

Dear Members of the Cathedral community

As you may be aware we are in the process of discerning who may be called to be the next Dean of Rochester. I write to you as the chair of the panel undertaking this task to outline some elements of the process we will follow and to introduce my fellow panel members working towards this task.

The Selection Panel is made up of:

Professor Michael Wright (Chair)
The Revd Canon Paul Francis (Elected by the College of Canons)
The Revd Canon Joanne Grenfell (Nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Rt Revd James Langstaff (Bishop of Rochester)
Mrs Angela Scott (Nominated by the Bishops Council)

Sir Paul Britton (Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary)
Ms Caroline Boddington (Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments)

We recently met as a panel for the first time and I wish to thank all of you who have, in various ways, contributed your thoughts and opinions for our consideration.

The post will be advertised in the Church Times and Church of England Newspaper as of Thursday 20 October with further information available on the Church of England Website. We meet again in the middle of November to reflect upon those applications we receive and to decide upon those who we shall meet to better discern if they may be called to be the next Dean of Rochester. Interviews for the post will be held at the beginning of December and I hope we will, at this time, be able to nominate a suitable candidate to the Crown.

I hope you will keep us, the Cathedral and the Diocese in your prayers as we undertake the task we have been given. We shall be doing the same.

Yours sincerely

Michael Wright