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Published freelance articles:

Plain Truth

Appointed First Break editor in October 2006 to develop new writing. My column appears in each edition.

My own features:

- **June 2007 *Fatherhood*** - pending
- **April 2007 *Once Upon a Time***
Children's Literature and the quest for the divine
- **Feb 2007 *What Took You So Long?***
Christians and the Slave Trade
- **Nov 2006 *Common Ground***
Feature on Muslim / Christian relations. First person account of my friendship with Muslims.
- **July 2006 *Money, money, money***
A look at some of the misconceptions of church finance
- **April 2006 *Sit Down and Be Counted***
The world of Christian writing
- **February 2006 *Mediating Reality***
A feature on how scientific, medical and environmental 'scares' are mediated to the public
- **Dec 2005 *Fast Food Religion***
A look at astrology
- **Sep/ Oct 2005 *A Time to Die***
A reflection on death after the 7/7 London bombings
- **April 2005 *When Day Became Night***
Examines the meaning of the midday darkness during the crucifixion of Christ
- **February 2005 *Culture of Entitlement***
Feature on how British rights culture has entered the church
- **December 2004 *Star of Wonder?***
Examines theories around Star of Bethlehem

Heritage / Realm (in North America)

- **December 2006 *Pantomime***
A history of this most British of theatre institutions

Sports Illustrated (S Africa)

- **August 2004 *For Glory or For Gain?***
Olympic feature on commercialism and corruption in the ancient games – and how so little has changed!

- **March 2004 *Jonny v Madiba***
Tongue in cheek comparison of Jonny Wilkinson and Nelson Mandela
- **May 2004 *A Proper English Gentleman***
Interview with Harlequins skipper and ex-Springbok captain Andre Vos
- **May 2003 *Toon Trump Card***
Interview with Newcastle Falcons and ex-Springbok lock Mark Andrews

The Wisden Cricketer (S Africa)

- **October 2005 *Colly's SA Connection***
Durham and England all-rounder Paul Collingwood's South African connections.

Writing Magazine

- **March 2005 *What to do when you don't get paid***
Financial advice for freelance writers
- **December 2005 *Protecting your copyright***
Copyright advice for freelance writers

Lifeline (Holland)

- **June 2006 *Waar of Niet Waar***
Translation of *Mediating Reality*, first appeared in Plain Truth
- **April 2006 *Toen de dag nacht werd***
Translation of *When Day Became Night*, first appeared in Plain Truth
- **Feb 2006 *Een tijd om te Sterven***
Translation of *A Time To Die*, first appeared in Plain Truth

Woman Alive

- **June 2007 *Stay at Home Dads*** - pending
- **March 2006 *When Food Makes You Feel Bad***
Health feature on food intolerance
- **July 2005 *Work Your Own Way: The Artist***
Feature on Christian artist Lara Mellon and how she achieves a work / life balance
- **April 2005 *A simple act of kindness***
How a nurse's encounter with a dying boy led to a ministry to Chinese students in Newcastle
- **February 2005 *On Your Bike***
Travel feature on cycling holidays
- **October 2004 *The Big Ball Workout***
10-step fitness programme using a yoga ball
- **September 2004 *Now I have my life back***
Inspirational feature on recovery from fibromyalgia
- **August 2004 *Honeymoon Sickness***

Health feature on Urinary Tract Infections

- **February 2004** ***Britain's Sexual Health Crisis***

Health feature on the rise of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections

Scotland's Cradle of History

Travel feature on Scotland's mid-west coast

Christian Herald

- **25 October 2005** ***Why don't Christians Give More to Missions?***

- **27 November 2004** ***Hub of Faith***

Feature on Newcastle west outreach project

- **9 October 2004** ***Sewing the seeds ...***

Soft news: support for Bosnian quilting project

- **5 August 2004** ***Home office 'ill-informed'***

Front page lead on Home Office's treatment of asylum applicant

- **31 July 2004** ***11th Hour appeal***

News update on religious asylum application

- **26 June 2004** ***Converts's faith genuine***

News update on religious asylum application

- **5 June 2004** ***Muslim converts denied asylum***

Front page lead on religious asylum story

- **13 May 2004** ***Silver Ring Thing***

Feature on American abstinence programme

- **24 April 2004** ***Write on Time***

Profile of Christian novelist, Prue Phillipson

- **20 March 2004** ***The Forgotten Church***

Feature on the Bosnian church, 8 years after war

- **7 December 2003** ***Star of Wonder***

Feature on Star of Bethlehem – fact or fiction?

- **22 November 2003** ***Breaking Down the Walls***

Profile of Christian Bookshop in Hexham

- **26 July 2003** ***Wesley Rides Again***

Interview with modern Methodist minister, following the Wesley Trail in Newcastle and Northumberland

- **19 July 2003** ***Long Live the King***

Feature on the rising cult of Elvis worship

Northumbrian

- **June 2004** ***Never too late to be published***

Profile of Northumbrian novelist, Prue Philipson

- **April 2004** ***Instrumental in Making Music***

Profile of Stradivarius violin restorer Ed Smith

- **August 2003** ***The Preacher Rides Again***

Fiona Veitch Smith, Curriculum Vitae

Following the Wesley Trail in Newcastle and Northumberland

- **August 2003 *Kings, Queens & Presidents***
The history of the gypsy 'royal family'
- **December 2002 *Three Men Went to Walk***
Feature on a retired gentlemen's walking club

Living North

- **April 2003 *And The Show Goes On***
Newcastle's Theatre Royal celebrates 166 years. A look back in time.
- **February 2003 *The Rainbow Nation***
Travel feature on South Africa
- **February 2003 *A Real Good Sport***
Sports feature on Real Tennis
- **December 2002 *No Mountain High Enough***
Interview with Alan Hinkes, Britain's premier high altitude mountaineer
- **December 2002 *It's Behind You***
Theatre feature on the origins of pantomime
- **October 2002 *Witch Hunt***
Historical feature on witch hunts in Northumberland
- **October 2002 *That'll Be the Day***
Interview with LJ Urbani, star of the West End's Buddy Holly Story
- **October 2002 *Working Art***
Art feature on public art in the N East of England
- **October 2002 *Something New on the Menu***
Theatre feature on the RSC's Jacobean plays
- **July 2002 *Underground Art Art***
feature on National Trust posters
- **July 2002 *Magic Pencil***
Art review on Laing Art Gallery exhibition
- **July 2002 *All For One***
Sports feature on fencing with Britain's No. 2 Sabre Dominic Flood and Olympic coach Laszlo Jakab

Aquila

- **May 2006 *Didgeredoo***
Children's feature on didgeredoos
- **August 2005 *The Wheelchair Wonder***
Children's short story
- **September 2004 *Fencing***
Children's feature on sword fencing + player profiles

The North Guide

- **June 2002 *Glass Creatures***
Art review of Blaschka exhibition at National Glass Centre, Sunderland

The North East Times

- **July 2003 *On the Home Front***
Feature on the rights and responsibilities of employers during war (regarding reservists)
- **May 2003 *Walkin' the Broon Dog***
Interview with Newcastle Falcons and ex-Springbok lock Mark Andrews

All About Dogs (SA)

- **August 2004 *Behind Bars***
Feature on British quarantine laws and facilities

Today (SA)

- **November 2004 *Loaves 'n Fishes***
Feature on SA artist Lara Mellon

Patchwork & Quilting

- **April 2004 *Peace Quilts***
Feature on a quilting project in Bosnia

FatherWork

- **February 2004 *Paramilitary Dad***
Interview with ex-Ulster Unionist paramilitary who's finding a new life through fatherhood

Joy

- **September 2003 *The Year of the Lamb***
Feature on Chinese Christian community in Newcastle