

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.

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.

[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.

[News story: Avian flu confirmed in a backyard flock near Thornton, Wyre, Lancashire](#)

H5N8 avian flu has been confirmed in a backyard flock near Thornton, Wyre, Lancashire.

The UK's Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer has confirmed H5N8 avian flu in a backyard flock of chickens and ducks near Thornton, Wyre, Lancashire. A 3 km Protection Zone and a 10 km Surveillance Zone have been put in place around the infected premises to limit the risk of the disease spreading. We have published [full details of the controls in place](#).

The flock contains nine birds. A number had died and the remaining live birds at the premises will be humanely culled. A full investigation is under way to determine the source of the infection.

Public Health England advises that the risk to public health from the virus is very low and the Food Standards Agency is clear that bird flu does not pose a food safety risk for UK consumers.

[Read the latest advice and information on avian flu in the UK](#), including actions to reduce the risk of the disease spreading, advice for anyone who keeps poultry or captive birds and details of previous cases. Journalists with queries should [contact Defra press office](#).

Press release: Baroness Anelay visits the Caribbean and Central America

On 1-5 May 2017 the Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE, Minister of State for the Caribbean, the Commonwealth and the UN, visited Trinidad & Tobago, Guyana and Venezuela for the first time.

While in Trinidad & Tobago, Baroness Anelay met President Carmona, where she discussed bilateral relations and Commonwealth affairs. The Minister also met the Minister of Foreign and Caribbean Community Affairs, the Attorney General and Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister to discuss corruption and UK support for criminal justice reform in Trinidad & Tobago.

Baroness Anelay, who is also responsible for the UK's international policy on human rights and gender issues, met the Director for Gender and Child Affairs and local NGOs to discuss current work on these issues in Trinidad & Tobago.

Baroness Anelay then travelled to Guyana to meet with President Granger and members of the Cabinet; the Secretary General of the Caribbean Community, Irwin LaRoque; members of the Private Sector Commission and a number of NGOs. Guyana and the UK have worked closely to tackle corruption, violence, and the infiltration of narcotics and people traffickers from across Guyana's borders.

On the last part of the visit in Venezuela, an FCO Human Rights Priority Country, the Minister explored joint programmes on human rights, energy, climate change, and education and cultural co-operation. She met government Ministers to discuss bilateral relations, human rights, climate change and energy. In these meetings the Minister also expressed her concern about the ongoing political situation and unrest in Venezuela. Baroness Anelay also met Venezuelan human rights defenders, to review important UK projects in capacity building and gender equality.

Further information