

Press Release

Dean Ison welcomes Christian Aid tax justice bus to St Paul's

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A 1950s double decker bus which is touring the UK to spread the message of tax justice has stopped outside St Paul's (September 14), met by the Cathedral's Dean, the Very Revd Dr David Ison.

The Tax Justice Bus tour is a campaign being run by Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty explaining how corporate tax dodging hurts the poor both in the UK and in developing countries.

The charities are asking people to sign a petition urging David Cameron, who will be chairing the G8 summit in the UK next year, to use his global influence to bring an end to tax dodging. In total the bus will be making over 100 stops from Falmouth to Inverness and from Dover to Belfast.

Dr Ison said: "This is an important issue for everyone – not just church people – to be involved in. Tax avoidance is a way of avoiding the obligations of our common humanity, whether it's undertaken by individuals or corporations, and means getting richer at the cost of other people.

"In a week when there have been renewed calls to cut the UK's overseas aid budget, the Christian Aid bus gives a timely reminder that tightening up on tax laws would produce far more for developing countries than the aid budget can ever do – so let's get behind the campaign!

For more information on the Tax Justice Bus, visit www.christian-aid.org.uk/taxbus

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St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's is the cathedral church of the diocese of London, which it has served for over 1,400 years. The current building has become a potent symbol of the life of a nation and is one of the world's most beautiful buildings. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the late seventeenth century, its stones have absorbed the hopes, fears, sorrows and joys of generations and stand as an enduring symbol of our communion with those gone before and those still to come. Each year nearly two million people flock to the cathedral for services, concerts, debates, educational events, performing arts and sightseeing. All are most welcome.

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