



## **Bishop Christopher's Statement at the Press Conference for the announcement of Revd Prebendary Dr Woyin Karowei Dorgu as Bishop of Woolwich designate**

I am delighted that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Prebendary Dr Woyin Karowei Dorgu, Vicar of St John the Evangelist Upper Holloway, in the Diocese of London, to the Suffragan See of Woolwich, in the Diocese of Southwark in succession to the Right Reverend Michael Geoffrey Iprgrave, on his translation to the See of Lichfield 10 June 2016. This announcement was released from No 10 Downing Street at 10 o'clock. With great joy I present to you Dr Karowei Dorgu and his wife Dr Mosun Dorgu.

Karowei will be joining the Episcopal team in Southwark Diocese as the 13th Bishop of Woolwich. He brings a wealth of experience of urban parish ministry and has a real passion for evangelism and reaching out to those who are not churched with the love of Christ.

Karowei signals life and an infectious faith, the first qualification for a Christian minister. He has reached across the wide spectrum of ethnicity in Islington and has built up a substantial multi-racial congregation at St John's Upper Holloway. He is committed to the growth and flourishing of the Church and has a pastoral heart which will equip him well for his new Episcopal ministry.

The Diocese of Southwark is committed to bringing the face of leadership into alignment with the faces in the pews and Karowei will, by God's grace, be an attractive role model to many who are considering their call to discipleship and ministry.

It became clear to me in the appointment process that Karowei was the person God is calling to be Bishop of Woolwich. He joins a gifted team with Hearts on Fire with the love of Christ eager to serve our parishes and the nearly three million people of South London and East Surrey. I greatly look forward to working with him and to welcoming Karowei and Mosun to the Diocese.