An introduction to the work of the Church Appointments Team

The Crown is responsible for a range of ecclesiastical appointments in the Church of England. These are for historical and constitutional reasons which go back hundreds of years, the Church of England being the Established Church and The Queen its Supreme Governor. The Queen appoints the Archbishop of Canterbury on the advice of the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury; it is the Archbishop of Canterbury who places the crown on the head of the Monarch at the coronation.
The Crown is responsible for the appointments of the two Archbishops, Canterbury and York and the remaining 41 diocesan bishops, all 62 suffragan bishops, 28 deans of cathedrals, 10 residentiary canonries, and the priests in 200 Crown parishes. Additionally, the Crown is responsible for the appointments of the First and Second Church Estates Commissioners, the Master of the Temple, the Chair and some Members of the Churches Conservation Trust and the Dean of the Arches and Auditor. The Crown is also responsible for the Deans and Canons of the Royal Peculiars of Westminster Abbey and Windsor.

The work for the above is carried out together with the Church by the Prime Minister’s Appointment Secretary (Sir Paul Britton), the Church Appointments Secretary (Nick Wheeler) and Mrs Lesley Glanz who are all part of the Cabinet Office Honours and Appointments Secretariat based at 1 Horse Guards Road. The work involves working closely with the Church, Buckingham Palace, No10 and the Crown Office in the House of Lords. This team also deals with the Lord Chancellor’s ecclesiastical appointments (which originate from the Crown) which include 10 residentiary canonries and 450 parishes. This involves working closely with the Church, the Lord Chancellor’s Private Office and the Crown Office.

The map on the front cover shows all the Crown (red flags) and Lord Chancellor livings (blue flags) in England.

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### How the appointment system works for Senior Church Appointments

1. **Church**
2. **Prime Minister’s Appointment Secretary**
3. **Name of candidate to Honours and Appointments Secretariat**
4. **Prime Minister**
5. **The Queen**
6. **Honours and Appointments Secretariat**
7. **Letter to nominee**
8. **Crown Office**
9. **No10 website**

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