Responding to a question during a visit to the Diocese of Birmingham this morning, Archbishop Justin Welby said: “It would be great if we were paying the Living Wage everywhere right away. But as the Archbishop of York said in his Living Wage Commission, we’ve got to move towards it.

“Every cathedral, every diocese, every parish in this country is an independent charity, with its own trustees that has to make its own decisions. We all recognise that no employer can simply increase its salaries overnight. . . We’d prefer to be there and we’re getting there as quickly as we can. We have to do it in a way that is responsible to all employees.”

Read a statement from the Church of England here.

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