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NSS celebrates life of former president Barbara Smoker

The NSS joined last week with family and friends of its former president to memorialise what would have been her 100th birthday. [Read More »](#)

NSS welcomes independent review into Leicester unrest

The NSS has welcomed the government's decision to commission an independent review into last year's unrest in Leicester. [Read More »](#)

NSS questions “biased” government faith review

The National Secular Society has said a government review into faith engagement is biased and threatens to further... [Read More »](#)

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The National Secular Society is saddened to report the death of our former president Terry Sanderson aged 75. [Read More »](#)

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The National Secular Society has criticised five north London councils for spending £56,000 on an out-of-hours... [Read More »](#)

NSS raises concerns over political interference in coroner court case

The NSS has asked if political interference has influenced a court case on a coroner's refusal to prioritise work for religious reasons. [Read More »](#)

NSS mourns the loss of Baroness Turner

The NSS is extremely saddened to report the passing of our honorary associate Baroness Muriel Turner of Camden. [Read More »](#)

Charles Bradlaugh portrait bust named Parliament's artwork of the month

A portrait bust of National Secular Society founder Charles Bradlaugh has been named Parliament's artwork of the month. [Read More »](#)

Portrait bust of NSS founder Charles Bradlaugh MP unveiled in Parliament

A newly commissioned portrait bust of Charles Bradlaugh has been unveiled in Portcullis House, at a reception attended by parliamentarians and members of the National Secular Society (NSS). [Read More »](#)

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College removes defamatory remarks about atheists from its module

Atheist Ireland protests against teaching course containing anti-atheist propaganda [Read More »](#)

No prayers in Egyptian Parliament but daily prayers in Westminster Parliament

A member of the Egyptian parliament was ordered to "stop talking and remain quiet" by the Speaker after he loudly recited the Azan, or the Muslim call to prayer, while ministers were in session on Tuesday. [Read More »](#)

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Cameron says he wants to "enhance faith-based education"

The rush by local authorities in England to cut transport subsidies to faith schools has brought a reaction from the Prime Minister, David Cameron, who says he will consult with the Education Secretary to see what can be done to "enhance faith-based education". [Read More »](#)

Prayers during Council meetings: Bideford Town Council and the NSS battle it out at the High Court

The National Secular Society and Bideford Town Council spent a day of legal battling in court over the issue of the saying prayers during council meetings. A Judgment on the case is expected within the next two months. [Read More »](#)

The pope and the EC president – what's the truth about their relationship?

The "devout Catholic" president of the European Council, Herman van Rompuy, had a meeting with the pope at the Vatican on Tuesday. [Read More »](#)

NSS raises major question about validity of legal argument used in Christian hotel case

Two Christian hotel owners who were found guilty of discrimination when they refused a gay couple a shared room have taken their case to the Court of Appeal this week. But the arguments that their barrister used to disprove discrimination against homosexuals have been challenged by the NSS.

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French newspaper offices destroyed by bomb

The offices of the French satirical magazine [Charlie Hebdo](#) in Paris have been destroyed in a petrol bomb attack the day after it announced the Prophet Muhammad as its “editor-in-chief” for its next issue. [Read More »](#)

More complacency and cover-ups in the Catholic Church

Just days after the front page revelations about clerical child abuse at west London’s Ealing Abbey came more unwelcome front page news for the Catholic Church: “Sex abuse fears grow – Catholic Church orders new inquiry in England.” [Read More »](#)

Spirituality and exorcism on the NHS

An amendment to the Health and Social Care Bill, tabled by psychiatrist and crossbench peer Baroness Hollins, called for the words ‘spiritual health’ to be inserted into a clause about the duty of the secretary of state, the NHS Commissioning Board and clinical commissioning groups to improve the quality of services. [Read More »](#)

Survey shows that US Catholics have their own ideas on what it takes to be a good Catholic

In a recent survey, 88% of American Catholics said that “how a person lives is more important than whether he or she is Catholic,” according to *Catholics in America: Persistence and change in the Catholic landscape*. [Read More »](#)

Community school saved from closure by gaining academy status

The only non-faith school in the west of the Isle of Wight from has been saved from closure by opting out of local authority control and gaining academy status. [Read More »](#)

Religion and HIV/AIDS – how lives are being lost and saved

The BBC has reported that at least three people in London with HIV/AIDS have died after they stopped taking life-saving drugs because their Evangelical Christian pastors told them that God would heal them. [Read More »](#)

Physiotherapist struck off for religious rant at patient

A physiotherapist who attacked a patient's religion when she refused to have acupuncture at a Sheffield clinic has been struck off. [Read More »](#)

NSS challenge to free parking for churchgoers forces Council to act

Woking Borough Council has agreed to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment after a warning from the NSS that it is breaking the law by allowing churchgoers to park free while charging everyone else. [Read More »](#)

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