

Introduction from William Nye, Secretary General

Thank you for your interest in the role of Director for Faith and Public Life. As many readers will know, we are readvertising this post, which was filled only in the autumn of 2024, because of the sad death of Rev Dr Richard Sudworth, the previous Director. I would like to pay tribute to Richard's remarkable work for the national Church institutions. I hope that we may be able to find a worthy successor to him through this present recruitment.

The Church of England's vocation is and always has been to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ afresh in each generation to the people of England. As the Established Church, it has the unique opportunity and responsibility to speak into our national life not just through its churches, chaplaincies, schools and other expressions of church, but also through its position locally and nationally, including through its 26 Lords Spiritual who sit in the House of Lords.

Since 2020 the Church of England has adopted a national vision and strategy. It is based on:

- one vision, to be a Church for the whole nation which is Jesus Christ centred, and shaped by, the five marks of mission. A church that is simpler, humbler, bolder;
- three priorities:
 - To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday.
 - To be a church where mixed ecology is the norm – where every person in England has access to an enriching and compelling community of faith by adding new churches and new forms of Church to our parishes, cathedrals, schools and chaplaincies.
 - To be a church that is younger and more diverse.

As Director for Faith and Public Life you will make a significant contribution to this vision and strategy. You will be focused on maximising the opportunities of the Church of England's unique role as the established Church in bringing a distinctive Christian voice to matters of public policy, public ethics and support for the common good. You will help the Church build and support constructive and collaborative relationships with other churches and faith communities, domestically and globally.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Best wishes,

William

