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Posted: Tue, 06 Jan 2015 by [Alistair McBay](#)

There are many ways to do good, including campaigning for human rights and equality over discrimination and prejudice, but charitable work is not a bargaining chip for special privileges, argues Alistair McBay.

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Posted: Sun, 20 Apr 2014 by [Elizabeth O'Casey](#)

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[The Big Society – to be run by churches - is Mr Cameron's pipe dream](#)

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First the Communities Minister and now the Prime Minister have declared Britain to be a "Christian nation".

In a [speech](#) to "faith leaders" gathered at Downing Street Mr Cameron said that his Government intended to see that religious groups play a much bigger... [Read More »](#)

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[At last – churches recognise The Big Society for the Big Con that it was](#)

Posted: Mon, 29 Apr 2013 by [Terry Sanderson](#)

By Terry Sanderson

It seems The Big Society is back – if only for the last nail to be driven into its coffin.

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[Will the new Archbishop's evangelical fervour aid destruction of the welfare state?](#)

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By Terry Sanderson

Justin Welby, the new Archbishop of Canterbury is a self-confessed "evangelical". We can, therefore, of course, expect a lot more evangelising from him than from his predecessor, who seemed more interested in abstruse theological meandering... [Read More »](#)

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[Faith-based welfare – the push goes on](#)

Posted: Tue, 22 Jan 2013 by [Terry Sanderson](#)

David Cameron's big society initiative could result in religion taking control of welfare provision, just as it did in Victorian times. Terry Sanderson warns against this and explains why the role of 'faith communities' should be limited and modest.

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[The Church of England should act now if it wants to save its hospital chaplaincy service](#)

Posted: Tue, 06 Nov 2012 by [Terry Sanderson](#)

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"Went with a friend for her Chemo session. A chap who was a spiritual healer, wearing a chaplaincy badge, was approaching, one by one, everyone who was having chemo treatment, asking... [Read More »](#)

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[Faith based welfare looms as local authorities ask 'Big Society' to deliver crisis aid to the vulnerable](#)

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[Prime Minister's dissembling, hypocritical and disingenuous speech to religious leaders](#)

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The Prime Minister, David Cameron, gave an Easter reception for Christian leaders at Downing Street this week at which he delivered an unctuous speech of such disingenuousness and

hypocrisy that it almost takes the breath away.

He starts by saying he welcomes... [Read More »](#)

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A New Year when secularism must stand up for itself or be overwhelmed by religious power-seeking

Posted: Tue, 03 Jan 2012 by [Terry Sanderson](#)

The signs have been there for some considerable time – religion around the world is reviving, and it is not the benign, let's-be-good-to-each-other kind of religion that the propagandists would have us believe.

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Will the Citizens Advice Bureau be compromised by its partnership with the churches?

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The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is increasingly "partnering" with churches up and down the country as it seeks to cut costs and to reach more isolated communities.

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