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**A message from our Chair,  
the Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann  
Hartley, Bishop of Ripon.**

**Welcome to the 2020  
Sandford St Martin Awards!**

We aren't gathering in Lambeth Palace this year; instead you will be joining us from the comfort of your own screen wherever you happen to be. COVID-19 has affected each of us in different ways, in some cases very personally, pushing us to reflect on the big questions relating to life. And, somewhat ironically, while so much has been lost or changed, the disruption has also enabled a flourishing of creativity - and it must be said a new appreciation for the possibilities offered by online platforms as spaces to share and interact during the lockdown period. Which to my mind, makes this year's awards seem particularly relevant: after all, exploring the big questions and celebrating creativity in how broadcasters consider religion, belief or ethics are at the heart of what the Sandford St Martin Awards do, and this year is no exception.

So thank you – I'm hugely grateful to this year's judges and shortlisters but even more so to everyone who entered: the content-makers whose work has made this year's Awards extraordinary. Enjoy this year's ceremony and hopefully we'll see you at Lambeth Palace next year!

# Journalism Award



## **Heart & Soul: Jewish and Returning to Germany**

BBC Radio Production North  
for BBC World Service

## **How a conference call sparked America's abortion obsession**

The Guardian  
for theguardian.com

## **Sri Lanka's New War**

101 East, Al Jazeera English  
for Al Jazeera English

## **The Hour of Lynching**

Field of Vision, The Guardian,  
Pulitzer Center, Cave Pictures  
for Guardian documentaries,  
Field of Vision

## **The Rising Right in Europe**

BBC Religion and Ethics  
for BBC Radio 4

## **Witness – The Feeling of Being Watched: Surveillance in a US-Arab Community**

Al Jazeera English – Witness  
for Al Jazeera English



## Children's Broadcasting Award



**TREASURE  
CHAMPS**



### **Finding My Family: Holocaust – A Newsround Special**

BBC Children's In-House  
Productions for CBBC / iPlayer

### **Hijab & Me**

CTVC Ltd for TrueTube.co.uk

### **How the Other Kids Live – Episode 1 Birmingham**

Firecracker Films for Channel 4

### **Now I Can Breathe**

CTVC Ltd for TrueTube.co.uk

### **The Dengineers: Black History Den**

BBC Children's In-House  
Productions for CBBC / iPlayer

### **Treasure Champs**

Three Arrows Media  
for CBeebies

## TV / Video Award



### **1944: Should We Bomb Auschwitz?**

Oxford Films for BBC Two

### **For Sama**

Channel 4 News and ITN Productions for Channel 4 and Frontline PBS

### **The Funeral Director**

Gmarsh TV Productions for RTÉ

### **The Last Survivors**

Minnow Films for BBC Two

### **The Satanic Verses: 30 Years On**

VICE Studios UK Ltd for BBC Two

### **Witness – Survivors: Inside Sierra Leone's Ebola Epidemic**

Al Jazeera English – Witness for Al Jazeera English

## Radio / Audio Award



**A Bright Yellow Light**  
BBC Religion and Ethics  
for BBC Radio 4

**Heart and Soul:  
Praise Bee!**  
Geoff Bird  
for BBC World Service

**Heart and Soul:  
The Wind Phone**  
Falling Tree Productions  
for BBC World Service

**Riot Days:  
The Pussy Riot story,  
Part 1**  
BBC Radio Drama London  
for BBC Radio 4

**Tell It: No Sex Before  
Marriage?**  
BBC Radio 1, 1Xtra and Asian  
Network Production for BBC  
Radio 1 / Radio 1Xtra

**This Is My Story Podcast,  
Episode 1: Allen Langham**  
United Christian Broadcasters  
for UCB Player  
App / Podcast Platforms

# Radio Times Readers' Award



## **The Archers**

BBC Birmingham  
for BBC Radio 4

## **How the Other Kids Live – Episode 1 Birmingham**

Firecracker Films  
for Channel 4

## **Miriam's Dead Good Adventure**

Wild Pictures for BBC Two

## **Good Omens**

BBC Studios,  
Blank Corporation, Narrativa,  
Amazon Studios for Amazon

## **Peter Taylor: My Journey Through the Troubles**

TV Current Affairs, BBC  
Northern Ireland for BBC Two

## **Three Vicars Talking: Death**

BBC Religion and Ethics  
for BBC Radio 4

## Sandford St Martin Trustees' Award



### STORMZY

The 2020 Sandford St Martin Trustees' Award winner is Stormzy in recognition and appreciation of the openness and clarity about which he speaks and sings about his faith but, more particularly, for the huge efforts he has made to translate that into fostering a conversation and building a sense of community that unites thousands of fans across cultural, class, generational and religious boundaries.

The Trustees' Award was designed to recognise and celebrate individuals, organisations or programmes that have made an outstanding contribution through broadcasting to the public understanding of religion, ethics or spirituality. Previous winners have included Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, former Director of the British Museum Neil MacGregor, Blue Peter, Joan Bakewell, Lyse Doucet, Melvyn Bragg and Sir John Tavener. We're very pleased to welcome Stormzy to this fellowship.



## Sandford St Martin Awards 2020

### Judging panels:

#### JOURNALISM

William Crawley (Chair), Peter Hanington,  
Fatima Manji and Bénédicte Paviot

#### CHILDREN'S BROADCASTING

Hayley Hassall (Chair), Anna Bassi, Kay Benbow  
and Kuljinder Khaila

#### TV / VIDEO

Camilla Lewis (Chair), Sally Dixon, Tamara Howe  
and Jonathan Levi

#### RADIO / AUDIO

Sima Kotecha (Chair), Ngunan Adamu, Felicity Finch  
and Kenan Malik

#### Shortlisters were:

Olive Clancy, Torin Douglas, Anna Drew, Oliver File,  
David Gilbert, Flora Gregory, Natasha Maw, Nana-Adwoa  
Mbeutcha, Anna McNamee, Nicola Meyrick, Harry Parker,  
Mark Perrow, Pete Rawlings, Angela Robson,  
Paresh Solanki, Rev Bryony Taylor and Chris Wilson.

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The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann  
Hartley, Bishop of Ripon

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## About the Sandford St Martin Trust

The Sandford St Martin Trust has been making annual awards for the best broadcast content exploring belief, religion, ethics or spirituality since 1978. The Awards are open to a wide range of genres – news, current affairs, factual, arts, music, drama and comedy as well as ‘traditional’ religious broadcasting. Winners are decided by panels of media professionals. Radio Times readers also vote in their thousands for their favourite TV or radio programme from a list published in that magazine.

As well as making awards, the Trust works to advocate for excellence in the broadcast coverage of religion. It stimulates and contributes to debate about the value of this kind of content and promotes belief and ethics as important and rewarding subjects for broadcasters and audiences. The Trust is politically independent and is not affiliated with any media company or organisation. It does not proselytise on behalf of or promote any particular religion or faith, nor does it engage in religious activities itself.

In recent years the Trust has produced and participated in events in partnership with the Commission on Religion and Belief in Public Life, the Edinburgh International Television Festival, Full Fact, House of St Barnabas, the Media Society, NUJ Training, Sheffield Doc/Fest and many more. It has submitted evidence to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Religion in the Media, Ofcom’s Third Public Service Review, the BBC Trust’s Charter Review Consultation, The Future of TV inquiry and the House of Lords Communications Committee inquiry regarding Channel 4.

You can read more about our work and who we are by visiting:  
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Bishop of Ripon

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