

Press Release

The Revd Mark Oakley appointed Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral

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The Bishop of London and St Paul's Cathedral are pleased to announce that Canon Mark Oakley has been appointed as Canon Chancellor of St Paul's. He will take up his new responsibilities on 1st January 2013, and will be filling the post which has been vacant since the resignation of Dr Giles Fraser in October 2011.

Canon Oakley became Treasurer of St Paul's in 2010, after working as an archdeacon in Europe and in parish ministry in Mayfair and Covent Garden. He is a nationally known writer in theology and spirituality, with a keen interest in poetry and the arts, and has been supporting the work of the St Paul's Institute for the past year.

The role of Chancellor at St Paul's includes oversight of education, theology, the arts, mission and evangelism. The educational work of the Cathedral includes wider adult learning as well as work with schools and families who visit the Cathedral.

Among Canon Oakley's first tasks will be a review of the work and structure of the St Paul's Institute, in order to enable it to be as effective as possible in taking forward the Cathedral's work in furthering the agenda of financial responsibility, social reform and sustainability within the framework of its Christian mission. The role of Director of the St Paul's Institute will remain vacant for the time being.

The Bishop of London, the Right Revd Richard Chartres, said: "I am confident that with Mark Oakley at the helm, the Institute will continue to flourish and grow."

The Dean of St Paul's, the Very Revd David Ison, said: "Canon Oakley has already made a very significant contribution to the work of St Paul's, as well as engaging publicly with the interface between culture and Christian faith. I am delighted that he is to take up this new role, and look forward to working together with him and our colleagues on how the gospel of Jesus Christ can touch and transform the life of society."

The post of Canon Treasurer at St Paul's will shortly be advertised in order to fill the remaining vacancy on the Chapter.

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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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