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# Study concludes Salah reduces Islamophobia

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Last week, Mohamed Salah scored the first goal in Liverpool FC's final match against Tottenham FC, helping his side win their sixth Champions League Trophy and become the best football club in Europe. Little did he realise, however, his impact off the pitch was leaving a bigger impression for Muslims in his team's city.

# MPs vote to legalise same-sex marriage and decriminalise abortion in Northern Ireland

The House of Commons action will put the pressure on Northern Ireland parties to agree a new power-sharing deal by the autumn.

By Greg Heffer, political reporter

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# Christianity at risk: ‘Dramatic decline’ in Britain’s Christian identity - shock report

THE number of Christians in Britain has dramatically dropped over the past 36 years, while Atheists are steadily on the rise, a state-of-the-nation poll revealed.

By **ALICE SCARSI**

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# UK's interfaith food banks are filling welfare gaps

As poverty levels in the UK increase many of those affected are turning to food banks run by churches and mosques to get by. Damaging welfare cuts by the government are exacerbating an already dire situation.



# Led not into temptation: pope approves change to Lord's Prayer

**New wording for Catholics asks God not to 'let us fall into temptation'**



▲ Pope Francis said in 2017 that the prayer should be altered. Photograph: Ettore Ferrari/EPA

Its words are memorised by Christian children all over the world and repeated at almost every act of Christian worship: “Our Father, who art in heaven ...”

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# Church of England appoints its first black female bishop

**Rose Hudson-Wilkin, born in Jamaica, will be consecrated in November as bishop of Dover**



# Turban-tying services boom as young Sikhs embrace heritage

Professionals say it is now rare for family members to be able to tie groom's turban before wedding



▲ Jagdeep Singh Grewal, right, owns a turban-tying company. Photograph: Alecsandra Dragoi/The Guardian



# Roman Catholic church could allow married men to become priests

**Vatican summit to discuss plan to address clergy shortage in remote Amazon areas**



# Alice Roberts: government should step up humanist wedding recognition

**TV scientist wants government to speed up process of changing the law in England and Wales**





## **'It's latent misogyny': Hare Krishnas divided over whether to allow female gurus**





# All Germans urged to wear kippah in protest against antisemitism

**Call for solidarity follows warning that Jews wearing cap face abuse and attacks**



▲ Men wear kippahs outside a Jewish community centre in Berlin last year. Photograph: Carsten Koall/Getty Image

Germans of all faiths and none are being urged to wear kippah skullcaps on Saturday as a symbol of solidarity with the Jewish community, after a steep rise in antisemitic attacks.

# Fasts and late-night protein shakes: how Muslim athletes compete during Ramadan

The holy month began at the start of May this year. While some athletes find blending exercise and fasting tough, others say it helps them focus



▲ Khadijah Diggs: 'Ramadan inspires me. It helps me to focus on being grateful.' Photograph: Courtesy of Khadijah Diggs



# Sikhs aim to plant million trees as 'gift to the planet'

**Global project will mark 550 years since birth of religion's founder, Guru Nanak**



▲ Bali Singh Panesar, of Sikh Union Coventry, and Nav Mann, a Coventry 2021 UK city of culture official, plant trees in the city. Photograph: Sikh Union Coventry

Sikhs around the world are taking part in a scheme to plant a million new trees as a “gift to the entire planet”.

# Quebec to ban public employees from wearing religious symbols

- Critics say move targets Muslim women wearing hijabs
- Justin Trudeau says legitimising discrimination is 'unthinkable'



▲ A sign opposing religious attire is displayed during protests by groups La Meute and Storm Alliance in Quebec City, Canada, in 2017. Photograph: Mathieu Belanger/Reuters

The Canadian province of Quebec will ban public sector employees from wearing religious symbols during work hours, in legislation introduced on Thursday, a controversial move that critics say targets Muslim women who wear hijabs or other head coverings.



# All pupils have a right to LGBT education

Faith schools cannot demand exemptions from democratically agreed school standards whenever they have a religious objection, says **Stephen Evans**



▲ 'All pupils should have the right to access education that will give them clear and accurate information on topics that are so important to their wellbeing,' says Stephen Evans. Photograph: Dave Thompson/PA



# NHS introduces faith declaration to reassure potential organ donors

**Move is intended to encourage donation among people of faith and minorities**



▲ Approximately 66% of the UK population have agreed to organ donation, but this figure is lower among black and Asian families. Photograph: BRD Associates

Organ donors will be asked if they want their religious beliefs to be considered before any donation goes ahead after their death, as part of a process intended to reassure people of faith and improve donation rates among minority communities.

# US Muslims raise more than \$120,000 for families of Pittsburgh shooting victims

Groups say drive to raise funds sends 'united message ... that there is no place for this type of hate and violence'



# Exhibition showcasing Muslim fashion to open in San Francisco

**From Nike hijabs to couture gowns, the show explores the diversity of Islamic style**



▲ Model Halima Aden wears a Melinda Looi gown featured in the exhibition at San Francisco's de Young museum.  
Photograph: Sebastian Kim/PR

A major exhibition exploring the diverse dress codes of Muslims, and the first of its kind dedicated to displaying Islamic culture within a fashion context, is to open in September.



# God is a Woman: Ariana Grande taps into a long herstory of a female lord

**The singer's new music video is far from the first example of the maker being imagined in non-masculine terms**



▲ A still from Ariana Grande's *God is a Woman* music video. Photograph: YouTube

On Friday, Ariana Grande released *God is a Woman*, the third track previewed from her forthcoming album *Sweetener*. The music video features a feminist reimagining of Michelangelo's *Creation of Adam*, starring Grande as God.























