

The Archbishop of Canterbury, together with His Holiness, Pope Francis, and The Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will make an Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Peace to Juba, South Sudan, from 3rd to 5th February 2023.

The joint visit was due to take place in July this year but due to doctors advising Pope Francis not to go on health grounds, the trip was postponed.

Archbishop Justin said, "After much waiting, I am very pleased that this historic visit to South Sudan with Pope Francis and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland will be taking place. We come as servants: together we share a deep desire to stand in solidarity with the people of South Sudan in their suffering, to review and renew the commitments its leaders made at the Vatican in 2019. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work throughout and after this visit, bringing the peace promised by Christ. Please pray for the people of South Sudan."

The full statement from the Vatican can be read [here](#).

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