



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has expressed his sadness at the death of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, the former Bishop of Durham.

Archbishop Justin said:

“I was deeply saddened to hear of the death yesterday of David Jenkins, the former Bishop of Durham. Those who knew him well found him extremely engaging, sympathetic, warm and a natural human being. Throughout his career he was a convinced ecumenist and strongly supported the work of the Student Christian Movement. On occasions his quick thinking made him sound more controversial than he meant to be but he wanted to engage people in conversation. No one ever doubted his integrity and courage and basked in his humility. As his successor as Bishop of Durham I had the great privilege of meeting him and was very grateful for his kindness and encouragement, as well as struck by the depth of his love for Christ. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.”

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