an unrealistic faith in the efficacy of vaccination and antibody response under pandemic circumstances. For example, the blood levels of the antibody IgG are naively used to demonstrate a good response to the 'inoculation', ignorant that IgG has subdivisions. Recent research has found that fully 'boosted' individuals were replacing useful IgG1 and IgG3 with non-neutralising IgG4 – leading to viral tolerance with high viral loads rather than eradication. There are also concerns that IgG4 may play a role in the development of fibrotic organ disease and of cancer.

And then there is the toxicity of the spike protein (which the mRNA creates) to the human body: of which clotting, cardiac inflammation, infertility, immune dysregulation, prions causing neurodegeneration and autoimmune disease are but a few examples.

Both Dr Malhotra and US cardiologist Dr Peter McCullough have stated that all unexpected cardiac deaths since the start of the vaccination programme should be presumed to be caused by the injection until proven otherwise.

## DEAFENING SILENCE

For the last two years, I have expressed these concerns to my MP, MSPs, my Royal College and national and local newspapers – particularly the dangers of lockdowns, the loss of life from refusing to treat those infected with SARS COV-2 with hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin, and the dangers of the experimental in-

oculations whose administration without proper informed consent contravened the Nuremberg Code and might be viewed as a crime against humanity.

Most responses have been unconvincing, despite stock 'reassurances'. Notably, the silence of the mainstream media has been puzzling. What has happened to quality investigative journalism?

One cannot but fear that something sinister is going on. One hears of doctors, journalists and MPs fearful of losing their careers and jobs if they dare to speak out, despite being aware that the policies of both the Westminster and Scottish parliaments have endangered life, caused medical damage and harmed the economy with real people's livelihoods. Those who do speak out are often vilified, threatened with sanctions or 'cancelled', in a disturbing new trend in the UK. It is a lonely journey.

## CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE NEEDED

The effects of these measures continue to be destructive – not least on public trust in politicians, the regulators, the media and the medical profession. Without open, constructive debate on these serious issues, mistakes risk being made again. There are many despairing people who have been injured by these decisions and who can't speak for themselves.

As long as alternative views are suppressed by media, government, and pharmaceutical companies, the truth will be undiscovered.

Does our Christian faith not call us to speak out in the face of injustice, to keep vigilant and to never stop seeking the truth?



The use of an inappropriate PCR 'test' with ridiculously high cycles to 'diagnose' a Covid-19 infection was a move that served to engender fear by inflating the numbers of Covid 'cases'.

The PCR process is a multiplication cascade designed to rapidly multiply a tiny amount of genetic material for researchers to use. Starting with one molecule, by 20 cycles you will have over half a million molecules. At thirty cycles over five hundred million. At 40 cycles (as was done in USA and UK) you will have made 549,755,813,888 molecules from just one molecule. America's CDC will no longer accept a diagnosis above 28 cycles. All results over this threshold should be viewed as a false positive. The test's inventor, the late Dr Kary Mullis, said it was not suitable for diagnostic purposes, since one could find anything at high enough cycles.



In October 2020, the Great Barrington Declaration was drawn up by three epidemiologists and public health experts from Oxford, Harvard and Stanford, and is currently signed by almost a million scientists, health care providers and other leaders worldwide. Although it constituted standard traditional public health medicine, it was publicly ridiculed, if noticed at all. Google even suppressed the website so it did not appear in users' top search results.

The basis of the Declaration stated that the elderly and vulnerable should be protected, and healthy members of society should follow a normal, unrestricted life while adopting sensible hygiene practices. People should be free to choose what restrictions they place on their own lives.



A paper – deemed fraudulent by many – was published by the prestigious British medical journal The Lancet, that slandered the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine's use in early disease. The paper was eventually retracted, but not before considerable damage had been caused. This was followed by a worldwide media campaign to vilify the extremely safe and effective use of ivermectin in all stages of the illness.

The number of peer-reviewed papers demonstrating the benefit of ivermectin as part of a treatment regime is greater than the number of papers supporting the other drugs which are currently used in the Western world.

It is astounding that the British public was not given basic health advice – such as boosting vitamin D3 levels with cheap supplements. Neither was there vigorous encouragement to reduce our body mass index (BMI) and to exercise, despite the well-established fact that outcomes post-Covid infection were far better in non-obese, physically fit individuals.

The Lancet's reputation was again tarnished with the publication of a paper from Imperial College that claimed that the mRNA injection had saved 20 million lives worldwide. Prof Norman Fenton, the Professor of Risk Information Management at Queen Mary University of London, criticised the paper severely. The figure was "calculated" on a flawed model projection of deaths if no action was taken compared to the known death rate. The paper's wildly inaccurate conclusion was described as pure fantasy.



Dr Alistair Montgomery is a retired GP. After his initial training in internal medicine he retrained for general practice. After ten years of working in hospital, he spent over 20 years in a busy Dundee practice.

Now aged 68, Dr Montgomery is married to Nicola, a church lay reader who has both honours and masters degrees in theology. They are both interested in the Hebraic roots of the Church.



# BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

## Will the King have a multifaith coronation?

**Will he reinvent the ancient ceremony to appeal to today's multicultural Britain, or embrace the traditions of our Christian heritage, asks Catherine Pepinster**

### Defenders of the Faith: The British Monarchy, Religion and the Next Coronation

By Catherine Pepinster

*Hodder Faith*

**A**s the United Kingdom moves towards the coronation of King Charles III on 6 May, this book will become increasingly important.

Catherine Pepinster has researched all the coronations and writes about their historical context. A respected commentator, Pepinster was formerly editor of the Catholic magazine *The Tablet*, and regularly appears on Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day'.

She asks: "In an increasingly secular nation, with a diversity of religious beliefs, what part should the Christian faith play in the monarchy of the nation?"

"In the coronation oaths, British monarchs pledge to preserve the true Protestant religion and the Church of England."

Is that still relevant? When the time comes, will we reinvent the ancient ceremony to appeal to today's multicultural Britain, or embrace the traditions of our Christian heritage, as expressed in the national anthem, 'God save the King'?

Chapter 2 starts in 1519. The Pope of the time, Leo X, awarded young Henry VIII the title of 'Fidei Defensor' – Defender of the Faith. Two years later, Henry had fallen out with Rome. The Parliament of the English Church recognised him as

sole protector with the title of 'Supreme Head' of the Church in England. In November 1534, that title was formalised in the Act of Supremacy, which recognised the king as "the only Supreme Head on earth of the Church of England." It is still law today.

Henry was succeeded by his nine-year-old son Edward, from his third wife, Jane Seymour. Edward's reign was marked by a fierce turn towards Protestantism. The book follows through the infighting that followed Edward: Lady Jane Grey, then Mary, who wanted a return to Catholicism, then Elizabeth I, who was not happy to be called Supreme Head, arguing that only Christ could hold that position. In 1559, the wording was altered to the



Catherine Pepinster has thoroughly researched Britain's coronation ceremony

'Supreme Governor' – a title that has continued until this day.

The book then takes us through the Civil War, the Victorian era, the crisis of the abdication and royal divorces. There are some wonderful chapters on Queen Elizabeth II's reign, and the way she demonstrated her personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

As things stand, King Charles III is expected to affirm two ascension oaths – to uphold the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, the Protestant religion and the Church of England. Will he?



The King is expected to take on the mantle of Defender of the Faith

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## Are US evangelicals getting derailed by politics?

**Post-Trump, US evangelicals are more concerned about winning elections than winning the lost, claims Dr Michael Brown**

### The Political Seduction of the Church: How Millions of American Christians Have Confused Politics with the Gospel

By Dr Michael L Brown

*Vide*

**This book is like Marmite. You will love it or hate it.**

With Donald Trump announcing his leadership bid for the 2024 US presidential election, this book is a timely read, whatever your political views.

In his inimitable and convincing style, Dr Brown urges the Church to learn lessons from Trump's tumultuous presidency. What happens in America affects the world, so although the author writes from an American perspective, the principles apply anywhere.

Dr Brown voted for Donald Trump in both 2016 and 2020 and starts by

emphasising that Christians should be actively involved in politics. However, he is concerned that the American Church has become so consumed by political personalities that they have lost sight of Christ's instructions and their overall purpose as his Body here on earth.

He is damning in how he sees the Church – particularly the evangelical Church – in America today. He sees a Church which:

- Is more concerned with winning elections than winning the lost.

- Compromises its ethics to keep one party (or person) in power.
- Puts more trust in earthly methods than spiritual methods.
- Makes one political party the party of God and the other the party of Satan.
- Made a human being into a political saviour.

**Many Trump loyalists "describe themselves as participants in a kind of holy war"**

The author discusses whether Trump won the 2020 presidential election. He devotes two whole chapters to the deluge of prophecies predicting a Trump victory, and also details events just before Biden's inauguration.

"How could so many prophets get it wrong?" he asks. Did they get it wrong?

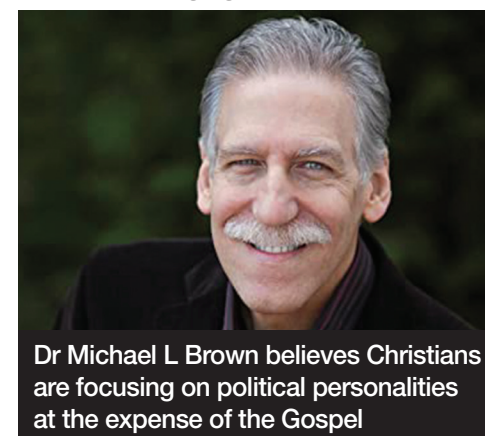
Brown quotes respected evangelical Ed Setzer, a dean at Wheaton College, who condemned the violence during the Capitol Hill riots on 6 January 2021.

Noting the large number of evangelical Christians present that day, Brown writes: "They had come to DC to pray for a reverse of the election, believing that Trump was divinely appointed to serve

a second term. Some had arrived days earlier, calling out to God for his anointed servant, Donald Trump, whilst others had been singing hymns and worshipping with raised hands."

The author also cites an article by Ruth Graham and Elizabeth Dias: "A potent mix of grievance and religious fervour has turbocharged the support among Trump loyalists, many of whom describe themselves as participants in a kind of holy war."

Brown writes as an unashamed, Bible-believing follower of Jesus who believes that the Church should be changing the world with the Gospel, rather than the world changing the Church.



Dr Michael L Brown believes Christians are focusing on political personalities at the expense of the Gospel

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# BOOKREVIEWS

By Gordon Pettie

## How slave owners' wicked behaviour still affects millions today

### Shades of Black: The Origins of Colour Consciousness in the Caribbean

By Clifford Hill, Alton Bell and Nigel Pocock

*Handsel Press*

**I** thought I knew all there was to know about race relations in the UK until I read this book.

The three authors – Clifford Hill, Alton Bell and Nigel Pocock – write about slavery, immigration, colour, social problems and the formation of specific Christian denominations to cater for the immigrants because the established churches did not make them welcome.

Alton Bell, who chairs the Movement for Justice and Reconciliation in the UK, is himself a Caribbean immigrant, and has written a gripping chapter of his own transition from rural village life in Jamaica to that of a schoolboy in an inner-city part of London.

Clifford Hill, with his wife Monica at his side, pastored churches in London's East End in the 1950s and 60s. He shares their experiences of welcoming immigrants from the Caribbean – known as the Windrush Generation – and helping them find employment. For a time his home became known as the 'Jamaican labour exchange'.

The book is so current that it talks about George Floyd's murder, the Black Lives Matter campaign, the role of the Commonwealth, and even the repercussions from the Oprah Winfrey interview that Harry and Megan gave when they said a member of the royal household had speculated on the colour of their first child.

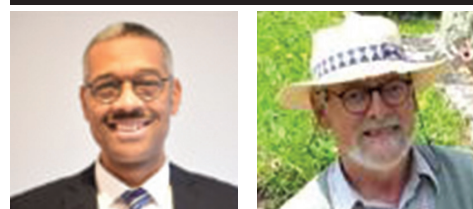
We read Britain's history of colonial slavery; although finally abolished in 1807, it took another 26 years before the final emancipation of all enslaved persons throughout the British Empire.

When the emancipation of slaves took place, so did an incredible injustice. British taxpayers granted £20million to the OWNERS of slaves in compensation for the loss of their "property" (the slaves). They did not pay a penny to the freed SLAVES for suffering years of cruelty and suddenly losing their homes and livelihoods.

The book's title highlights an area of race relations that I knew little about –



Clifford and Monica Hill welcomed Caribbean immigrants to their London churches



Alton Bell and Nigel Pocock have co-authored 'Shades of Black' with Clifford Hill

'Shades of Black'.

The authors write: "In everything white was might and white was right. The black man was bottom of the social ladder".

But the white slave owners' loose sexual behaviour produced offspring of mixed colours. Over time it became advantageous to have lighter skin because more privileges accompanied it.

Children were given names according to their colour. For instance, a child of a black woman by a white man is called a 'mulatto'.

Thus 'shades of black' became part of the Caribbean culture. The writers trace that characteristic right through to today's culture and its effect upon the lives of millions of people today.

The final chapter brings all the strands together, and looks at the words and actions of Jesus that we need to learn from.

This is definitely a book for those who want to study and learn, but also one that could help us all grasp why racism is still so real in our midst, even today.

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Gordon Pettie and his wife Lorna

Gordon, along with his wife Lorna, is part of the leadership team of Revelation TV, a 24/7 Christian television station that broadcasts in the UK on Sky 581 and Freesat TV 692, and throughout the world via the Roku Box and Apple TV. Gordon's passion is writing and he is the author of eight books.

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### Women and head coverings

I was encouraged to read Pastor Measures' letter (Dec/Jan) on head covering.

I first wore one to church in July 2014 and my journal back then records the need to "know that he is holy" and this quote: "See to it that every hair and every place is given over to God, and you will worship him, and he will accept it" (A W Tozer).

This has both nothing and everything to do with head covering. When God sees us given over to him, it matters. When the angels see us given over to him, it matters.

If we are born again, we are children of God and need not accept scraps. Losing our wonder for God's heavenly Creation

and order can be accepting scraps.

We may not understand head covering or angels or the desires of God, but we can begin by wondering about them. As women, we can slip on a scarf in private and ask God what pleases him. As Christians, we can often appear foolish to the world, and sometimes we need to be prepared to be foolish to God, and to fellow Christians, if we want to honour him; sometimes, we even need to be foolish "for the sake of the angels".

*Jacqueline Day  
Battle, East Sussex*

### Risk averse

Why are the NHS, government and pro-jab people not willing to acknowledge

that there is a risk with taking the jab?

*Ernie Kerr  
Strachur, Argyll*

### Fuelling fears

How heartily I agree with your correspondents Charles Gardner and David Pennant (Letters, Dec/Jan).

For a newspaper that claims to offer hope and aims to unify you are in danger of achieving the opposite by fuelling fears and merely demonising anyone with a different view.

*Andrew Hough  
Bembridge, Isle of Wight*

### Thank you

I just want to thank you on behalf of our congregation for your wonderful publication that we have been blessed to read during this year. We have renewed our subscription for five papers throughout the year.

*Mark Fishleigh, The Meeting Place  
Birkenhead, Cheshire*

The courage, determination and resilience you have shown in both setting the paper up and keeping it going is a powerful

witness. You are a real inspiration! Thanks again for all you do and we will aim to pray for HEART regularly.

*P Collins  
Spelthorne, Surrey*

Every issue of HEART newspaper is so inspiring and educational and the latest one (Dec/Jan) is no exception. Congratulations.

*Marianne and Leslie Gaston  
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# “HEARTFELT, INTERCESSORY PRAYER REALLY DOES CHANGE THINGS”

**These prayer points are from a longer guide by Pastor John of Strengthen the Faithful and were used in a recent prayer day**

## PRAY . . .

■ For the protection of the nation from acts of terrorism and military threat and that God may show mercy rather than judgement. We urgently need his blessing of protection from the threats around us and from within. A nation will reap what it sows. Ask that God may open the hearts and minds of the spiritually blind in order that they may see that the way of peace and safety lies in following him.

■ That the Lord may call more Christians to be pastors and clergy, politicians and journalists, judges, magistrates and law makers, teachers, councillors, school governors, nurses and doctors etc, in order that a Christian influence may extend throughout every stratum of society.

■ For greater support for Christian run charities and organisations.

■ That while being bold in our Christian witness we remain gracious, kind and loving towards those with whom we disagree. We must not be bitter towards

them, remembering that “The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9). Too often Christian witness can become tainted because it is done in the wrong spirit. (Luke 9: 54-56).

■ For those Christians who have lost their jobs or livelihood because of their faithfulness to Christ.

■ That Almighty God in his providence will overrule the events of these troubled times to advance his Kingdom.

■ That faithful followers and intercessors across the nation will work, pray and support each other, altogether as one Body. May it never be said of true Christians; “They won’t work together out of pride.”

■ For growing awareness of God’s infinite holiness and that he is not just a God of love. It is understanding his holiness that leads people to repentance.

■ That Christians may recognise their responsibility to be a strong Christian witness wherever they are. Every Christian is a missionary and every unbeliever a mission field.

■ That church leaders, pastors and ministers who don’t accept the authority of the Word of God may have their eyes opened to the truth of Scripture.

■ For the multitudes of “shallow Christians”. Pray that those who are spiritually asleep and lukewarm will be enlightened as to their spiritual condition and then deepen their faith. Unless their relationship with the Lord has deep roots, they will not endure. (Matthew 25:6-8).

■ That Christians may wholeheartedly follow and obey the dear Saviour. What lady would marry a man who was only 90% committed to her? Likewise, the Lord deserves to be fully first in our hearts. In Matthew 7:21-23 there is a description of church attenders standing before our Lord at his Second Coming. Pray that the numbers fitting this description will be reduced.

### TAKE HEART

*Take heart and be of good courage. The Lord can save by many or by few. See 2 Chronicles 14:11. Also remember the story of Gideon and his 300 (Judges 7) and the reassurance given to weary and distressed Elijah when the entire nation seemed all but lost. (1 Kings 19:11-18).*

### SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS

- Joel 2:12 onwards
- Isaiah 58, 59:1-8
- Jonah 3
- Psalm 130
- Daniel 9:4-19

## National days of prayer

**Reflect:** heartfelt intercessory prayer really does change the outcome of things. A total of seven National Days of Prayer were held at critical times throughout World War 2. After each one, God responded with his blessing and protection.

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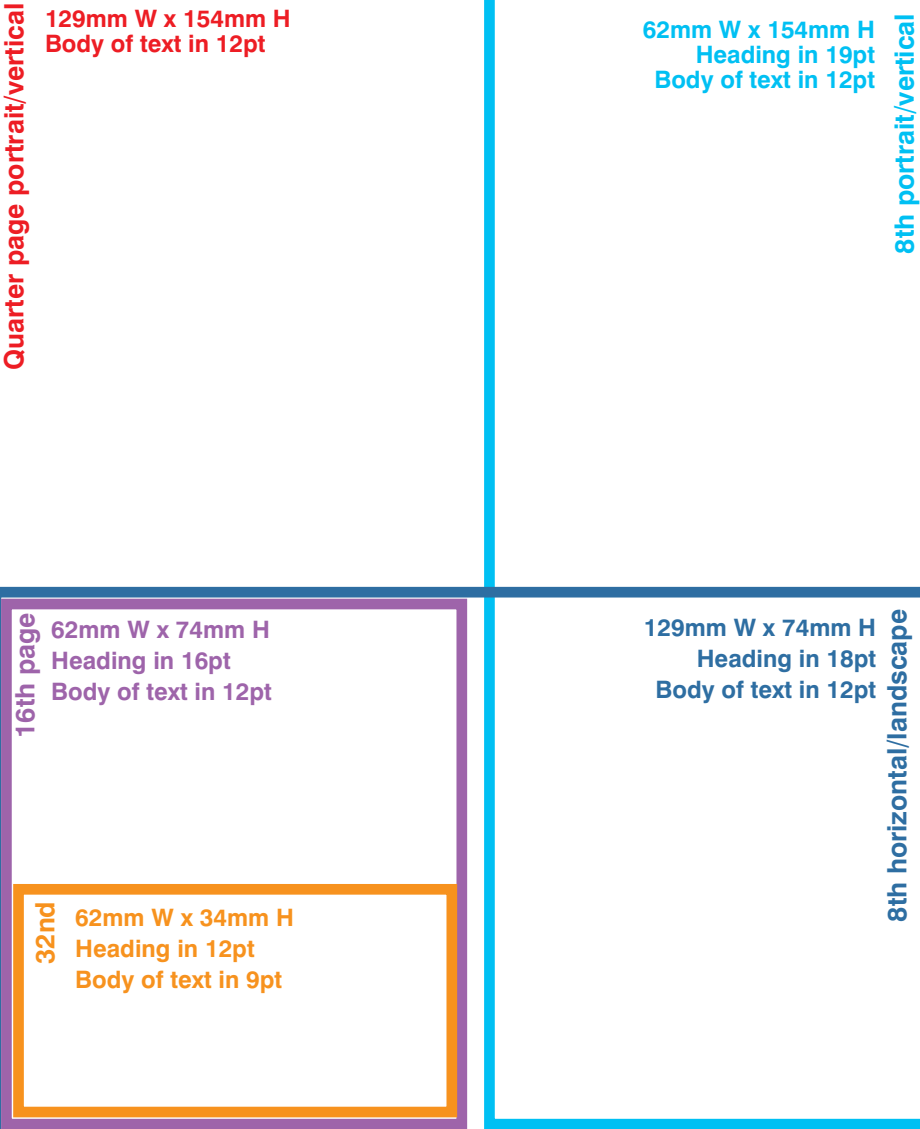
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