

## [News story: Accelerator webinar: autonomous last mile resupply](#)

A webinar for this Defence and Security Accelerator competition will be held on 30 May 2017.

The [competition](#) is seeking new technologies, processes and ways of working to improve the way we deliver mission-critical supplies, focusing on the challenging 'last mile' resupply in the land environment.

It involves delivering combat supplies from the forward-most location to personnel engaged in combat operations. Although relatively small in distance, these resupply activities are challenging as they are in an environment that is typically hostile, complex and contested. These activities need to quickly and efficiently deliver vital supplies in order to enable successful mission outcomes.

The challenges of this Accelerator competition are to develop and demonstrate:

- Challenge 1: unmanned air and ground load carrying platforms
- Challenge 2: technologies and systems to allow load carrying platforms to operate autonomously
- Challenge 3: technologies to autonomously predict, plan, track and optimise resupply demands from military users

Phase 1 proposals must be [submitted online via the Accelerator submission service](#) and received no later than 12 noon on 21 June 2017.

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## [News story: Manchester seminar: using innovative technology to deliver sustainable outcomes for people with disabilities and long term health conditions](#)

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## **Press release: St. Paul's Canonry: Jonathan Brewster**

The Queen has approved that the Reverend Jonathan David Brewster, MA, Vicar of Christ Church with St John and St Saviour, Highbury and Area Dean of Islington in the diocese of London, be appointed to a Residentiary Canonry of St Paul's Cathedral in succession to the Reverend Canon Philippa Jane Boardman, MBE, MA.

The Reverend Jonathan Brewster was educated first at University College Buckinghamshire and then trained for the ministry at Trinity College, Bristol. He studied for an MA at Kings College, London. He served his curacy at St John the Evangelist, Great Horton, in the Bradford Diocese from 1994 to 1998. From 1998 to 2003 he was Chaplain to the University of Westminster. Since 2003 he has served as Vicar of Christ Church with St John and St Saviour, Highbury in the Diocese of London as well as being Area Dean of Islington since 2014.

Jonathan is married to Sarah. They have two adult and two younger children. He taught in South India, was on the UK Board of Trustees for the Oasis Charitable Trust and is a member of the Islington Faiths Forum. He enjoys playing and listening to Jazz music, reading and walking the dog.

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## **Press release: PM call with French President-elect Macron: 7 May 2017**

This evening the Prime Minister spoke to President-elect Macron to warmly congratulate him on his election victory. The Prime Minister said that she looked forward to working with the new president on a range of shared issues, with the UK and France's unique partnership providing a strong foundation for future co-operation.

The leaders briefly discussed Brexit and the Prime Minister reiterated that the UK wants a strong partnership with a secure and prosperous EU once we leave.

The Prime Minister and President-elect Macron looked forward to meeting and holding discussions at the upcoming NATO and G7 summits.

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## **Press release: Statement: French presidential election**

A Downing Street spokesperson said:

The Prime Minister warmly congratulates President-elect Macron on his election success. France is one of our closest allies and we look forward to working with the new President on a wide range of shared priorities.