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# **Researchers and the UKWA: a case study**

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# The project

- a team of scholars, assembled by the BL
- each guest-curating a special collection in the UKWA
- regular workshops
- project report



# The project collections

- Independent artist-led organisations (Karen DiFranco)
- Digital storytelling (Tom Abba)
- Gender, power and the Olympics (Kath Woodward)
- The politics of religion in the UK since *7/7*



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# **The politics of religion in the UK since 7/7**

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# Representations of the past

Interested in sites which:

- attempt to represent previous ages (whether scholarly or not)
- touch upon relationship between history and the media
- illustrate developments in scholarly publishing



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# Representing the past

The screenshot shows the homepage of the King James Bible Trust. At the top left is the logo, and to its right is a quote: "Translation it is that openeth the window, to let in the light, that breaketh the shell, that we may eat the kernel" - From the King James Bible Translators to the Reader. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, The King James Bible, Events, Community, Donate, About Us, and Contact Us. The main content area features a large video player with a portrait of Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, and a play button. To the right of the video are three smaller video thumbnails: "The Book That Changed The World", "King James Bible Composition Awards", and "King James Bible Phrases". Further right is a "theBigGive" section with YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter icons, and a "DONATE" button. Below the video player are two columns of news stories. The left column is titled "King James Bible Trust: News Stories" and features "The King James Bible Event" on 24 November 2010. The right column is titled "King James Bible Trust: Events 2010-2011" and shows a photograph of a church interior. On the far right is a newsletter sign-up box with the text "Join our newsletter database to receive information on the King James Bible Trust" and an "Enter your Email here" field, with a "Read our Privacy Policy" link below.



# Past and present

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# Anticipating future needs

Interested in sites which illustrate:

- major events
- new developments/issues in national life
- older movements that are ending



# Issues: the perennials



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## Archived Current Debates

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### 10 FEB Should there be bishops in the House of Lords?

Paul Bickley  
41 Comments | Latest by Greywizard, 28 Feb



On Wednesday Jack Straw, the Leader of the House of Commons, summarised his latest proposals for reform of the House of Lords. The Government has recommended a hybrid House (50% appointed, 50% elected) but will present the Commons with a range of options nonetheless. In passing, he said

that the Bishops of the Church of England will continue to be represented. "Why?" shouted someone. Indeed.

Since the budget crisis of 1909, reform of the House of Lords has been the great unfinished business of constitutional affairs. Presently, it is wholly unelected and includes large hereditary element. This offends democratic sensibilities. Uniquely in the western world, twenty six bishops of the state church also hold seats in the second chamber. For some, this is one of the last vestiges of retreating Christendom, soon to disappear entirely. For others, it is an unwelcome sign that the national church continues to flex moral and spiritual muscles in an otherwise neutral public square. For still another group, their presence, while not a guarantee that faith perspectives shape legislation (the Bishops' bench almost never swings a vote), is a welcome indication that moral and spiritual perspectives have not yet been ironed out of our increasingly monochrome and managerial public life.

### The Current Debate

Theos will host a current debate about every two weeks. Do login regularly to keep up to date with the discussions and be a part of the ongoing conversation.

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# Issues: the perennials

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**POWER**  
let's fix it, not fiddle it

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**Over 50,000 letters sent to the "Lords spiritual"**

14.03.2010 // by Guy Aitchison

The Bishops in the Lords will have had a bit of a shock over the last few days when they checked their inboxes.

Over fifty thousand emails have been sent asking the "Lords spiritual" to back Power2010's call for a reformed second chamber in which members are elected and accountable and not in Parliament thanks to ancient religious privilege.



# Issues: the perennials

Christian Medical Fellowship  
**CMF.ORG.UK**

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#### Abortion counselling vote: CMF response

*Published: 7 September 2011*

Following the House of Commons debate on the abortion counselling amendment to the Health and Social Care Bill, Philippa Taylor CMF's Head of Public Policy said:

'While we are disappointed at the level of opposition to the aim of the proposed amendment, the heart of this debate has always been the women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

There is little disagreement that counselling is essential, so that every woman is able to come to a genuinely informed choice based on accurate, impartial and comprehensive information on ALL the options open to her.



# New issues



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Canterbury

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> **Archbishop's Lecture - Civil and Religious Law in England: a Religious Perspective**

## Archbishop's Lecture - Civil and Religious Law in England: a Religious Perspective

Thursday 07 February 2008

*The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams gave the foundation lecture at the Royal Courts of Justice*

The title of this series of lectures signals the existence of what is very widely felt to be a growing challenge in our society – that is, the presence of communities which, while no less 'law-abiding' than the rest of the population, relate to something other than the British legal system alone. But, as I hope to suggest, the issues that arise around what level of public or legal recognition, if any, might be allowed to the legal provisions of a religious group, are not peculiar to Islam: we might recall that, while the law of the Church of England is the law of the land, its daily operation is in the hands of authorities to whom considerable independence is granted. And beyond the specific issues that arise in relation to the practicalities of recognition or delegation, there are large questions in the background about what we understand by and expect from the law, questions that are more sharply focused than ever in a largely secular social environment. I shall therefore be concentrating on certain issues around Islamic law to begin with, in order to open up some of these wider matters.

## Related Pages

08 February 2008  
['Sharia law' - What did the Archbishop actually say?](#)

07 February 2008  
[BBC Interview - Radio 4 World at One](#)



# Events: the papal visit

The screenshot shows a website interface for the papal visit. At the top left is the coat of arms of the Holy See. To its right is a yellow navigation bar with the title "POPE BENEDICT XVI IN THE UNITED KINGDOM" and a list of links: "Replay the Visit", "Pope Benedict XVI", "2010 Visit", "Cardinal Newman", "The Catholic Faith", "News and Media", "Donate", "Shop", "Register", "Login", and a search bar with a "GO" button. Below the navigation bar are social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Replay the Visit" and a television icon. Underneath the banner are two sub-sections: "The Papal Visit" and "Heart Speaks Unto Heart". At the bottom, there are three more sections: "The visit in pictures" (with a camera icon), "Visit Videos" (with a video camera icon), and "Speeches & Homilies" (with a microphone icon).

POPE BENEDICT XVI IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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## Replay the Visit

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# The papal visit: precedent

 **PopeJohnPaulII.org.uk**  
Celebrating Pope John Paul II's visit to Britain in 1982

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**28 May 1982: Pope John Paul II becomes first pontiff to visit Britain**

On the morning of 28 May 1982, his Alitalia 727 aircraft touched down at London Gatwick airport. Minutes after landing, the Holy Father knelt to kiss the tarmac.

What followed was an historic and demanding six-day tour of England, Wales and Scotland that remains the first and last time a Pope has visited the United Kingdom.

**Historic**  
 It was a trip that almost didn't take place. Political tension was rife at the time, with Britain engaged in the Falklands conflict with Argentina.  
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**Sacraments**  
 The Papal Visit of '82 was based around the Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church.  
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**Pope John Paul II's Pastoral Visit to Britain**  
28 May 1982 – 2 June 1982

**Gatwick**  
**Westminster**  
**Buckingham Palace**  
**Southwark**  
**The Apostolic Nunciature**  
**Roehampton**  
**Canterbury**  
**Wembley**  
**Crystal Palace**  
**Coventry**  
**Liverpool**  
**Manchester**  
**York**  
**Cardiff**



When in London the Pope stayed at the Apostolic Nunciature - the residence of the Pope's 'ambassador' to Britain.



# The papal visit: opposition

The screenshot shows the National Secular Society website. At the top left is the logo for the national secular society. To its right is a blue banner with the text "Join Us... IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST FAITH SCHOOLS". Further right are two buttons: an orange "Donate" button with the text "Help us to Continue our work..." and a blue "Join Us" button with the text "Join or renew your membership". Below the banner is a search bar with the text "Search For: enter keyword" and a magnifying glass icon. On the left side, there is a navigation menu with items: Home, About us, Campaigns, What we do, Get involved, E-Newsletter, Resources, and NSS Shop. The main content area features a blue header with the text "challenging religious privilege" and a sub-header "Government still refusing to address security costs of Pope's visit". Below this is a paragraph of text: "In the House of Lords last week, Lord Kilclooney asked the Government: 'What is the estimated cost to the Exchequer of the planned state visit to the United Kingdom this year by Pope Benedict XVI.'" followed by a quote from the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Lord Howell of Guildford): "Pope Benedict XVI will visit the UK at the invitation of Her Majesty the Queen. The visit will combine official events, which are the responsibility of the Government, with a number of pastoral events, for which the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and of Scotland are responsible. There are also issues, such as the security and transport of the Pope and his delegation, for which the Government will take responsibility throughout the visit." Below the quote is another paragraph: "The costs of the visit can be divided into two categories: policing costs, which will be met by the state from within existing policing budgets, and non-policing costs, which will be split between the Catholic Church and the Government. Planning and discussions on the visit are continuing but my noble friend Lord Patten, my right honourable friend the Prime Minister's Special Representative for the Papal Visit, has said he expects the non-policing costs falling to Government to be between £10 million and £12 million. The Catholic Bishops' Conference will also be meeting costs which fall to them in relation to the pastoral events." On the right side, there are several sections: "Subscribe to our RSS News feed", "Subscribe to newsletter" with a form for email and a "Go" button, "What The Papers Say..." with three news snippets: "Teenage girl arrested for 'religious hatred' over burning Koran" (Independent, 25 November 2010), "Conservative Catholics question pope's apparent shift on condoms" (Guardian, 25 November 2010), and "Catholics want referee sacked for daring to joke about the pope" (Scotsman, 25 November 2010). At the bottom right is a link "More of 'What The Papers Say'". At the bottom left, there is a blue box for "Concordat Watch" and a red box for "COUNCIL PRAYERS CAMPAIGN FIGHTING FUND DONATE NOW".



# The papal visit: opposition

**PROTEST THE POPE**  
Say **NO** to an official State Visit to the UK!

The Pope opposes universal equality and human rights. He should not be accorded the honour and recognition of a State Visit to our country.  
Join the chorus of protest saying "No! The Pope is not welcome!"

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## World's biggest anti-Pope protest





# The papal visit: opposition

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### Rev Ian Paisley leads protest delegation against visit

**The founder of the Free Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Ian Paisley, now Lord Bannside, has led a protest against the Pope's visit to the UK.**

Around 60 members of the church travelled to Edinburgh to highlight "concerns" with the Catholic church.

They unfurled a banner outside John Knox House in the city.

The Free Presbyterian Church has also published a booklet spelling out its opposition to Pope Benedict XVI's four-day state visit to the UK.



Dr Paisley travelled Edinburgh to highlight "concerns" within the Catholic church.



# The implications of legal deposit

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- from selection to curation
- using the crowd



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## Amanda Knox to fly home after acquittal

Knox family due to fly to Seattle but Meredith Kercher's father says decision is 'ludicrous'

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- Knox and Sollecito cleared of murder
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## News

### Stagecoach announces results of evening and Sunday service review

Bus operator Stagecoach has announced which evening and Sunday services it will continue to fund following the bus subsidy cuts announced by West Sussex County Council over the summer.



### History in the making as Boat Project takes shape

Every ship needs a top crew, and when the Boat Project embarks on its maiden voyage, which will take it down the River Thames to mark the start of the 2012

Cultural Olympiad, it will be thanks to a huge team effort.



### Work starts on new Compton and Upmarden school hall

THERE were plenty of cheers when work officially started on the new hall at Compton and Upmarden CoE Primary School.



Chichester Observer,  
Thursday, September 29



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