

## INFORMATION OVERLOAD?

### PRAYER

Pray for Scotland

[www.prayforscotland.org.uk](http://www.prayforscotland.org.uk)

Prayer Alert

(Weekly prayer topics)

[www.prayer-alert.net/pa-home](http://www.prayer-alert.net/pa-home)

### POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNING

Christian Institute

[www.christian.org.uk/](http://www.christian.org.uk/)

Christian Concern

<https://christianconcern.com/>

### CARE

[www.care.org.uk](http://www.care.org.uk)

Joint Public Issues Team

[www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/)

### BIBLE REFLECTION ON CURRENT ISSUES

Jubilee Centre

[www.jubilee-centre.org/](http://www.jubilee-centre.org/)

Solas Centre for Public Christianity

[www.solas-cpc.org/](http://www.solas-cpc.org/)

Evangelical Alliance

[www.eauk.org/](http://www.eauk.org/)

Scottish Churches Parliamentary  
Office

[www.scpo.scot/](http://www.scpo.scot/)

Affinity

(go to 'teams' then 'social issues')

[www.affinity.org.uk/](http://www.affinity.org.uk/)

### BIOETHICS

Scottish Council on Human  
Bioethics

[www.schb.org.uk/](http://www.schb.org.uk/)

Care Not Killing

[www.carenotkilling.org.uk/](http://www.carenotkilling.org.uk/)

Christian Medical Fellowship

[www.cmf.org.uk](http://www.cmf.org.uk)

Mercatornet

(International perspectives)

[www.mercatornet.com](http://www.mercatornet.com)

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Coalition for Marriage

(Campaigning organisation)

[www.c4m.org.uk/](http://www.c4m.org.uk/)



### Never have we had access to more information!

This month's newsletter is a bit different in offering advice on some websites which may help you understand social and ethical issues from a Christian perspective.

Many of these websites have regular newsletters which you can sign up to, depending on your particular interest.

The Marriage Foundation

(Research organisation)

<https://marriagefoundation.org.uk/>

Care for the Family

[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/)

Home for Good

(Encouraging Christian adoption & fostering)

[www.homeforgood.org.uk/](http://www.homeforgood.org.uk/)

### ABORTION

Society for the Protection of Unborn  
Children

[www.spuc.org.uk/](http://www.spuc.org.uk/)

Right to Life

<https://righttolife.org.uk/>

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*Abortion Organisations (Cont'd)*

**Life charity**

<https://lifecharity.org.uk/>

**Centre for Bioethical Reform**

[www.cbruk.org/](http://www.cbruk.org/)

**PERSECUTED CHURCH**

**Barnabas Fund**

<https://barnabasfund.org/en>

**Christian Solidarity Worldwide**

[www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk)

**Open Doors**

[www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)

**Release International**

<https://releaseinternational.org>

**ENVIRONMENT**

**A Rocha**

[www.arocha.org/en/](http://www.arocha.org/en/)

**Green Christian**

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/>

**Ecocongregation**

[www.ecocongregationscotland.org/](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/)

**SCIENCE**

**Christians in Science**

[www.ecocongregationscotland.org/](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/)

## TRANSGENDER ISSUES IN SCOTLAND

There has been public concern over the validity of the Scottish Government's consultation last year on reforming the Gender Recognition Act. Not least is the fact that some female members of the SNP broke ranks and expressed unease over the direction of the Government's thinking.

Carys Moseley of Christian Concern has provided a summary of what has happened recently and what might be the Scottish Government's next move.

You can read her article at <https://bit.ly/2klKwdR>

In Edinburgh on the evening of Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October:

### CHRISTIANITY IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE? Three great debates

- 1. Christianity is irrelevant in modern society**  
Donald Findlay QC v Dr Andy Bannister of Solas
- 2. Christian Principles should be dropped from medicine**  
Professor David Galloway v Lord Purvis of Tweed
- 3. Christians should support the criminalization of hate speech**  
Dr Donald Macaskill v Paul Coleman

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For full information go to [www.cmf.org.uk/](http://www.cmf.org.uk/) and scroll down to 'Three Great Debates'



## Scottish Law Commission

**The Law Commissions in Scotland and England are undertaking joint consultations on surrogacy.**

The claim is being made by the organization Surrogacy UK that 'the 30-year old surrogacy law in the UK is out of date and in dire need of reform.' Surrogacy claim that over 90% of their respondents (no indications of who these are) believe that the law needs reform, especially in the areas of who are the parents in a surrogate arrangement, on the lack of clarity on the law of payments, and on the complications arising from international surrogacy arrangements.

There are two levels of the consultation – a short-form questionnaire and a fuller list of questions. To find out more, go to <https://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk/>.

Don't be put off by the 500 page consultation document!