

## Today's Martyrs – United Kingdom

Pastor Ade Omooba (said on [May 23, 2014](#) at a vigil of 400 worshipers in [London](#) "I want to emphasize that what we are seeing playing out in Nigeria with the abduction of our schoolgirls, is part of a much wider threat to the free world, from a militant form of Islam that seeks to destroy Christianity and freedom of expression. Nations are sleepwalking if they think they are free from a faraway threat of Islamic ideologues. These people are out to destroy the freedoms that Christian democracies have provided – freedom of thought, freedom of expression and freedom to follow beliefs without fear of persecution, torture, rape and death. Militant Islamism will destroy the lives of those who join it, as well as the lives of their families and communities. Just look at the mutations of this radical Islamist virus – across the world we have al-Quaeda, Al-Shabbab, the Army of Islam, Hezbollah, Harak-ul-Mujahideen and of course in Nigeria, Boko Haram. They are all part of a worldwide ideology, which is bent on imposing a sharia regime in every land")

Adrian Clark (street preacher, arrested in [Bristol](#) on [July 6, 2016](#) on of public order offences; charges dismissed on [February 25, 2017](#))

Adrian Smith (demoted from his job for writing on Facebook in defense of Christian morals, told by his court that human rights laws cannot be used in his defense; in [November 2012](#) has won his case against his employer at the High Court)

Rev Aftab Gohar (mother, two uncles, nephew, niece, and other relatives and friends killed in the September 22, 2013 bombing of All Saints Church in Peshawar, Pakistan, on [October 20, 2013](#) told his congregation in [Grangemouth, Scotland](#) that he forgave their murderers)

Aidan Quinn (attorney for The Christian Institute in [Edinburgh](#), wrote on or before [July 2, 2014](#) "It would appear that the role which the Scottish Government envisages for the Named Person is one which might be thought to cut across and directly impact upon the rights and responsibilities of parents in relation to their own children, which are fundamental rights recognized within the legal order, notably under and in terms of Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights")

Aisleen Hubert (aged 21, as of [October 27, 2014](#) has brought a private prosecution against 3 doctors implicated in illegal gender-selection abortions after Crown prosecutors refused to prosecute;

Crown prosecutors announced on [March 13, 2015](#) that they would take over and then drop the prosecutions as 'not in the public interest', have refused to release her video recordings of the doctors agreeing to abort females, which is a crime under UK law;

on [April 13, 2015](#) has been ordered to pay £25,000 - US\$36,800 - to the [Manchester](#) court in costs for bringing the prosecution, said "There is a huge injustice here. There was clear video evidence that two doctors were willing to offer an abortion on the grounds of the child being the 'wrong' gender. That is against the law and yet the CPS and the Judge were not prepared to allow evidence to come to Court that could have secured a conviction. Every week CCTV footage is used by police and the CPS to convict criminals in our Magistrate and Crown Courts and yet, in this case, the CPS and the judge have turned a blind eye";

as of [August 1, 2016](#) the court has ordered her to pay a total of £47,000 - US\$61,965, could

be imprisoned for non-payment, said "There is a huge injustice here. There was clear video evidence that doctors were willing to offer abortion on the grounds of the child being the 'wrong' gender. That is against the law and yet the CPS refused to prosecute, refused to release important video evidence and then squashed my attempt to fight for justice. Now I have been landed with a huge costs order which I cannot pay...The CPS conceded that there was sufficient evidence for a prosecution. It was reasonable for me to test the law in the courts. Now I'm being punished for doing so...Gender-abortion is a horrible practice. I brought prosecutions because those who should have done so were turning a blind eye...These two doctors were filmed offering gender-abortion. I sought to bring them to justice. Now I am being punished and told to pay a huge sum to them. Where is the justice in that? It is completely immoral...This isn't just about abortion, it's about our justice system. Private prosecution is an important check and balance on state power. It allows private citizens to fight for justice when the state apparatus has failed or turned a blind eye. But these massive costs will make it impossible for people like me in the future";

ordered on [January 17, 2017](#) to pay court costs totaling £36,000 - US\$44,555 by August 18, 2017, must now raise the money to pay the costs, said "These little girls' lives are infinitely valuable, so in a sense the costs mean nothing. This case has shown that doctors are willing to kill innocent girls not just abroad, but right here in the UK, and do it for money. Yet nobody is prosecuting them. The costs awarded against me are unjust, but I hope to raise the funds and continue to stand up for preborn girls. I'm glad that this case has now reached its end but the fight is not over. I will continue to seek justice for the most vulnerable members of our society";

as of [July 28, 2017](#) has filed an appeal with the European Court of Human Rights in [Strasbourg, France](#), claimed that UK law clearly states that private prosecutions are to be paid for by the government unless found to be frivolous)

Rev Alan Clifford (church prohibited from using city property after a publication was deemed too controversial;

investigated by police on [August 17, 2013](#) in [Norwich](#) and referred to the Crown prosecutor for allegedly engaging in homophobic hate speech)

Bishop Alan Hopes (on [June 23, 2017](#) called for the government to remove a cap on faith admissions to new schools: "All the cap achieved was to bar the Catholic Church from opening new schools. This is because it would result in Catholic schools turning away Catholic pupils on the grounds of their Catholicism, a feature which is prohibited by Canon Law")

Alex Peverely (street preacher, hate crime charges resulting from his defense of traditional marriage dropped by prosecutors on [July 5, 2014](#) in [Liverpool](#))

Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith (wrote of the [June 14, 2017](#) resignation of Tim Farron as Liberal Democratic party leader "...Religious belief plays a critical, integrating and stimulating role in forming political ideas. If religious people are to be excluded from politics, then politics will be the poorer. Remember what they used to say about the Labour party: it owed more to Methodism than Marxism, the Liberal party was also deeply informed by Nonconformity. Are these sources of inspiration now to be closed off forever?")

Amy McArthur (wife of Daniel McArthur, owner of a bakery in [Belfast](#) convicted on [May 18, 2015](#) of discrimination for refusing to provide a cake with a pro-same sex marriage message, with her husband fined US\$786)

Andrea Leadsom (aged 53, Member of Parliament, forced to withdraw from her campaign for Prime Minister on [July 11, 2016](#) after anti-Christian attacks in the media and from Conservative Party members)

Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chief Executive of Christian Concerns, told on [May 14, 2012](#) that their marriage conference can no longer hold the event on their hired premises in [London](#) because the conference was “contrary to our [the renter’s] diversity policy, espousing as it does an ethos which is opposed to same-sex marriage.”;

said on [June 15, 2012](#) that she was appalled by the decision against Dr. Richard Scott;

chief executive of the Christian Legal Centre, stated on [May 28, 2013](#) that "This case [regarding the persecution of Gary McFarlane, Lilian Ladele, and Shirley Chaplin] shows that these assurances [by Prime Minister Cameron regarding religious liberty] are worthless";

said “If we continue on the current trajectory, Tony [Miano]’s [[July 1, 2013](#)] arrest [in [London](#)] will simply be the first of many. No assurances that the government gives will be enough. It is ridiculous to think that if the same sex marriage Bill goes through these kinds of incidents will magically cease. It’s clear that there is already a clampdown on freedom of speech where people publicly express mainstream Christian views on sexual ethics”;

said of the [September 18, 2013](#) of Rev Josh Williamson "This is the third arrest in as many months. These street preachers are not breaking any laws and are perfectly within their rights. The police are overreaching their authority and misapplying the law. Their actions show an increasing hostility towards Christianity”;

said on [September 21, 2013](#) that "The arrest of street preachers is happening with alarming regularity. There is no law against what Rev Williamson was doing and he has now been wrongly arrested twice”;

responded to a [November 22, 2013](#) Court of Appeals decision to prohibit a Christian radio station from advertising a poll to determine anti-Christian discrimination in employment: “The court’s decision is chilling, as well as bewildering. We have seen Christian adverts being banned in other areas whilst those of other special interest groups have been allowed. We’ve seen TV adverts for abortion clinics, bus ads by humanists claiming there is probably no God and bus ads by a gay campaign group telling us to ‘get over it’. Christian adverts in response to the ‘get over it’ posters were not allowed. There now appears to be a clear asymmetry in how Christian messages are being treated by [government] advertising standards bodies”;

explained in [London](#) on [May 27, 2014](#) the need to create the 'Converts to Jesus' organization that will offer protection to converts to Christianity “We are motivated by a deep sense of love and compassion for those that feel trapped in a situation from which they cannot escape. The penalty for them at best is to be cut off from their family; at worst they face death. This is happening not just in Sudan and Nigeria but in east London. The government has failed to deal with the rise in anti-Christian sentiment. We need more churches and Christians sacrificially to offer welcome, support and safety for those Muslims who want to embrace Jesus Christ”;

on [June 13, 2014](#) condemned the passage of a bill by the Scottish Parliament that requires that medical reports of all children in Scotland must be shared with the government without consent, and requires a state guardian to be appointed for each child “It is vital that parents

retain their appointed role of bringing up their own children. This sort of sinister State intrusion and prying on the family is chilling and it is hard to believe that a supposedly free country would even contemplate this level of interference in family life. The creation of a 'Named Person' role is highly damaging to family stability as it sends a message to children that parents have lost their real authority in the home";

on [March 1, 2015](#) criticized Marks & Spencer online florist for adding the words 'Jesus' and 'Christ' to the list of banned offensive words on its portal while 'Buddha', 'Muhammad', and 'jihad' were allowed;

said of the [April 13, 2015](#) court decision to charge Aisleen Hubert with court costs "These doctors were breaking the law when they agreed to offer abortions on the basis of gender. As a result of the judge's decision, baby girls in the womb in Britain remain at risk...The judge has acted politically by refusing to order into evidence the footage that could have secured a conviction. He has taken sides with the establishment, which wants to brush this hugely contentious issue under the carpet. He has allowed the CPS to get away with failing to do its job and used his power to impose a heavy penalty on a young woman who is passionate about justice...Hurdle after hurdle has been erected in this case";

on [June 19, 2015](#) criticized a report that called for the government to effectively seize control of church schools, said "Church schools would be stripped of their identity and ethos, losing control over their staff appointments...The plans found in this report are deeply worrying. They stifle the freedoms schools currently enjoy and make those schools wide open to legal action from secular campaign groups like the British Humanist Association, and National Secularist Society";

on [June 30, 2015](#) criticized comments by the Education Minister who said that incidents where schoolchildren state negative comments about homosexuality might lead to them being reported to the police, wrote "Christians believe that homosexual practice is wrong and that marriage between a man and a woman is the pattern given by God and the only proper place for sexual expression. Is Nicky Morgan now saying that that is an 'extremist' view that needs to be monitored or punished?...We are on the verge of a sinister new era of 'thought-policing' in our schools. This is the imposition of a new sexual ideology under the guise of fighting extremism. The real problem is violence and terrorism that has sprung out of Islamic ideology. But if Nicky Morgan gets her way, Christians and others with mainstream views on marriage will fall under suspicion and be punished...Nicky Morgan's deliberate choice of homosexuality as an example in this morning's interview is further evidence that a right desire to fight Islamic-inspired terrorism is having the effect of creating a Trojan Horse to impose a new sexual ideology";

said on [November 2, 2015](#) "It is astonishing that Barry [Rev Barry Trayhorn] was forced out of a sex offenders' prison [in November 2014] for repeating what the Bible says about sexual behavior – during a chapel service – as he spoke about repentance and forgiveness. This is an important case. Freedom to maintain a clear gospel witness in prisons needs to be protected";

on [March 31, 2016](#) described how a former Muslim has been banned by court order from taking his 9 year old son to church, said "This is a form of judicial bullying. The wife is abusing the law to coerce and silence a father's right to determine his son's religious education and experience. There is a general tendency with the judicial system to avoid upsetting Islam, a willingness to suppress the Christian faith and punish those who practice it...This would not have happened the other way around. If a Christian parent was trying to

deny a child access to a mosque, there would be a huge outcry and claims of Islamophobia";

wrote on [April 18, 2016](#) concerning proposed state oversight of Sunday Schools "Christians teaching biblical truth on Sunday or any other day of the week should not be looked upon as if they are somehow doing something so awful that the State needs to be constantly looking over their shoulder. Christians are not terrorists and should not be treated as if they are";

defended an unnamed Christian couple who have been denied to opportunity to adopt their foster children due to their traditional Christian beliefs, wrote "This couple's viewpoint is lawful and mainstream. The expression of a view that a child needs a mother and a father cannot justify a refusal to even consider a married couple's application to adopt. The separation of this couple from the children at this time is unthinkable....We warned Parliament that the so-called equality developments would damage freedom for Christians to live and speak out their faith – and engage fully with social needs in the nation. This is another in a long line of examples of the results of this ill-thought-through legislation, resulting in the potential heart-breaking separation of young children from the foster parents in whose care they are thriving, and where they feel love and security";

wrote of the [June 14, 2017](#) resignation of Tim Farron as Liberal Democratic party leader "Tim Farron's story demonstrates that even those who accept the liberal political agenda wholeheartedly become targets who are unfairly hounded and bullied. He was forced to answer questions on the morality of 'gay sex' and abortion. During the election campaign he had to choose whether to surrender his conscience and forfeit his soul to the intolerant, marauding elite. Even though he capitulated, this did not stop the hunt. Today he felt he could no longer lead, and had no option but to resign. Tim Farron's treatment demonstrates that Christians are simply not tolerated by the illiberal elite in positions of influence. This, alongside the widespread reaction to the DUP's [a Northern Ireland political party's] views on abortion and same-sex unions, is further evidence of this anti-Christian morality. The vilification of the DUP for its opposition to abortion and same-sex unions and castigation of Tim Farron is shocking and upsetting. If we continue in this crusade of 'total intolerance', we will enter a harsh and conformist world where Christianity will be 'no platformed' and eventually squeezed out of every sphere of public life. The elite determines what are toxic unacceptable views. Unless you approve of their 'new morality' you are punished. At first comes the loss of privilege, a political position, a place at university, then the detriment: the refusal of a grant and ultimately criminal sanction. The history of our nation proves that when Christianity was firmly at the heart of public life there was freedom, prosperity and beauty. The hard atheism that currently dominates our political discourse is cruel and doesn't tolerate dissent. Tim Farron is another in a long line of casualties. It is time to fight back before it is too late";

booed at the [July 7-11, 2017](#) Church of England General Synod in [York](#) when she asked the delegates and bishops to consider the Bible in their deliberations on gender issues;

wrote on [August 2, 2017](#) "To say that quoting a verse from the Bible can be offensive, could have serious implications on the freedom of prison ministers to share the good news of the gospel. It should not be for the state to decide which parts of the Bible can and cannot be quoted during preaching, nor to dictate that verses that some may find unpalatable should be interpreted to fit with current social norms";

wrote on [August 10, 2017](#) "...The State is interfering with the gospel. It is mandating that

the gospel be shrunk down to fit society's sensibilities. The judgment [against Rev Barry Trayhorn] implies that the Bible legitimizes hate and mistreatment – but in reality, it offers salvation and transformation to men who have committed horrific crimes. How long will the true Church stay silent in our land? What case is required to wake us up? How many more cases? Will the true Church wake up when I am arrested? Probably not. The bishops of the Church of England are in no danger of being arrested. Will the true Church wake up when a 'hate crime' is reported against a small, faithful evangelical church? Possibly not. How about a large one? Or a larger church network? Can we not see, in this case and others, that this country no longer honors God, and is banning His Word!...";

wrote on [October 24, 2017](#) “The court claims that Mr Page was not being dismissed because of his views per se, but because of the expression of those views in the public space...this is a distinction without a difference, and amounts to a perverse attempt to silence Christian beliefs...There is no real difference between suppressing dissent and suppressing an expression of dissent. To split hairs in this way makes no sense...Each time someone takes part in a television debate or interview, personal beliefs are expressed. Yet most people do not lose their jobs for doing so. It seems that the NHS bosses and liberal judges cannot tolerate the expression of Christian views on morality – particularly on sexual morality. It is clear that appearing on TV would not, in itself, have led to Mr. Page being dismissed. Had he spoken about the weather, or the plight of the near-extinct white rhino, for example, he would not have found himself on the receiving end of the NHS’ wrath. He was not targeted for the expression of beliefs, but rather for the expression of certain beliefs – namely, belief in the traditional family...The Tribunal asserted that Mr Page’s actions 'were clearly in conflict with the protection of health'. It is ludicrous to suggest that people are not using NHS Kent [hospitals] now because of Mr Page appearing on Good Morning Britain, or to suggest that Mr Page’s expression of his views had any impact on the ability of NHS Kent to provide health services to the entire community...According to the European Court of Human Rights, bound up in the right to freedom of religion is the right to communicate a belief to others. This right is engaged regardless of the platform on which the belief is expressed. Indeed, without the right to communicate a belief, the individual cannot enjoy the full protection granted to freedom of religion...Yet in a remarkable comment, the Tribunal noted that 'Expressing his views in that context [in the press and on national TV] was not something that...was intimately linked to his religion or his beliefs'. In other words, Mr Page’s Christian views were inherently protected if stated during daily life, but could not be expressed on national television. By appearing on national television then, he inadvertently sacrificed his fundamental right to freedom of religion, as enshrined under domestic and international law. This is not what the drafters of the Convention on Human Rights intended. They would not have conceived of a forum in which the individual was beyond the scope of their right to religious freedom. If the tribunal is suggesting that there are places in which an individual does not enjoy the fundamental right to freedom of religious expression, this is a cause for concern and could have a chilling effect on freedom of belief and expression. This judgment makes a mockery of freedom of thought, freedom of speech, and the rule of law...Judgments like this do enormous damage to people’s confidence in the administration of justice. We will of course appeal this judgment which clearly contravenes Mr Page’s human rights, and we will appeal any number of times until we get justice”;

commented on [October 27, 2017](#) “The court has ruled that though Felix [Ngole] is entitled to hold his Biblical views on sexual ethics, he is not entitled to express them. But freedom to believe without freedom of expression is no freedom at all. Many views are frequently

expressed by students on social media and in other contexts. It is the expression of Biblical morality that has been singled out for sanction by the university. The university, in investigating Felix's personal Facebook posts and disciplining him for them, is acting as if they are thought police";

stated after the [January 11, 2018](#) ruling on the case of Pastor Paul Song "To call this Christian who has served without a blemish for almost 20 years an extremist defies belief. Pastor Song's work with prisoners has been shut down for no good reason, denying prisoners of life-giving ministry. We are considering legal action against Brixton Prison which has acted unlawfully by removing Christian services from prisoners without fair process. We are seeking justice not just for Pastor Song but for the prisoners who want to see him...Christian ministry in prisons has a long history, and its presence is essential for the rehabilitation and transformation of lives. Paul's work has led to many prisoners in Brixton turning their lives around, and so it is shocking that prisoners who are desperate for a new way of life should now be prevented from seeing Paul";

wrote on [March 2, 2018](#) regarding the case of Pastor Paul Song "...A common thread in such cases is the way in which the authorities, when exposed for their wrong doing, distort the facts [which often become 'established facts' on which unfair judgments are founded]...the Muslim Chaplain to Brixton Prison, had stated categorically to Pastor Song that he wanted to "wipe out the Christian domination" at Brixton. But for our exposure of what is going on, Christian witness within the prison may well have been wiped out...We have also spoken to numerous other Christian groups who have volunteered in Brixton for over a decade, leading Alpha courses, Christian drama courses, prayer groups and other vital ministries, only to have since been told that they can no longer continue at the prison. Some of them wish to remain anonymous out of fear, though they all tell the same story. Their courses ran smoothly until Imam Mohammed Ahmed took over as Senior Chaplain in 2015. From then on, one by one, their ministries were shut down. Different reasons were given. Some were told that there was no longer a demand for their course, despite them regularly being oversubscribed. For others, procedural minutiae prevented them from continuing. For others, Imam Mohammed Ahmed made it so clear they were no longer welcome that they felt intimidated and left...There is nothing at all to show at any point that the Imam has not simply made this up. In an atmosphere which prisoners have described as having a 'militant Muslim' feel, where we have signed statements showing that forced conversions are also happening by radicalized Muslim gangs, we should not be surprised that a radical Imam would attempt to have Pastor Song removed from Brixton...")

Andrew Frost (charged in [March 2017](#) in [Nottingham](#) with harassment of a homosexual couple when street preaching;

reported on [July 13, 2017](#) to have been acquitted)

Andrew Geuter (street preacher, arrested in [Hereford](#) on [April 23, 2015](#), released after 5 hours due to insufficient evidence)

Bishop Angaelos (UK resident, Egyptian national, wrote in [London](#) on [March 18, 2016](#) "We have received very welcomed but unexpected news today from the United States of America, through Secretary of State John Kerry, acknowledging that ISIL 'is responsible for genocide against groups in areas under its control including Yazidis, Christians and Shiite Muslims'...This announcement has come after individuals and organizations in the United States, some of which I have personally worked with, have advocated tirelessly to shed light on this important issue of human suffering and the violation of human dignity...This is

a significant step, that follows the European Union recognition of Genocide, that I hope will encourage Her Majesty's Government to also recognize these unacceptable acts of Genocide against vulnerable communities in the Middle East;

enthroned on [November 18, 2017](#) as the Coptic Bishop of London)

Angus Buchan (evangelist, South African citizen, [August 22, 2016](#) speaking engagement in [Galashiels, Scotland](#) cancelled due to objections raised against his defense of traditional Christian morality)

Anna Branford (member Oxford Students for Life, said after her organization's [November 2, 2017](#) presentation at [Oxford University](#) on the upcoming Irish abortion referendum was shouted down by pro-abortion activists "We had attempted to create an atmosphere in which all views were welcome and everyone would have a chance to speak, but were instead met with shouting, middle fingers and vitriol")

Anniesa Hussain (aged 21, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain, as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled her home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction)

Anthony Horan (director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office, on [June 16, 2017](#) told a committee at the Scottish parliament in [Edinburgh](#) of: "a number of young people who had experienced anti-Catholic prejudice in their school, most of it relating to the Church's teaching on abortion and marriage. One student even dropped a subject to 'avoid the harassment'...My overriding concern is the culture of fear that runs right through society and which makes people feel at best uncomfortable and at worst totally frightened to be open about their faith...A deeply worrying and disturbing 57 per cent of charges [of persecution] are as a result of anti-Catholic behavior. Compare this to the percentage of charges relating to Protestantism [27 per cent] and Islam [17 per cent] and we are left with an undoubted sectarian problem that needs to be addressed...There is an alarming level of intolerance being levelled at some young people simply because they are Catholic or because they hold a particular view that others may disagree with. This is not a culture of tolerance and respect. We have to be very mindful of the need to tackle anti-religious behavior and be wary of creating a hierarchy of rights in relation to the protected characteristics listed in the Equality Act 2010. We cannot allow some to trump others. It must be all or nothing";

reported on [November 15, 2017](#) to have written regarding a proposed Scottish law that would change the minimum age for a gender reassignment certificate from 18 to 16 and remove the requirement for a medical evaluation "The suggestion that 16- and 17-year-olds should pursue a change of gender at a time of their life fraught with confusion and vulnerability is deeply disturbing")

Fr Anthony O'Brien (described the [October 6, 2016](#) burglary and vandalism of the [Liverpool](#) cathedral "Two images in glass, specially made for the cathedral, have been smashed beyond repair and may be impossible to replace. People from throughout the world visit the cathedral and those here this morning have been both shocked and horrified at what has taken place")

Antonia Tully (on [November 3, 2014](#) criticized the government's threat to downgrade or close faith-based schools that do not promote homosexual rights to their students, said "The prospect that schools will have to champion homosexuality or risk being downgraded by Ofsted [the Office for Standards in Education] strips all parents of their right to educate their own children about sexual morality")



Rev Arun Arora (on [November 22, 2015](#) criticized the refusal of the three major cinema chains to show a Church of England advertisement that featured one line of the Lord's Prayer, the church is threatening legal action as the victim of religious discrimination;

said on [December 22, 2015](#) "Many families will be looking forward to going to the cinema during the Christmas holidays. It is astonishing that Digital Cinema Media refuses to show a short film focused on the Holy Family. This is not so much no room at the inn but a refusal by the innkeepers to take in any family who are religious")

Ayotunde Obanubi (community college student, **killed** by nearly 15 Muslim students armed with knives and machetes in East Ham, London in February 1995 for allegedly insulting Islam by being disrespectful of Ramadan)

Rev Barry Trayhorn (prison gardener at [HMP Littlehey, Cambridgeshire](#), volunteer prison chaplain, resigned on [November 4, 2014](#) from his gardening position after being harassed following a May 2014 homily, said "I simply said what the Bible says. Prisoners need to hear God's word just as much as anyone else. If people come to a Christian chapel service, we cannot hold back the gospel truth that God forgives those who repent. As I led the worship, I spoke about the wonder of God's love and the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ to those who recognize their sin and repent. I said that I am the worst sinner I know. But that wasn't politically correct. The mere mention of homosexual behavior in the Bible verses that I quoted provoked complaint. I was barred from taking part in chapel services and trouble came my way. I was put under enormous pressure for daring to say what the Bible says";

lost his claim for discrimination and constructive dismissal on [March 10, 2016](#), said "The Tribunal's reasoning was based on the effect that my message, which included the Bible verses, had on those who heard them. Yet those who attend chapel do so voluntarily to worship God and to learn what the Bible has to say. The congregation know that the Bible will be preached on, and therefore complaints should have been considered in light of that...When the Equality Act went through Parliament, the Government said that Ministers of Religion, speaking in a Church would continue to be able to teach and preach what their faith had traditionally believed. It is clear that this is no longer the case";

appeal denied on [August 2, 2017](#), wrote "Prisoners need to hear God's word just as much as anyone else. If people come to a Christian chapel service, we cannot hold back the gospel truth that God forgives those who repent. In no way did my speaking from 1 Corinthians 6 intend to bully or mistreat anyone. I shared the Gospel with them because I am motivated by the love of Christ to tell them that they can find forgiveness. I told the prisoners I am the worst sinner I know...Christianity is under attack in this nation. I cannot help but wonder if other faiths would be given the same treatment")

Bernadette Smyth (pro-life activist, convicted on [November 19, 2014](#) of harassment of the director of a [Belfast, Northern Ireland](#) illegal abortion facility, her defense attorney denied that any harassment had occurred and that the director had initiated all contacts with his client;

conviction overturned on [June 29, 2015](#) after the appellate court decided that the clinic director's professions of fear were not credible, in part due to the director's links with a Protestant paramilitary group)

Bill Edwards (aged 73, pushed to the ground by six police officers for refusing to stop preaching in front of a courthouse in [Banbury](#) where some employees found his speech to be 'offensive', charged with assault and breach of peace, court on [February 11, 2014](#) dismissed the

charges, refused the police request for a restraining order against him and ordered the police to pay his court expenses)

Breda O'Brien (Irish citizen, newspaper columnist, her [November 2, 2017](#) presentation at [Oxford University](#) on the upcoming Irish abortion referendum was shouted down by pro-abortion activists, the event continued after moving to another room)

Brian McGuigan (board member of St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society in [Glasgow, Scotland](#), said on [June 12, 2013](#) of the government threat to close it for its refusal to support homosexual adoption "The reality is that the issue is not one about equality or diversity, but about freedom of religion and belief")

Rev Brian Ross (aged 68, reported on [February 28, 2013](#) as having been forced to step down as volunteer police chaplain in [Strathclyde](#) after posting his affirmation of the traditional Christian definition of marriage on his personal web site)

Bryan Barkley (aged 71, reported on [November 4, 2014](#) to have been dismissed from his 20 year volunteer position at the Red Cross for publicly opposing same-sex marriage)

Carol Monaghan (Member of Parliament, wore Lenten ashes on her forehead into Parliament in [London](#) on [March 1, 2017](#), another Member said "but this is going to be broadcast", the BBC posted on Facebook that her actions may not have been appropriate or legal)

Celestina Mba (told by the Employment Appeals Tribunal in [January 2013](#) that her [London](#) employer may require her to work on Sundays since not all Christians observe Sunday as free from work and therefore Sunday worship is not a 'core' belief of Christianity;

as of [October 23, 2013](#) has filed an appeal with the Court of Appeal in [London](#);

the Court of Appeals in [London](#) ruled on [December 5, 2013](#) that the Employment Appeals Tribunal's ruling was in error and that as a matter of law Sunday observance is a valid and genuine expression of faith for many Christians, however the Court of Appeals also refused to retry the case and to overturn her dismissal)

Charlie Gard (aged 11 months, son of Chris Gard and Connie Yates, terminally ill, hospitalized in [London](#), denied access to experimental treatment, on [July 8, 2017](#) had been denied access to clergy)

Chris Gray (Principal of Durham Free School, reacted to government inspectors on [January 26, 2015](#) from OFSTED interrogating students and using the replies to withhold government funds and force the Christian school to close: "Several parents complained to me about what they saw as intrusive and deeply personal questioning of their children in the group sessions. It has been reported back to me that children aged 6- 9 were asked whether they knew anything about Diwali and whether they were familiar with the Torah. In addition, I have also heard reports of primary school children being asked if they knew of any boys or girls who thought they were in the 'wrong body'. Another parent has complained to me in writing that her ten year old daughter was asked if she knew what lesbians did. Pupils were embarrassed and surprised to be asked questions about sexuality...It is now well known that the manner in which inspectors questioned our pupils in November was hostile, inappropriate and raises serious safeguarding issues. OFSTED's approach to us was negative at every stage, as if the data collected had to fit a predetermined outcome...The questioning by inspectors makes clear that their idea of a balanced curriculum is for us to force pupils to celebrate non-Christian religious festivals. This would breach our Christian foundation which stipulates that we are a Christian school")

Chris Oakey (principal of Luton Pentecostal Church Christian Academy, said that on [December 16-18, 2016](#) students were questioned behind closed doors by Ofsted inspectors about 'British values' and their beliefs about human sexuality, one student described the questioning as "patronizing" and "entrapment")

Christina Summers (dismissed from the Green Party on [September 10, 2012](#) in [Brighton and Hove City](#) for her views on same-sex marriage)

Christine Archibald (aged 30, Canadian citizen, social worker, daughter of Greg and Barbara Archibald, sister of Kathryn Fairbank and Caroline Stuart, fiancée of Tyler Ferguson, **killed** by Islamic terrorists diving an automobile in [London](#) on [May 4, 2017](#))

Colin Hart (The Christian Institute in [Edinburgh](#), as of [July 2, 2014](#) is fighting the new Scottish law that appoints a Named Person to supervise and secretly meet with every child "The same state bodies will be involved in looking at all these families where there's no issue at all. So instead of finding that needle in the haystack [of cases where outside intervention is genuinely required] they're actually making the haystack much bigger. And that's going to make it much more difficult to find the vulnerable children";

reported on [July 30, 2015](#) to have written a letter to the Education Secretary which stated that Ofsted [the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills] has been refusing to investigate cases of anti-Christian bullying: "You will see they include anti-Christian chanting in assemblies, GCSE pupils who opted to learn Christianity being left to teach themselves, and Christians being called 'ignorant' or 'liars' by teachers";

wrote on [April 18, 2016](#) concerning proposed state oversight of Sunday Schools "Christians are justifiably alarmed at the prospect of OFSTED conducting 'British values' inspections of church youth work. The freedom to proclaim the Gospel, and indeed our wider civil liberties, must be protected, not undermined in the name of 'counter-extremism'"

Concepta Wood (aged 52, won an appeal on [April 24, 2013](#) in [Edinburgh](#) that overturned a court ruling that she had to "watch over and sometimes assist with abortion procedures" because this was not "direct involvement in pregnancy terminations";

appeal overturned on [December 17, 2014](#) by the Supreme Court in [London](#) which ruled that the conscience exemption for medical professionals only applies to the actual abortion, all other acts such as referrals are not covered)

Cristina Odone (former editor, on [February 6, 2015](#) criticized the shadow education secretary's comment that nuns are not qualified teachers "Tristram Hunt's comments on nuns last night were arrogant and ignorant. Why is it acceptable to denigrate anything Catholic but bleat tolerance about every other religion? To know he and Labour stand a chance at the next election makes me fear for the 7000 brilliant faith schools in this country")

Dale Cutlan (seminarian, denied entry to a [Cardiff, Wales](#) pub on [July 29, 2017](#) because he was wearing clerical garb, a manager reversed the denial and paid for a round of drinks)

Br Damon Jonah Kelly (arrested in [Cambridgeshire, Scotland](#) on [December 8, 2014](#) for publishing leaflets defending traditional Christian morality;

as of [December 17, 2014](#) has decided to continue to mail the leaflets from [Corby, Northamptonshire](#) even though he is likely to be jailed)

Dan Hitchens (Catholic Herald editor, later wrote on the attacks following Member of Parliament

Jacob Rees-Mogg's [September 6, 2017](#) expression of his religious views "...Considering all the truly evil things which happen in this country – workers paid pitiful wages to make their employers rich, addicts exploited by vampiric drug-dealers, the daily cruelty towards the elderly – it is strange that people get so furious about politicians saying that yes, since you ask, they wouldn't seek to change the law, but as a theoretical matter, they aren't wholly on board with the modern progressive beliefs about sex....Whatever can be said about Catholic teaching, there are at least various well-elaborated philosophical justifications for it; and it does provide a clear rule of life...the liberal sexual ethic amounts to little more than the vague wish: 'As long as no one gets hurt...' This can hardly address the complexity of human experience – both its nobility and its tawdriness...")

Dan Turvey (school headmaster at the the Church of England primary school in [Tunbridge Wells, England](#), wrote on or before [October 17, 2017](#) to the parents who demanded the removal of CrossTeach that the group would no longer participate in school assemblies but would still assist with a school club, also wrote "The main thrust of the argument has been that by inviting a Christian charity called CrossTeach and individuals from St John's Church to deliver assemblies/collective worship, we have knowingly allowed your children to be exposed to extremist beliefs and that as a result some children have been upset and disturbed emotionally...I do not believe CrossTeach has done anything wrong. They do not deserve the tarnishing of their good name and allegations of extremism that have taken place over the last few months")

Daniel (aged 31, alias, convert, Iranian citizen, said in [Cardiff, Wales](#) on [February 6, 2018](#) "If I went back, the authorities would arrest me. They would put me in jail and I would be killed, I would be hanged. They will kill me, me and my family. I am not afraid because I will be meeting Jesus but I am afraid about my family")

Daniel Courney (aged 33, U.S. citizen, convicted in [Lincoln](#) on [September 14, 2017](#) for use of 'threatening and discriminatory language' while street preaching; conviction overturned on appeal on [December 7, 2017](#))

Daniel McArthur (husband of Amy McArthur, owner of a bakery in [Belfast](#) convicted on [May 18, 2015](#) of discrimination for refusing to provide a cake with a pro-same sex marriage message, fined US\$786)

Lord David Alton (human rights advocate, spoke on [March 12, 2014](#) in [Brentwood](#) on Christian persecution "Hundreds of parliamentary hours can be spent asserting the rights of foxes or on discussing rights associated with our life-styles but when it comes to the killing of children and students, or the torching of their homes and places of worship, or the destruction of centuries old culture, our political classes have taken Trappist vows...If I was sitting in the rubble of a Syrian or Egyptian church, or in a gulag in North Korea, or had just seen my home destroyed or, even worse, my loved ones killed, I would think that our endless self absorbed debates, which often mirror the rights-driven agenda of the secular world, are self indulgence of a high order";

said on [April 10, 2014](#) at the [Farm Street Jesuit Church, London](#) "Fr Frans van der Lugt [of Homs, Syria]...joins a long list of Jesuit martyrs – some martyred a stone's throw from where we are gathered – and who have sacrificed their lives truly believing that a man has no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends...Fr Franz's death in Syria is a stark reminder of the systematic campaign by jihadists intent on the destruction of the region's ancient churches and the contemporary Passion and suffering being inflicted on the Middle

East's Christians...We in the West, who enjoy so many freedoms and liberties, need to ask ourselves some tough questions about the disproportionate nature of the causes which we so readily embrace whilst ignoring the systematic violent ideology of an Islamist "Final Solution" directed at the Christian minorities...Ultimately, [Western] parliamentarians are only as good as the people who elect them – so their electorates are also partly to blame or not organizing themselves in the way in which pressure groups do. If political leaders have been indifferent, where here are the western churches?";

responded on [March 22, 2016](#) to the House of Lords voting down 148 to 111 an Immigration Bill amendment which would have required a High Court judge to rule whether ISIL has been committing genocide "It was disappointing that both the Government and Opposition declined to respond to the powerful calls made from around the Chamber. This was a day when Britain neither salved its conscience or offered practical help but chose to look the other way...When historians come to consider the lamentable failure of both parliament and government to speak and act they will surely conclude that we failed to recognize the crime above all crimes";

wrote on [August 5, 2016](#) "In Parliament I hosted a meeting of the charity, Aid to the Church In Need [ACN]. We heard of how a Christian pastor in a village of Aleppo was told to convert or die. He was forced to watch as his 12-year-old son was tortured: the boy's fingers cut from his hand. Neither the father or son renounced their faith, and both were executed...Despite Resolutions being passed in the House of Commons, the American Congress, the European Parliament and the Australian House of Representatives, the British Government still fails to name these events for the genocide that they are – or to lay a Resolution before the Security Council...In November, ACN is arranging for Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey to be floodlit in red to commemorate the persecuted. If every parish in the country did the same it might at last wake up our political classes to the scale of the suffering";

wrote of the [June 14, 2017](#) resignation of Tim Farron as Liberal Democratic party leader "It is ironic that a Party, which I joined as a teenager, because of its belief in conscience, human rights and free speech, has morphed into something so narrow and intolerant...that its leader has been forced to choose between his Faith and his Party")

David Barker (street preacher, questioned by police in [Camberley, Surrey](#) on [December 9, 2017](#); questioned by the police again on [December 30, 2017](#) with legal counsel present; case closed on or before [January 16, 2018](#))

Fr David Barnes (reported that his [London](#) church had been vandalized on [July 26, 2016](#), tables, pews, and candlesticks were overturned, wrote "This is tiresome, but nothing compared with what the church near Rouen has endured. Pray for them")

David Bizley (leader at The Branch Christian Fellowship in [Kings Lynn](#), said on [March 13, 2016](#) "It is perhaps easier for us to pray and send money to organizations that are ministering to our brothers and sisters away from our direct view, it takes a level of courage though for Christians in the UK to stand up for persecuted brethren right on our doorstep")

David Burrowes (Christian Member of Parliament, signed a letter on [January 11, 2016](#) stating that a government proposal to establish government oversight of Sunday schools could lead to their closure when traditional Christian beliefs were taught)

Rev David Robertson (commented on [May 18, 2015](#) on an atheist group's efforts to promote

atheism in public schools after Christian books were banned "I am stunned at the sheer hypocrisy of the humanists - who in February of this year complained about a Christian book which sought to help pupils transfer from primary into secondary school, and because of the fuss got it banned - merely because this book mentioned prayer...It is a classic example of the arrogance and intolerance of the new fundamentalist atheists who do not want any religion or philosophy taught in Scottish schools, except their own")

Bishop Declan Lang (will celebrate Mass during the upcoming Night of Witness on [May 17, 2012](#) in [Westminster](#) to remember persecuted Christians worldwide)

Dennis Sewell (wrote on [December 18, 2017](#) "The First Amendment of the US Constitution protects both free speech and the free exercise of religion. Perhaps, post-Brexit, Britain will be allowed to treat itself to something similar. We are going to need it. Hardly a week passes without some public body overstepping the mark in seeking to curb free expression, religious practice, or both. This week, Ofsted's [the education agency's] annual report appears to be demanding powers to combat thoughtcrime in faith schools...It does not take a great leap of the imagination to see, for instance, a big crash coming between the mainstream faiths and transgender ideologues. Police forces up and down the country have shown in their often crass social media policies that they could very easily regard parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as hate speech. We need a constitutional protection and we need it soon")

Rev Dick Farr (said on or before [October 17, 2017](#) that parents who objected to the CrossTeach religious presentations needed to remember that the Church of England primary school in [Tunbridge Wells, England](#) was a church school)

Dominic Muir (prosecuted after August 11, 2013 for preaching Christianity and passing out tracts on a public street; charges dropped by the [London Borough of Wandsworth](#) on [November 4, 2013](#))

Dennis Sewell (wrote a [January 29, 2015](#) article on the government's OFSTED agency's investigation of Grindon Hall school in which he criticized the OFSTED report for stating 'The Christian ethos of the school permeates much of the school's provision. This has restricted the development of a broad and balanced approach to the curriculum')

Rev Dominic Smart (church denied rental of an [Aberdeen, Scotland](#) hotel meeting room on [March 10, 2013](#) due to its traditional views on marriage)

Elliot Hanson (seminarian, denied entry to a [Cardiff, Wales](#) pub on [July 29, 2017](#) because he was wearing clerical garb, a manager reversed the denial and paid for a round of drinks)

Felix Ngole (aged 38, reported on [February 29, 2016](#) to have been expelled from graduate school at [Sheffield University](#) after he posted a defense of traditional Christian morality on Facebook;

dismissal from graduate school upheld in court on [October 27, 2017](#), the court ruled that the dismissal was extreme but the law gave him no protection, said "I am very disappointed by this ruling which supports the university's decision to bar me from my chosen career because of my Biblical views on sexual ethics. I intend to appeal this decision which clearly intends to restrict me from expressing my Christian faith in public")

Fiona Bruce (Member of Parliament, introduced a bill to explicitly ban abortion for gender selection, bill was defeated on [February 23, 2015](#);

signed a letter on [January 11, 2016](#) stating that a government proposal to establish

government oversight of Sunday schools could lead to their closure when traditional Christian beliefs were taught)

Rev Franklin Graham (son of the Rev Billy Graham, U.S. citizen, reported on [December 15, 2017](#) to be under consideration to be banned from entering the country for alleged hate speech aka orthodox Christianity)

Gary McFarlane (as of [September 4, 2012](#) is appealing his termination as a counselor for refusing to give relationship counseling to same sex couples to the European Court of Human Rights;

the European Court in [Strasbourg](#) denied his appeal on [January 15, 2013](#);

the Grand Chamber of the Council of Europe has on [May 28, 2013](#) rejected his appeal, no further appeal is possible)

Gary Streeter (Christian Member of Parliament, signed a letter on [January 11, 2016](#) stating that a government proposal to establish government oversight of Sunday schools could lead to their closure when traditional Christian beliefs were taught)

Bishop Gavin Ashenden (arrested in [January 1982](#) while entering [Russia at a Moscow airport](#) while smuggling Bibles;

forced to resign as a Queen's Chaplain on [January 22, 2017](#) after criticizing the Church of Scotland for allowing the reading of a Quran chapter on the birth of Jesus in Glasgow cathedral during the Epiphany because the chapter explicitly denied the divinity of Jesus, wrote on his blog "After a conversation instigated by officials at Buckingham Palace, I decided the most honorable course of action was to resign. I have held the position for the last nine years. But over the last few years people who objected to my defending the Christian faith in public wrote to both Lambeth Palace and Buckingham Palace to try to get the association ended. When I was confronted with these attempts to silence or defenestrate me, my reaction was to ask 'in what way is a priest defending the faith on behalf of a monarch who was Defender of the Faith, incongruous or improper?'...Because I think it a higher and more compelling duty to speak out on behalf of the faith, than to retain a public honor which precludes me doing so at this time, I resigned my post";

wrote on [June 22, 2017](#) following the resignation of Tim Farron as leader of the Liberal Democrat party "...Seeing ourselves primarily in terms of our sexual identity or erotic appetites seems to me a very poor and shallow reflection on our potential as human beings. Perhaps it's part of our consumerism? 'We are what we want' – and we want sex... it's a long way from Descartes' 'I think therefore I am'...There is another part of the narrative which doesn't make sense, if this is only about trying to make counter-cultural politicians accountable. There are 15 Muslim MPs and the Mayor of London is a Muslim. Islam is uncompromisingly against homosexuality. In fact ISIL goes so far as to post YouTube videos of homosexuals being executed by being thrown off tall buildings. Yet none of the Muslim MPs or the Mayor of London are being asked the questions that Tim Farron was hounded with...Tim Farron made a claim that should have shocked our society to the core. He said he could no longer lead a political party and be faithful to Christ...At this point I would have hoped that all open-minded, tolerant people would have protested on his behalf. I would have expected the Archbishop of Canterbury and all the bishops of the Church of England to have publicly backed his right to have a Christian conscience and maintain a public office...But there was silence. Except for Archbishop Welby. He went so far, in his defense of freedom of speech and Christian conscience, as to wonder if Farron's

forced resignation “raised questions.” Nazi Germany suppressed freedom of speech and specifically Christian beliefs. So did the Marxist Soviet Union. Whatever else we can discern about our society in its distaste for freedom of speech and conscience, we see it drawing steadily closer to the practice of the two most totalitarian states of modern times...”;

said of the [July 7-11, 2017](#) Church of England General Synod in [York](#) “One of the saddest moments was when our doughtiest public campaigner, Andrea Minichiello Williams, who is the director of Christian Concern, she stood up and invited people to consider the demands of Scripture. She wasn't listened to in respectful silence. She was booed. Well, when you have the Synod of the Church of England booing somebody who has an extraordinary reputation for standing up for the Gospel in the public space, who was inviting the Synod to consider the claims of Scripture, when someone like that was booed, you know that things have gone too far, there's been a sea change”;

later wrote to the Times of London "Your cartoon published today displaying Jacob Rees-Mogg as a fetus deserving of abortion for expressing [on [September 6, 2017](#)] Christian views on contemporary ethical issues, causes the most profound offense. But worse than the offense, is the implication that is presents a new form of Test Act for Catholics and other Christians...Such a cartoon deliberately sends the message that Christian ethical views have no place in the public and political forum and should be both ridiculed and excluded...”;

reported on [September 28, 2017](#) to have been consecrated in [Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada](#) as Missionary Bishop to Anglicans in the United Kingdom and Europe;

wrote to the Times of London on [November 15, 2017](#) "Your leading article [Nov 13, 2017] tells us of a 1,000 per cent increase in referrals of trans children in the past six years at the Tavistock clinic in London, suggesting a causal link between publicizing gender fluidity and the increase of mental disorientation among the young...At stake lies not only the virtues that have underlain the best parts of our culture but the mental health of our most fragile children. As a society we urgently need to reject the politicizing of gender identity and exaggerated notions of fluidity. We must allow our children to be safe in the given biology of their bodies”;

responded on [December 1, 2017](#) to year-old retweeted comments by a Scottish clergyman that called on people to pray that 4 year old Prince George would grow up to be homosexual and become King while in a same sex marriage: "If you're going to pray for Prince George, pray for him to be happy...and pray for him to discharge his duty as prince, to be married and have children. It is not a kind prayer. It is not a blessing, it's more like a curse from a fairytale. I would say it is profoundly un-Christian...To use prayer as a mechanism for wishing this on Prince is an unkind and destructive thing to do. It doesn't have the prince's best interest at heart, but uses him as a gender-political football to please 1.7% of the population. What is especially odd and incongruous is the fact that it is suddenly OK to pray for someone to be gay, but totally unacceptable to pray for them to be free from being gay and to resume a sexuality that was in tune with their biology. This seems not only contradictory but hypocritical")

Archbishop Emeritus George Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury, submitted testimony on behalf of four British Christians to the European Court of Human Rights that "[there is a] drive to remove Judaeo-Christian values from the public square...In a country where Christians can be sacked for manifesting their faith, are vilified by State bodies, are in fear



of reprisal or even arrest for expressing their views on sexual ethics, something is very wrong";

spoke on or before [March 30, 2015](#) on the refusal of two large supermarket chains to stock The Real Easter Egg chocolate product, which contains a written account of the Resurrection of Christ: "By not offering an alternative to secular Easter eggs they are really undermining the real message of Easter. It saddens me because we are living in a land that is completely losing contact with its religious roots and is out of touch with the Christian message";

on [July 21, 2015](#) accused the British government of ignoring the persecution of Christians by ISIL and refusing to grant them refuge;

wrote on [September 5, 2015](#) that "The frustration for those of us who have been calling for compassion for Syrian victims for many months is that the Christian community is yet again left at the bottom of the heap. Mr Cameron's policy inadvertently discriminates against the very Christian communities most victimized by the inhuman butchers of the so-called Islamic State. Christians are not to be found in the UN camps, because they have been attacked and targeted by Islamists and driven from them. They are seeking refuge in private homes, church buildings and with neighbors and family")

Georgia Clarke (member Oxford Students for Life, said after her organization's [November 2, 2017](#) presentation at [Oxford University](#) on the upcoming Irish abortion referendum was shouted down by pro-abortion activists "The irony was that the actions of Oxford SU's WomCam, which ought to represent women of the university, resulted in the harassment of many women present for the event, some of whom were driven to tears. As committee members we have a duty of care to those who attend our events and it was distressing not being able to provide the supportive and open environment we had promised. We invited students to hear speakers, not to be shouted at. The shouting essentially amounted to an attempt to no-platform our speakers. In being party to this protest, the Oxford SU is making us feel like neither we, nor our views, are welcome to even be heard in this university")

Sir Gerald Howarth (Christian Member of Parliament, signed a letter on [January 11, 2016](#) stating that a government proposal to establish government oversight of Sunday schools could lead to their closure when traditional Christian beliefs were taught)

Geraldine Stockford (wife of the pastor of Christ Church Teddington, announced on [March 1, 2015](#) that Marks & Spencer's online florist order form would not accept the word 'Christ' as it was on the offensive word list)

Gordon Larmour (street preacher, found not guilty in [Kilmarnock, Scotland](#) on [January 9, 2017](#) of "threatening or abusive manner aggravated by prejudice relating to sexual orientation" and "assault", had himself been assaulted by two young men after they asked him what the Bible taught and his answer angered them)

Archbishop Gregorios Theocharous (aged 88, reported on [September 7, 2017](#) to have complained in [London](#) after the German supermarket chain Lidl removed the cross from the Greek church pictured on some of its packaging "They hurt the Christians — not only the Greeks because it was a Greek church — but [all] the Christians what I read. I hope that many others will protest against this silly decision...It is immoral in my eyes to remove something which has been there for 2,000 year and is the symbol that Christ died on the cross for you, for me, for millions of people")

Hazlemay Bull (bed and breakfast owner in [Cornwall](#), wife of Peter Bull, ordered to pay £3,500 to a same sex couple despite their policy of accepting only married couples, as of [October 10, 2013](#) is appealing to the Supreme Court, said they will shut down their business rather than violate their religious beliefs;

appeal dismissed by the Supreme Court on [November 27, 2013](#))

Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev (Russian citizen, said at The Christian Future of Europe Conference in [London](#) on [September 22, 2017](#) "The modern-day decline of Christianity in the western world may be compared to the situation in the Russian Empire before 1917. The revolution and the dramatic events which followed it have deep spiritual, as well as social and political, reasons. Over many years the aristocracy and intelligentsia had abandoned the faith, and were then followed by common people...I firmly believe that a Europe which has renounced Christ will not be able to preserve its cultural and spiritual identity...The legalization of abortion, the encouragement of sexual promiscuity, and the systematic attempts to undermine family values have led to a profound demographic crisis in many European countries...Often the language of hatred in relation to Christians is used when Christians insist on their right to participate in public affairs. They enjoy the same right as much as it is enjoyed by adherents of any other religion or by atheists. However, in practice it is not like this...In modern-day Europe militant secularism has been transformed into an autonomous power that does not tolerate dissent. It allows well-organized minority groups to successfully impose their will on the majority under the pretext of observing human rights...I believe it important that Christians of Europe should stand shoulder to shoulder to defend those values upon which the life of the continent has been built for centuries, and that they should view the afflictions and dismay of Christians throughout the world as their own")

Ian Sleeper (restaurant owner, arrested on [June 23, 2017](#) for street preaching "Love Muslims, Hate Islam, Tell the Truth" in front of Southwark Cathedral in [London](#), held for 13 hours, released on bail but not charged, told to not repeat his actions;

reported on [August 17, 2017](#) to have been told that no charges would be brought against him)

Ignacio Echeverria (aged 39, Spanish citizen, brother of Isabel and Joaquin, bank auditor, **stabbed to death** by an Islamic terrorist when he attempted to defend a female victim with his skateboard in [London](#) on [May 4, 2017](#))

Ingrid Loyau-Kennet (attempted to aid Army Drummer Lee Rigby after he was beheaded by two Muslims on [May 23, 2013](#) in [Woolwich, London](#), said "I live my life as a Christian. I believe in thinking about others and loving thy neighbor. We all have a duty to look after each other")

Isaac Spencer (Cardiff University's Students For Life, described the student union's attempt to ban pro-life meetings and demonstrations, vote on [April 1, 2014](#) failed only because a quorum was not present)

Isaaq Hussain (aged 7, son of Nissar and Kubra Hussain, as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled his home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction)

Jacob Rees-Mogg (aged 48, Member of Parliament, said on [September 6, 2017](#) he supported his church's teachings on marriage and abortion, attacked in the media;

wrote on [December 7, 2017](#) "One of the Conservative Party's clearest manifesto

commitments was to lift the cap on places for Catholics at new schools. It said 'we will replace the unfair and ineffective inclusivity rules that prevent the establishment of new Roman Catholic schools, instead requiring new faith schools to prove that parents of other faiths and none would be prepared to send their children to that school'. There is no wriggle room in that sentence – yet the Department for Education, instead of implementing the policy decision, has decided to have an enquiry to decide whether to do what was promised or not...The problem with the current rules is that they limit the number of places for Catholics in new schools to 50 per cent if other, non-Catholics, wish to attend. This policy was not introduced with Catholic schools particularly in mind, but has a greater impact on them because, unlike some religious schools which attract virtually no one from outside their own community, Catholic schools are popular with non-Catholics...However, under Canon law Catholic bishops have certain obligations which mean that places cannot be preferentially offered to non-Catholics at the exclusion of Catholics")

Pastor James McConnell (aged 78, beginning on [June 17, 2015](#) has been under prosecution in [Belfast, Northern Ireland](#) for an anti-Islamic homily posted to the internet, faces a fine and up to six months in jail if convicted, said that the lack of prosecution against Muslims clerics who make anti-Christian statements shows that his prosecution is persecution, added "I would defend the right of any Muslim cleric to preach against me or Christianity. I most certainly don't want any Muslim clerics prosecuted but I find it very unfair that I'm the only preacher facing prosecution...My church funds medical care for 1,200 Muslim children in Kenya and Ethiopia. I've no hatred in my heart for Muslims but I won't be stopped from preaching against Islam";

acquitted on [January 5, 2016](#))

Jim Dobbin (aged 73, Member of Parliament, pro-life leader, **died** on [September 7, 2014](#) during a Council of Europe trip to [Poland](#))

John Craven (aged 57 [2014], arrested in September 2011 in [Manchester](#) for street preaching on traditional Christian morals, held overnight without food, water or medicine, no charges brought; **UPDATE**: awarded £13,000 - US\$21,634 - in a wrongful arrest settlement on [April 1, 2014](#))

John Deighan (parliamentary officer of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, reported on [October 9, 2012](#) in [Brussels](#) that his 12 year old child has been branded a 'Nazi' for refusing to support same-sex marriage)

John Denning (chairman of governors at Dunham Free School, said on [January 26, 2015](#) "The school is in the process of taking legal advice and will take whatever action necessary to protect the interests of its pupils and their families")

John Pontifex (Aid to the Church in Need UK head of press and information, said on [October 17, 2013](#) after the release of the report *Persecuted and Forgotten?* "The principal finding of the report is that in two-thirds of the countries where persecution of Christians is most severe, the problems have become arguably even worse. In fact the Church's very survival in some parts -- notably the Middle East -- is now at stake...from all accounts, the incidents of persecution are now apparently relentless and worsening; churches being burned; Christians are under pressure to convert; there is mob violence against Christian homes, as well as abduction and rape of Christian girls; there is anti-Christian propaganda in the media and from governments, in addition to discrimination in schools and in the workplace.. *Persecuted and Forgotten?* asks hard questions about the international

community's commitment to standing up for religious freedom")

Archbishop John Sentamu (criticized the National Trust for removing 'Easter' from the Easter Egg Hunt it operates with Cadbury, reportedly said in [York](#) on [April 4, 2017](#) "If people visited Birmingham today in the Cadbury World they will discover how [John] Cadbury's Christian faith influenced his industrial output. He built houses for all his workers, he built a church, he made provision for schools. It is obvious that for him Jesus and justice were two sides of the one coin. To drop Easter from Cadbury's Easter Egg Hunt in my book is tantamount to spitting on the grave of Cadbury", Cadbury denied involvement in the removal)

Rev John Stevens (signed a letter on [May 22, 2013](#) against the proposed same-sex marriage bill)

Bishop Joseph Devine (sent a letter on [December 9, 2012](#) from [Motherwell, Scotland](#) to Prime Minister David Cameron in which he stated that no one believes the government's promises that the churches will be immune from legal action by homosexual activists if gay marriage is legalized)

Rev Josh Williamson (Australian citizen, arrested for "breach of the peace" in [Perth, Scotland](#) on [September 18, 2013](#) for handing out literature and street preaching, released with a warning;

arrested a second time in [Perth, Scotland](#) on [September 21, 2013](#), released without charge after five hours;

witnessed the [January 8, 2014](#) arrest of Tony Miano in [Dundee, Scotland](#), complainant attempted to break his video camera, camera seized by police;

all charges have been dropped as of [June 13, 2013](#), is beginning legal action against the police who still refuse to return his video camera)

Joshua Sutcliffe (teacher in [Oxfordshire](#) , suspended on [November 2, 2017](#) after he said "Well done girls" to a group that included a girl claiming to be a boy, charged with misconduct despite immediately apologizing to the student and despite a history of successfully accommodating the student's wishes, stated that the school had offered no guidance or training to teachers on this matter, had moderated an after school Bible study with 100 students for 18 months until it was closed by the headteacher - the LGBTI, mindfulness, and qigong clubs were allowed to continue)

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby (spoke in the House of Lords in [London](#) on [June 3, 2013](#) against the same-sex marriage bill;

stated in [York](#) on [July 11, 2013](#) "It's absolutely clear that Christians in Syria are being persecuted...I would encourage people to pray very strongly, continue to pray and to support this kind of campaign and to write to MPs asking them to think very carefully about the wisdom of supplying further weapons to an area of such complex and extreme violence";

said on [September 12, 2015](#) that the government's plan to accept 20,000 Syrian refugees from camps will discriminate against Christians since Christians avoid refugee camps due to fear of targeting by Islamist groups inside them)

Justyna Pasek (aged 33, one of three women threatened by police with arrest under the Public Order Act for handing out prolife literature in front of an abortion clinic in [Twickenham, London](#), said "The officers were very aggressive and I felt very harassed and mistreated by them. I

thought this was a free country, but this reminds me of the communist rule I used to live under when I was a little girl in Poland", later received an apology from the police on [June 12, 2014](#))

Fr Kevin Dow (pelted with eggs and anti-Catholic abuse along with other parishioners in [Rosyth, Scotland](#) after a [January 17, 2017](#) Mass by a youth gang, said "It's dreadfully sad that in today's Scotland we still have young people who seem to be brought up or encouraged from elsewhere to be anti-Catholic and to do so in an open, intimidating and violent way")

Kirsty Adams (candidate for Parliament, attacked in print by a major newspaper on [May 4, 2017](#) for having prayed for a deaf man who was cured)

Kubra Hussain (convert, husband of Nissar;

as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled her home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction)

Kurt Cochran (U.S. citizen, husband of Melissa Payne Cochran, father of Melissa, recording studio owner, **killed** in the [March 22, 2017](#) terror attack on Westminster Bridge and Parliament in [London](#))

Leena Hussain (aged 14, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain, as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled her home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction)

Fr Len Kofler (founder of the Institute of St Anselm in [Margate, Kent](#), announced on [March 16, 2017](#) that the Institute would be moving to Rome due to the government's revocation of its license to bring in foreign students, the revocation came when 10% of its applicants had been rejected for reason such as a Catholic priest not having a wife or a nun with a vow of poverty not having a bank account, said "All our priests and religious are sent to train and go back to their own countries after their studies. I think its a total misunderstanding and religious illiteracy from the Home Office. At the age of 82, I am no longer able to work in a situation where my hands are bound due to the Home Office's inability to function. To work in that mess is not my desire any longer")

Lilian Ladele (as of [September 4, 2012](#) is appealing her disciplining for refusing to conduct same sex civil partnership ceremonies to the European Court of Human Rights;

the European Court in [Strasbourg](#) denied her appeal on [January 15, 2013](#);

the Grand Chamber of the Council of Europe has on [May 28, 2013](#) rejected her appeal, no further appeal is possible)

Margaret Dehqani-Tafti (aged 85, widow of Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, mother of Bahram and three daughters, shot at in [October 1979](#) while in her bed in [Tehran](#) by likely by Iranian government agents, injured in her hand;

son Bahram shot dead in [May 1980](#) most likely by Iranian government agents while returning home from the university in [Tehran](#);

**died of natural causes** on [October 22, 2016](#), buried in Winchester Cathedral alongside her husband, eulogized: "Throughout their life together, Margaret was a constant support to Hassan and as the mother of a martyr, an uncompromising witness to truth. The events of our time remind Christians that the history of their faith is inseparable from the sacrifices and examples that people like the Dehqani-Tafti family set, representing the eternal challenge that believers witness in this fallen world. Their lives have influenced the way we think about faith in God, justice, social engagement and what it means to be the follower of Christ, and stand as testimony to the vast violence that we experience in the

present age")

Margaret Jones (aged 54, registrar in [Bedford](#), fired in May 2014 for stating that she could not in conscience officiate a same sex wedding, reinstated on [September 1, 2014](#))

Bishop Mark Davies (said on [February 2, 2015](#) "We should remember [the BBC televised drama] *Wolf Hall* is a work of fiction. It is an extraordinary and perverse achievement...to make of Thomas Cromwell a flawed hero and of St Thomas More, one of the greatest Englishmen, a scheming villain. It is not necessary to share Thomas More's faith to recognize his heroism – a man of his own time who remains an example of integrity for all times. It would be sad if Thomas Cromwell, who is surely one of the most unscrupulous figures in England's history, was to be held-up as a role model for future generations");

responded to a government official who told a parliamentary committee on [January 12, 2017](#) "It is not OK for Catholic schools to be homophobic and anti-gay marriage...I have a problem with the expression of religious conservatism because I think often it can be anti-equalities", said that 'British values' were shaped by Christianity and "These values would be undermined if an 'equalities agenda' in schools became the vehicle for an increasing intolerance of Christian teaching...Strangely, it is the historic teachings of Christianity and the Christian vision of marriage which might be in need of toleration";

reported on [August 1, 2017](#) to have commented from [Lourdes, France](#) on the government's new anti-extremism policies and public polling that showed one out of three Britons thought Christianity was extremist: "There is a destructive extremism we ought to fear, one which seeks not only to deconstruct marriage and the family, but the very identity of the human person, which calls for medical experimentation with no reference to ethical boundaries, that decrees the unborn may live only to terms fixed by man, and demands legal protections be removed from the sick and the aged. It is such extremism which surely threatens the foundations of society...It is even possible that the very faith in Christ on which our nation was built might become a focus of the Government's counter-extremism agenda")

Mark Jones (wrote on [April 18, 2016](#) concerning proposed state oversight of Sunday Schools "The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship condemns violence and terrorism. We have grave concerns about the proposals, which could be counter-productive to the stated aims and may arguably place the UK in breach of its international human rights obligations")

Bishop Mark O'Toole (said on [February 2, 2015](#) there was a "strong anti-Catholic thread" in the BBC televised drama *Wolf Hall*, and that it appeared to connect St Thomas More and his Catholic faith to 21st century religious fundamentalism)

Mark Vening (missionary at Youth With A Mission in [Wrexham](#), called on its supporters to write Members of Parliament concerning the Visa & Immigration offices suspension of its sponsored visas on [December 23, 2014](#), 350 missionaries and their families may be deported by April, said that his organization is the third Christian missionary group to be targeted in the last year as apparent "soft targets" in an effort to reduce immigrant visas)

Dr Martin Parsons (Barnabas Aid researcher, on [October 31, 2017](#) accused the government of "shocking behavior" in allowing only 70 Christian and 22 Yazadi refugees into the country in 2015-2016 from Syria out of a total of 10,801)

Mary Doogan (aged 58, won an appeal on [April 24, 2013](#) in [Edinburgh](#) that overturned a court ruling that she had to "watch over and sometimes assist with abortion procedures" because

this was not "direct involvement in pregnancy terminations";

appeal overturned on [December 17, 2014](#) by the Supreme Court in [London](#) which ruled that the conscience exemption for medical professionals only applies to the actual abortion, all other acts such as referrals are not covered)

Melissa Payne Cochran (U.S. citizen, wife of Kurt Cochran, mother of Melissa, recording studio owner, injured in the [March 22, 2017](#) terror attack on Westminster Bridge and Parliament in [London](#))

Dr Michael Davidson (former homosexual, under professional investigation and suspension as of [January 22, 2013](#) for his views on homosexuality;

professional membership has been revoked as of [October 17, 2013](#), can no longer practice psychotherapy)

Michael Jones (aged 66, street preacher, arrested in his home in [Hornsea](#) on [December 2, 2015](#) by police who refused to show identification, held and interrogated for eight hours, charged with religious harassment for anti-Islamic statements;

charges dropped by a court in [Beverley](#) on [February 12, 2016](#) after a recording of his street preaching demonstrated that the allegations were fabricated)

Bishop Emeritus Michael Nazir Ali (filed a brief on [May 3, 2012](#) from [London](#) with the European Court of Civil Rights in defense of Christians who have lost their jobs in the UK for wearing crosses;

said in [October 2013](#) in [London](#) that Britain is in danger of becoming not just 'unchristian' but actively 'anti-Christian', said that persecution "always begins with marginalisation and discrimination in the workplace and in public life";

on [November 8, 2013](#) called for greater public discussion on the government's plan to issue Sharia [Islamic law] compliant bonds, said that such a move will make the government itself subject to Sharia and so will have "unforeseen consequences";

said on [January 16, 2015](#) that Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice "have declared war on even residual notions of the faith having any place in our legal process. The Government, and law officers, it seems are intent on preventing Christians from manifesting their belief in the public square. The implications are wider than that, for what is said about Mr Page could apply equally to Jews, Muslims and others")

Michael Stockwell (street preacher, arrested in [Bristol](#) on [July 6, 2016](#) on of public order offences;

convicted and fined £2,016 - US\$2,495 on [February 28, 2017](#), the prosecutor stated "To say to someone that Jesus is the only God is not a matter of truth. To the extent that they are saying that the only way to God is through Jesus, that cannot be a truth", the judge stated that quoting parts of the King James Bible in the context of modern British society "must be considered to be abusive and is a criminal matter";

acquitted on appeal on [June 29, 2017](#))

Mike Overd (street preacher, reported on [September 5, 2014](#) to have been questioned by [Taunton](#) police concerning complaints over his preaching;

charged in [Taunton](#) on [October 3, 2014](#) with a religious aggravation public order offense for drawing comparisons between the lives of Jesus and Muhammad;

fined £200 [US\$300] and ordered to pay £1,200 [US\$1,800] in court costs in [Taunton](#) on [March 24, 2015](#) for preaching in favor of traditional morality, the judge told him that he should have referred to Leviticus 18:22 and not 20:13, since he did not fully quote that verse he said "I am being punished for words that never passed my lips...I am amazed that the Judge sees it as his role to dictate which parts of the Bible can and can't be preached. I did not quote the full text of Leviticus 20 or make reference to the death penalty but the Judge is telling me that I should use other parts of the Bible. This is not free speech but censorship. The Judge is redacting the Bible...I have been ordered to pay compensation for causing 'emotional pain' to someone who approached me aggressively demanding to debate the issue. There was no harm, injury or theft, just a simple disagreement over theology which I have now been fined for...";

arrested in [Bristol](#) on [July 6, 2016](#) on of public order offences;

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acquitted on appeal on [June 29, 2017](#))

Rev Dr Mike Ovey (principal of Oak Hill Theological College, reported on [June 15, 2015](#) to have criticized the government's proposed 'Extremism Disruption Orders' because they could be used to ban any 'offensive' speech, including basic Christian tenets such as 'Jesus is the Son of God', said "That is essentially a government saying trust us with your civil liberties. I would say frankly human experience tells us the last thing you ever want to do is trust a government with your civil liberties...Is a police officer going to listen to me saying that Jesus is the only way in a Muslim part of the East End?")

Rev Mike Smith (objected on [November 6, 2013](#) to the banning of Gideon Bibles from Huddersfield University's dormitories)

Miriam Hussain (aged 17, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain, as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled her home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction)

Nadia Eweida (as of [September 4, 2012](#) is appealing her suspension and loss of pay from British Airways for wearing a cross to the European Court of Human Rights;

the European Court in [Strasbourg](#) upheld her appeal on [January 15, 2013](#))

Deacon Nicholas Williams (seminarian, denied entry to a [Cardiff, Wales](#) pub on [July 29, 2017](#) because he was wearing clerical garb, a manager reversed the denial and paid for a round of drinks)

Nigel Rowe (husband of Sally Rowe, reported on [September 12, 2017](#) to have said "I cannot contemplate my six-year-old son being disciplined and stigmatized as a bully simply because he believes that another six-year old born as a boy, is actually a boy...the school's behavior has created a direct clash between our family's beliefs, and the imposition of this new ideology. We, and our children, are being bullied into accepting a new moral framework which strongly conflicts with what we really believe")

'Nikki Hurst' (aged 32, alias, beaten by three Muslim youths in [Batley, Kirklees, West Yorkshire](#) on [October 31, 2017](#), police report contained uncorrected inaccuracies and police did not follow up investigation despite the fact that two wore uniforms which identified their



school, lost her job while recuperating)

Nissar Hussain (convert from Islam, husband of Kubra, resident of [Manningham](#), shunned by his extended family, has been labelled a "Christian Jew dog", wife has been sworn and spat at, children have been ostracized at school, automobile firebombed in [Bradford](#), as of [May 27, 2014](#) will chair a new organization - tentatively named 'Converts to Jesus' - that will offer protection to converts to Christianity, said "it tells us in the New Testament that trials and tribulations are part of the Christian world";

sent a letter with his wife on [May 15, 2015](#) to their Member of Parliament listing the acts of terrorism against them by their Muslim neighbors and police since their 1996 conversion from Islam, these acts included being forced to move in [June 2006](#) after three automobiles were destroyed and a police sergeant said in response to an attempted arson attack on their home "Stop trying to be a crusader and move out!", persecution began again after they appeared in a [September 2008](#) documentary on persecution, car damaged again on [April 24, 2015](#) and again on [May 15, 2015](#), the MP has yet to reply as of [June 10, 2015](#);

automobile pelted with eggs on [August 18, 2015](#), 40 young Muslim men gathered outside his home in an act of intimidation on [August 20, 2015](#), son's automobile windows broken; as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled his home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction, has given up his career as a nurse due to depression and stress;

attacked by two masked men when he left his home in [Bradford](#) on [November 17, 2015](#), beaten with the shaft of a pickaxe, suffered fractures in his left kneecap and left hand, underwent surgery to insert pins in the fractured bones;

shared the story of his persecution at the hands of British Muslims with The Branch Christian Fellowship in [Kings Lynn](#) on [March 13, 2016](#);

commented on [May 3, 2016](#) on his interactions with Member of Parliament Naz Shah and her aide Mohammed Shabbir following their suspension from the Labour Party for online anti-Semitic posts, including their attempts to hide the religious motives of his attackers and Shabbir's emailed defense of his attackers;

warned by police of an imminent threat to his life, moved to a safe house, allowed to return to his home on [November 4, 2016](#) with a large police escort to remove personal items, said "My family and I have suffered greatly we have been under the cosh for so many years and the persecution has now reached epic levels. We simply have found the threat to our lives an untenable situation and in recent months in discussion with the British Pakistani Christian Association we have decided to move to a place of safety. Despite the hatred we have received we hold no animosity towards Muslims quite conversely we continue to have Muslim friends and pray for those who persecute us hoping one day they will recognize the commonality we share through our humanity")

Nohad Halawi (dismissed from her position in a duty free shop at Heathrow Airport due to unfounded allegations brought by Islamist staff in retaliation for her defense of a Christian colleague from their harassment, 22 colleagues [including Muslims] signed a petition in her defense, as of [April 11, 2013](#) is now appealing her dismissal to the [London Employment Appeals Tribunal](#);

the Court of Appeals in [London](#) ruled on [October 28, 2014](#) that she had no discrimination protection under the law because she was a contract employee, said that she will appeal on the basis that EU law differs in this matter)

Nola Leach (CARE Chief Executive, wrote on [April 18, 2016](#) concerning proposed state oversight of Sunday Schools "The Government's plans to empower OFSTED to inspect Sunday Schools and other church activities is simply not the best way to tackle the radicalization of young people. It is a wholly unwarranted undermining of religious freedom. We support tackling extremism, but not in this sweeping, overly broad manner")

Noushin (convert from Islam, Iranian citizen, granted asylum in [February 2017](#))

Pastor Oluwole Ilesanmi (aged 62, arrested in [Wood Green, London](#) on [June 24, 2017](#) for saying there were connections between terrorism and the Quran while street preaching; charges were reported on [December 20, 2017](#) to have been dropped)

Canon Pat Browne (chaplain to Parliament, said he was "very saddened by the [[June 14, 2017](#)] resignation of Mr Farron [as Liberal Democratic party leader] and alarmed if it is true that there is no place in Parliament for a committed Christian. It's a judgement on the way we do politics in this country")

Rev Patrick Mahoney (U.S. citizen, denied access to pray over Charlie Gard by the hospital in [London](#) on [July 8, 2017](#), said "First they said they would have to check. Then they said we couldn't go. Then they gave permission and then when we were going with his mother into the room, they denied us. And then we sent the news release out [regarding the hospital's actions]" after which the hospital finally granted permission)

Pastor Paul Song (South Korean national, prison chaplain at [HMP Brixton](#), told by the senior Muslim chaplain that he could no longer use the Alpha course materials due to its "extremist" nature, banned from the prison without explanation in [August 2017](#), appealed the ban;

falsely accused on [September 4, 2017](#) of having called an undisclosed prisoner a 'terrorist', told that his testimony would not be allowed in his appeal;

informed on [January 11, 2018](#) that his ban has been made permanent, said "I worked alongside the prisoners in harmony. When speaking with prisoners, staff members or anyone else, I would never make offensive comments. The Bible exhorts believers to 'love thy neighbor as thyself', and to 'let thy light shine before men', and so being intentionally offensive would violate these commandments...The whole reason I served at the prison was because of my desire to bring the good news of the gospel to people, regardless of their religion or background. I believe that it has the power to transform the lives of all who believe, and so I would never do anything which may cause an individual to not want to hear the Christian message...The prisoners who attended the Christian courses were of different religions, sexual orientations and ethnic backgrounds. Some of them were violent and held views which strongly opposed mine, yet I never made any judgmental or stereotypical comments to any of them. For 19 years, I served with an exemplary record. I worked alongside the prisoners and other staff members in harmony, recognizing our differences and praying that they would come to faith, but equally respecting their decisions and background. I would have had plenty of opportunities to make offensive comments should I have wanted to, and yet during this time, no complaints were ever made about me")

Peter Bull (bed and breakfast owner in [Cornwall](#), husband of Hazelmary Bull, ordered to pay £3,500 to a same sex couple despite their policy of accepting only married couples, as of [October 10, 2013](#) is appealing to the Supreme Court, said they will shut down their

business rather than violate their religious beliefs;

appeal dismissed by the Supreme Court on [November 27, 2013](#))

Peter Kerridge (chief executive of London Christian Radio, will be appealing a decision of the High Court that the government's Radio Advertising Clearance Centre's banning of a radio ad was "rational and lawful" - the ad was to ask Christians to report discrimination against them to magazine publisher Christian Communications)

Fr Peter McClaren (widower of Marie, newly ordained, denied entry to a [Cardiff, Wales](#) pub on [July 29, 2017](#) because he was wearing clerical garb, a manager reversed the denial and paid for a round of drinks)

Rev Peter Ould (statistician, on [February 4, 2016](#) criticized as deceptive a poll that purported a majority of Church of England members supported same sex marriage)

Archbishop Peter Smith (signed a letter on [May 22, 2013](#) stating that the proposed same-sex marriage bill will “isolate hundreds of thousands of young students and workers across the country who hold a fuller view of marriage based on religion or a traditional view. these young people, from teenagers to 30-year-olds, will suffer discrimination and face new risks to their careers, and futures”;

criticized Crown Prosecutors on [September 11, 2013](#) for refusing to prosecute two doctors who agreed to abort babies based on their gender, said "The existing law should be enforced, but what is needed above all is a soul searching and honest debate about how our culture and society needs to change...")

Peter D Williams (presentation at University College London cancelled in late October 2013 when the Student Union claimed that the Catholic Society had not submitted the proper form, an officer of the Student Union had previously called on students to disrupt the presentation)

Dr Peter Saunders (chief executive of the Christian Medical Fellowship, said in [London](#) on [May 1, 2014](#) that the new rule that prevents the issuance of a specialist diploma to anyone who refuses to dispense abortion inducing drugs constitutes illegal religious discrimination and will likely bring about a legal challenge and a parliamentary inquiry)

Bishop Philip Egan (sent a letter on [December 9, 2012](#) to all parishes around [Portsmouth, England](#) in which he asked if the government will require the church to support its ideology regarding gay marriage;

stated following the [February 5, 2013](#) passage of the Government’s Marriage [Same Sex Couples] Bill “Just as the Church has been forced to abandon its adoption services, so too Catholics who work in the medical profession and in social services are going to find themselves under intolerable moral pressures. These pressures will also arguably be felt throughout our Catholic schools, by teachers, staff and parents...It is now clear that the Catholic view of Matrimony will in future differ markedly from what society will call marriage. One possible consequence of this is that the Church will be forced to withdraw from the civil registration of marriages”;

responded to a government official who told a parliamentary committee on [January 12, 2017](#) “It is not OK for Catholic schools to be homophobic and anti-gay marriage...I have a problem with the expression of religious conservatism because I think often it can be anti-equalities”, said that restrictions on Catholic schools following church teaching would be Orwellian, added that teaching sexual morality has become “like arguing with an alcoholic. After a while, they won’t argue with you on grounds of reason, they just become furious

and respond that way. There is something in our culture increasingly like that”;

said in an [April 15, 2017](#) homily in [Portsmouth](#) "In our world, two dangerous ideologies are mounting. Just as in the 20th century it was Communism versus Fascism, so in the 21st a new battle is brewing. On the one side is fundamentalism, religion without reason. It breeds fanaticism, violence, terrorism, to cause disruption and to force upon others its extremist views. This is a tragic reality in the volatile nations of the Middle East. It now threatens the West also. On the other side is secularism, reason without religion. Its champions seek to privatize religion, driving it out of the public domain. Egged on by Stonewall [a homosexual activist group] and by others, secularists are on the rise in local government, in education, in the media, in the social services, in the BMA, in the Equalities and Human Rights Commission, in the European Court of Justice, and in many other institutions too. Hell-bent on burying the Christian patrimony of this land, they propose Orwellian changes to our language and place ever more draconian restrictions on religious expression, even on what we wear. Both fundamentalism and secularism are extremes. They are totalitarian. They are destructive of the human person. They pose a grave threat to human happiness and to a healthy society...this is now having lethal consequences for the weakest, for the unborn child, for the handicapped, the elderly, the dying. This is why this Easter, as Christians, it's time we said, 'enough is enough!'. We need to rise up to the challenge. We need to roll back the agenda. We need to revive and celebrate our Christian history, art and architecture, music and literature, liturgy and ethics")

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia (said on [June 12, 2013](#) that St Margaret's Children and Family Care Society in [Glasgow](#) [which is under threat of closure for refusing homosexual adoption] is "a treasure of the Church in Scotland")

Rev Richard Cunningham (director of the Christian Union college fellowship, which was reported on [October 10, 2017](#) to have been banned from an event by [Balliol College, University of Oxford](#) because its presence might alienate some students, said "We are however concerned that the current desire to provide safe spaces on campus does not infringe on the core liberties of freedom of speech and freedom of association which are surely foundational to the university experience and indeed to basic human flourishing")

Richard Page (aged 68, Justice of the Peace in [Kent](#), disciplined on [January 16, 2015](#) after he admitted that his Christian faith influenced his adoption rulings;

reported on [March 10, 2016](#) to have been removed from his position as a National Health Service financial director one month before retirement after giving a January 2015 interview in which he said that there was not enough evidence to show that adoption by same sex couples was in a child's interest, the interview was for a documentary on Christians being forced out of public life;

case against his former employer dismissed by the Employment Tribunal on or before [October 24, 2017](#), said "I am very disappointed by this outcome but I am determined to appeal. This case is much bigger than me now. It is about how ordinary folk, just like me, are becoming increasingly fearful to speak out against the homosexual agenda. They bully, intimidate and force you out of your job. It is time for this to stop")

Dr. Richard Scott (disciplined by the General Medical Council on [June 15, 2012](#) after he suggested Christian spirituality to a depressed patient in [Margate, Kent](#) despite given no chance to rebut the charge)

Rob Hughes (street preacher, arrested in [Basildon](#) on [September 4, 2014](#), released after 11 hours due to insufficient evidence, filed a wrongful arrest lawsuit, awarded US\$3,836 plus legal fees on [May 27, 2015](#))

Deacon Robert James (seminarian, denied entry to a [Cardiff, Wales](#) pub on [July 29, 2017](#) because he was wearing clerical garb, a manager reversed the denial and paid for a round of drinks)

Rory Green (reported on [July 13, 2017](#) to have testified in [Nottingham](#) at the trial of Andrew Frost that the homosexual couple who had accused him of harassment were in fact the ones who had harassed Frost)

Sabatina James (fled her parents' home and changed her name after they threatened to kill her for converting to Christianity)

Said Shehata (aged 43, Coptic Christian, as of [January 9, 2014](#) has filed a discrimination claim against the BBC in [London](#) after nine Muslim employees were hired ahead of him, including one who had announced the death of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez two months before he actually died)

Sally Rowe (wife of Nigel Rowe, reported on [September 12, 2017](#) to have been told that her six year old son could be disciplined if he could not accept the transgender change of a classmate, in reply said that the [Isle of Wight](#) school's promotion of gender theory was psychologically damaging of the other students and therefore constituted abuse under the law)

Sarah Hussain (aged 19, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain, as of [October 2, 2015](#) has fled her home in [Bradford](#) after more attacks and police inaction)

Sarah Kuteh (nurse in [Dartford](#), fired in [August 2016](#) after sharing her faith with patients)

Sarah Mbuyi (aged 30, nursery nurse in [Highbury, London](#), dismissed from her position in [January 2014](#) for defending traditional Christian marriage;

her former employer's attorney stated to the Employment Tribunal in [London](#) on [March 5, 2015](#) that Christian views are unacceptable in the workplace and equated Christianity with racism, said after her hearing "You know persecution is coming, but it feels really surreal when you realize it's happening to you";

reported on [June 7, 2015](#) to have won her discrimination case with the Employment Tribunal)

Deacon Sarmad Ozan (aged 20, Iraqi refugee, spoke to 1,100 young people at [Carfin Lourdes Grotto, Motherswell, Scotland](#) on or before [June 19, 2016](#) concerning his family's flight from their Mosul home after the ISIL takeover, and the revocation of his refugee status by the British government)

Shahriar Ashrafkhorasani (aged 33, convert from Islam, graduate student in theology, Church of England ordinand, reported on [February 26, 2017](#) to have been prohibited from asking questions during an [Oxford](#) university lecture on Islam, said "The lecture was at best a very poor Islamic apologetic, and at worst academically dishonest and misleading. While the government is rightly concerned about Islamophobia, there is no concern whatsoever for Christianophobia", has filed a complaint with the university)

Shirley Chaplin (as of [September 4, 2012](#) is appealing her forced transfer from a ward nurse to a desk position for wearing a cross to the European Court of Human Rights;

the European Court in [Strasbourg](#) denied her appeal on [January 15, 2013](#);

the Grand Chamber of the Council of Europe has on [May 28, 2013](#) rejected her appeal, no further appeal is possible)

Simon Calvert (Christian Institute, commented on [January 26, 2015](#) on the government agency OFSTED's hostility to Durham Free School and Grindon Hall Christian School: "The government's 'British values regime' is twisting OFSTED's priorities out of all proportion. Inspectors are asking all kinds of invasive questions and then issuing reports that the parents whose children attend the school don't recognize";

on [August 3, 2015](#) commented on a letter from a Member of Parliament which stated that the new antiterrorism law would be employed against Christians who opposed same sex marriage "I am genuinely shocked that we have an MP supporting the idea of teachers being branded extremists for teaching that marriage is between a man and a woman. This is exactly the kind of thing we've been warning about...The Government says we've got nothing to worry about from their new extremism laws, but here is one of its own MPs writing to a constituent saying EDOs [Extremism Disruption Orders] would stop teachers teaching mainstream Christian beliefs...EDO's will be a gross infringement of free speech and undermine the very British values they claim to protect")

Simon McCrossan (Evangelical Alliance Head of Public Policy, wrote on [April 18, 2016](#) concerning proposed state oversight of Sunday Schools "These proposals amount to the wholesale nationalization of youth work and the state regulation of private religious practice, more akin to 'Big Brother' than 'Big Society'. If implemented, there is a real risk churches will feel forced to step back from the valuable services they currently provide to young people across society")

Stephen Wan (street preacher, questioned by police in [Camberley, Surrey](#) on [December 9, 2017](#); questioned by the police again on [December 30, 2017](#) with legal counsel present; case closed on or before [January 16, 2018](#))

Susan Preston (magistrate, reported on [February 3, 2017](#) to have been removed from hearing family cases in [Derbyshire](#) after declining to hear a case involving same sex parenting)

Susanne Wilkinson (bed and breakfast owner in [Berkshire](#), sued by a same sex couple after refusing them a single room, as of [October 10, 2013](#) is appealing to the Supreme Court)

Susie Leafé (director of Reform, responded on [December 1, 2017](#) to year-old retweeted comments by a Scottish clergyman that called on people to pray that 4 year old Prince George would grow up to be homosexual and become King while in a same sex marriage: "I was very disappointed that he [the Scottish clergyman] was prepared to bring a child in to this same-sex marriage debate. As a Christian minister he should pray for all people to come to know the love of Christ, rather than a fine young gentleman")

Svetlana Powell (teacher, dismissed from her position in [Bristol](#) on [July 27, 2016](#) after being questioned on her views on homosexuality, reported as a 'radicalization threat' to a government anti-terrorism agency;

case dismissed on [February 2, 2018](#) by the Employment Tribunal on the grounds that she had interjected her personal religious views into the classroom, stated that the school's retention of a militant atheist teacher who interjected his views into the classroom had no bearing on her case)

Tajamal Amar (aged 45, food delivery driver, immigrant from Pakistan after being shot there, beaten into unconsciousness outside a restaurant in [Littleover, Derbyshire](#) by a Muslim gang on [October 20, 2017](#), nose broken, hospitalized, later said "Several times local Pakistani people in Derby have taken offense from the fact that I am Christian, when they first find out many stop talking to me. My wife and I have often been shunned...On the day of my attack the visible display of a cross in my car and two poppies just below the front bonnet, triggered the violence against me. I know this, because for a few days before the attack the same men, glared at me after they notice my Christian paraphernalia...I fled from Pakistan to escape violence such as this, but more and more the same violence is coming into Britain. Freedom of religion should be the right of any British citizen but today I feel unsafe, even then nothing will stop me going to church. I will pray for my attackers and hope they will change their hard-line approach to faith which is very dangerous for our society";

readmitted to [Nottingham](#) hospital on [November 1, 2017](#) with bleeding in the brain, discharged 3 days later)

Prime Minister Theresa May (attacked in print by a major newspaper on [May 30, 2017](#) for visiting a church in [London](#) which has held traditional Christian beliefs)

Tim Dieppe (wrote on [July 21, 2017](#) that a Foreign Office report "urges reinterpretation of scripture and the imposition of LGBTI ideology on evangelical Christians in the Global South ... What this report advocates is a kind of neo-colonialism which imposes an ideology on other countries, regarding their existing morality as backwards. Whilst blaming colonialism for the legacy of Biblical morality, the report sees no irony in seeking to impose an LGBT agenda on Global South nations in a patronizing manner. This is also done by British embassies which are being used to 'marry' same sex couples in countries where same sex marriage is illegal. Over the last year, more than 200 same sex 'weddings' took place in British embassies and consulates in countries where same sex 'marriage' is illegal. Imposing an ideology on evangelical Christians in the Global South appears to be the stated aim of the Foreign Office according to this report. This works against freedom of religion and human rights more generally. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office should immediately disassociate itself from this report and make clear that it does not represent UK government policy. The government should be working to promote freedom of religion around the world, not undermining it")

Tim Farron (Member of Parliament, under attack for refusing on [April 19, 2017](#) to agree that homosexual behavior was not a sin and for saying "We are all sinners";

resigned as leader of the Liberal Democrats on [June 14, 2017](#), wrote: "...From the very first day of my leadership, I have faced questions about my Christian faith. I've tried to answer with grace and patience. Sometimes my answers could have been wiser. At the start of this election, I found myself under scrutiny again - asked about matters to do with my faith. I felt guilty that this focus was distracting attention from our campaign, obscuring our message. Journalists have every right to ask what they see fit. The consequences of the focus on my faith is that I have found myself torn between living as a faithful Christian and serving as a political leader. A better, wiser person than me may have been able to deal with this more successfully, to have remained faithful to Christ while leading a political party in the current environment. To be a political leader - especially of a progressive, liberal party in 2017 - and to live as a committed Christian, to hold faithfully to the Bible's teaching, has felt impossible for me. I'm a liberal to my finger tips, and that liberalism

means that I am passionate about defending the rights and liberties of people who believe different things to me. There are Christians in politics who take the view that they should impose the tenets of faith on society, but I have not taken that approach because I disagree with it - it's not liberal and it is counterproductive when it comes to advancing the gospel. Even so, I seem to be the subject of suspicion because of what I believe and who my faith is in. In which case we are kidding ourselves if we think we yet live in a tolerant, liberal society...";

said in [London](#) on [November 28, 2017](#) "...What appears now to be happening is that while the absence of faith is still thought to be the neutral position, holding a faith is only considered to be tolerably eccentric if it is merely cultural. But if your faith actually affects your world view in any way that puts it at odds with the mainstream, then your faith is considered to be malign and intolerable...If you actively hold a faith that is more than an expression of cultural identity, a faith that forms the center of your world view, you are deemed to be far worse than eccentric. You are dangerous. You are offensive...So, if we relegate Christianity then we hollow out liberalism. Liberalism has eaten itself because it has eaten the very world view [Christianity] that gave birth to it..")

Toni Coulton (director of Festive, on [June 7, 2016](#) described how a college has banned a Christian student fellowship on the grounds that it violated the government's counter-terrorism and extremism initiatives)

Tony Miano (aged 49 in 2013, U.S. citizen, arrested in [London](#) on [July 1, 2013](#) for public preaching on traditional Christian morality;

released without charge, returned to jail on [July 6, 2013](#) to donate ten Bibles after he found there was only one in the building;

arrested on [January 8, 2014](#) in [Dundee, Scotland](#) while street preaching for mentioning "sexual sin" - charge was for breach of peace and homophobia though he never mentioned any orientation;

charges dropped on [June 13, 2013](#) after prosecutorial review of the video recording verified his account of the event)

Victoria Allen (aged 51, teacher in [St Austell, Cornwall](#), threatened with discipline after she replied to a student who asked for her personal views on same sex marriage, received an apology on [November 28, 2016](#) after she threatened legal action)

Victoria Wastenev (occupational therapist in [East London](#), disciplined on [July 1, 2014](#) for praying for the health of a Muslim co-worker despite the co-worker agreeing to her prayer and despite a witness testifying he was pressured into making a statement against her, said "I fear I may have been entrapped by a colleague who encouraged me to discuss my faith, who willingly agreed that I could pray for her and who even accepted an invitation to a church charity event...There is undoubtedly a pattern of inequality of treatment of Christians and Muslims in the NHS. Regardless of allocated break times, Muslim staff can pray five times a day, which I am not objecting to, but Christians are often denied time off on Sundays or permission to take breaks during their lunchtime for prayer or religious worship";

the Employment Tribunal in [London](#) ruled on [April 8, 2015](#) in her employer's favor, said that giving a Christian book to her co-worker constituted "harassing and bullying";

appeal against the Employment Tribunal denied on [April 7, 2016](#), the judge ruled that the



Tribunal had acted reasonably, said "What the Court clearly failed to do was to say how, in today's politically correct world, any Christian can even enter into a conversation with a fellow employee on the subject of religion and not, potentially, later end up in an Employment Tribunal. If someone sends you friendly text messages, how is one to know that they are offended? I had no idea that I was upsetting her. For example, I was sent the following text message by the Muslim complainant: - 'Hope your okay Victoria, your am amazing manager and a wonderful person, I hope you never feel otherwise!! Anyone that can't see that is an idiot, see you tomorrow xx' - I believe the NHS singled me out for discipline because Christianity is so disrespected. Previously a Christian worship service that I set up for patients was closed down, but accommodation for Muslims to practice their faith wholly facilitated and encouraged")

Victoria Weissman (final year medical student, on [May 1, 2014](#) in [London](#) condemned a new government rule that would prevent the issuance of a specialist diploma to anyone who refuses to dispense abortion inducing drugs)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols (will greet bishops from Egypt and Pakistan to the upcoming Night of Witness on [May 17, 2012](#) in [Westminster](#) to remember persecuted Christians worldwide; spoke on [April 18, 2015](#) in [Westminster](#) on his observations on a recent trip to Iraq; said he was "sorry to read Mr Farron's statement [of resignation as Liberal Democratic party leader on [June 14, 2017](#)] and I recognize the hurt it expresses. Undoubtedly he has been given a hard time"))

Wayne Harris (national director of CrossTeach, which as of [October 17, 2017](#) has been banned from a Church of England primary school in [Tunbridge Wells, England](#) after non-Christian parents discovered materials that mentioned sin and social media comments by Crossteach volunteers which mentioned "Christ's saving blood", the parents called these views "extremists")

Wesley Richards (chairman of the management board at The King's House School in [Windsor](#), said after a [December 16-18, 2016](#) Ofsted school inspection "We were criticized for our safeguarding, whilst [Ofsted] inspectors are allowed to interview our children behind closed doors, without a teacher present and without parental consent. We were unable to verify what questions were asked or the manner in which they were put to the children. Our teachers are required to leave doors ajar or blinds up if they happen to be the only adult present - something Ofsted does not practice...Ofsted is operating without accountability and undermines the 'British values' it promotes, by failing to show respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, in this case, Christian", added that the inspector said to teachers "Do you teach about other religions or do you pretend they don't exist?" and was overheard on the phone to say "I think I can nail this one on progress in reading and writing alone")

Wilson Chowdhry (on [November 26, 2013](#) said of the British government's response to persecuted Pakistani Christian asylum seekers "We find they [the UK government] significantly underestimate the amount of persecution Christians suffer and claim that 'ordinary Christians' are free to live and practice their faith if they 'keep their heads down'"; criticized the British government on [June 5, 2016](#) for denying asylum to Christian converts from Muslim countries because they fail "Bible trivia" questioning, their failures happen due to a lack of Bibles in their countries of origin, lack of religious training, or translation errors;

called police after a [December 16, 2017](#) Christmas display hosted by nine local churches in an [Ilford](#) shopping district was interrupted by an unauthorized Islamic display that used loudspeakers with Islamic chants to drown out the Christmas music, the chants caused panic among some shoppers, police ordered the chanting to cease, the Muslims were from a mosque with known extremist ties)