



The appointment has been announced today of the Revd Dr Will Adam as the Archbishop's Ecumenical Adviser. As well as these duties, the role includes being Ecumenical Officer at the Council of Christian Unity (CCU).

This post will build on the creative joint working that has been established between Lambeth Palace and CCU to further the ecumenical ministry of the Archbishop.

Archbishop Justin Welby said: "I am delighted that Will Adam will be bringing his considerable experience and expertise to this post. His understanding of both national and international ecumenism will be a real asset to the work at Lambeth and at CCU. There are wonderful opportunities in ecumenism in these times, and we must always strive to be obedient to Jesus' desire that his Church 'may be one'."

Bishop Donald Allister of the Council of Christian Unity said: "Will brings many gifts to his new role at the Council for Christian Unity, and great experience of seeking the unity of Christ's Church in a range of different contexts. That includes being a delegate to the World Council of Churches' Assembly in Harare, a Diocesan Ecumenical Officer with responsibility for a Meissen link in Germany, a member of the International Colloquium of Anglican and Roman Catholic Canon Lawyers and chair of his local Churches Together group.

"He has already made a significant contribution to the Church of England's ecumenical relations at national level, having been a member of the Council for Christian Unity, the Joint Implementation Commission under the Anglican – Methodist Covenant and various working groups. I look forward very much to welcoming him to the staff team at an exciting and challenging time for the Church of England in its relationships with other churches, in Continental Europe as well as in England."

Will, who takes up his responsibilities in the New Year, said: "I am delighted to be taking up this post. My commitment to the reconciliation of Christ's church goes back to my early student days. I am looking forward to supporting the Archbishop and the wider Church of England in ecumenical mission and ministry in the coming years."

