

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – June 1934

Friday June 1, 1934



Great Britain: Chichester

Bishop George Bell (aged 52, friend of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German Confessing Church supporter, signed the Barmen Declaration which attacked the 'German Christian' movement that had been working to legitimize Nazism within Protestantism)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Bell_\(bishop\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Bell_(bishop))

Sunday June 17, 1934



Germany

Edgar Julius Jung (attorney and writer, wrote the Marburg speech for Vice-Chancellor Friz von Papen, arrested under Hitler's orders after the speech was read)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgar_Julius_Jung

Monday June 18, 1934



Ukraine: Kiev

Fr Boleslaw Blechman (aged 60, arrested in [Krymok](#) on [August 29, 1933](#) for counter-revolutionary activities; sentenced on [February 24, 1934](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE**: sent to Karlag labor camp in Kazakhstan)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0130>

Sunday June 24, 1934



Austria: Kapfenberg, Bruck an der Mur

Fr Franz Eibel (aged 30, opposed the activities of the Hitler Youth in his parish, severely injured from a bomb planted in his rectory, **died** in the hospital)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fFranz_Eibel

Saturday June 30, 1934



Germany

Christians killed during the Night of the Long Knives Nazi purge

Adalbert Probst (Catholic Youth Sports Association national director, abducted and **shot dead** "while escaping")

Erich Klausener (politician and Catholic Action leader, **shot dead** in his office by SS assassins)

Carl Albert Fritz "Michael" Gerlich (newspaper publisher, arrested by the Nazis on [March 9, 1933](#); **UPDATE**: **beaten to death** in [Dachau concentration camp](#))

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adalbert_Probst

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erich_Klausener

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fritz_Gerlich

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies

June 1934, date unknown



Germany: Dickenschied

Pastor Paul Schneider (aged 36, husband of Margarete Dieterich, father of six, arrested after telling a Hitler Youth leader that he would not allow the leader to adulterate God's Word during a church funeral service for a Hitler Youth boy with a neo-pagan eulogy, released after a week)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Schneider_\(pastor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Schneider_(pastor))