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# Pastoral Letter to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of St Davids

## 26.10.2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you to announce the appointment of The Revd Canon Leigh Richardson as the next Archdeacon of St Davids.

Leigh brings to this new ministry many years of faithful service within our Diocese. Through his varied experience he has demonstrated considerable pastoral wisdom, sound judgement, and strong administrative gifts. His commitment to the life and mission of the Church, together with his care for clergy and congregations, has been evident throughout his ministry.

Having served within both the Archdeaconry and the Diocese for many years, Leigh knows the people, parishes, communities, and challenges of this area well. This deep local knowledge, combined with his experience and leadership, will bring much to the senior team as we continue our shared work of serving Christ and his Church in west Wales.

Please hold Leigh, Christa, and all their family in your prayers as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives and ministry, and as they make arrangements for their relocation within the Archdeaconry. We pray that they will know God's guidance, strength, and peace during this time of transition.

Once Leigh has been Collated as Archdeacon, he will become the first point of contact for clergy within the Archdeaconry. I know that many of you will welcome the opportunity to work closely with him and benefit from his pastoral care, encouragement, and support.

We offer Leigh our warmest congratulations and every good wish as he takes up this important role. I have every confidence that he will bring a wealth of experience, wisdom, and a shared vision to this ministry as we continue together the work of Pruning for Growth and pursue our diocesan vision of being Open to God.

May God bless Leigh and all who serve within the Archdeaconry of St Davids.

Yours in Christ,



The Right Reverend Dorrien Davies
Bishop of St Davids and Dean of the Chapel Royal in Wales

Service of Collation of Archdeacon of St Davids. Thursday 12th November 2026. 7pm St Mary's Church, Haverfordwest. (All clergy to robe Choir dress).

Service of Installation of Archdeacon of St Davids. Thursday 7th January 2027. 6pm. St Davids Cathedral. (Please contact the Cathedral regarding attendance).

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