

# DIOCESE IN EUROPE

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

The Bishop in Europe:  
**The Right Reverend Dr. Robert Innes**  
The Suffragan Bishop in Europe:  
**The Right Reverend David Hamid**



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## **To the Clergy and People of the Archdeaconry of Germany and Northern Europe and the Archdeaconry of the East.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers

It is with great joy that we announce that the Revd Canon Dr Leslie Nathaniel has been invited to take up the post of Archdeacon of the East and Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe, in succession to the Ven. Colin Williams. As you may know, Canon Nathaniel is currently Chaplain of St Thomas à Becket, Hamburg; he will resign that position effective from 16 October 2019, in order to be commissioned and licensed to his new Archidiaconal ministry on 17 October, subject to the completion of the usual formalities.

Leslie brings a wealth of pastoral and cross-cultural experience to his new role. He is fluent in several languages. He is, of course, already familiar with the challenges of serving as a Chaplain in our extensive diocese. He knows the German context well, having been a member of the CAEC, the Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany, as well as having served previously as the Anglican Co-Secretary of the Meissen Commission. In a former role as Ecumenical Officer at Lambeth Palace, he developed a wide experience of relations with the Nordic and Baltic Porvoo Churches, the Old Catholic Churches, the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Roman Catholic Church.

We ask that you give your support to the Archdeacon designate, and that you remember him and his wife Julie in your prayers as he takes on this new role. And of course, we pray for the parish of St Thomas à Becket, Hamburg, who are now preparing to say farewell to their much-loved Chaplain. We are very grateful to the Revd Canon Adèle Kelham and the Revd Canon John Newsome who have been prepared to take on extra duties as Acting Archdeacons during the past months. John, who will remain Area Dean of Germany, and Adèle, who will remain Archdeacon of Switzerland, will continue to manage a smooth handover during the autumn.

We ask that the clergy of the two Archdeaconries share the contents of this letter with your congregations.

With our prayers and good wishes

Your brothers in Christ

*+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe*

*+ David*

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