



ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

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250th Anniversary of Christ Church, Newton

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to send my greetings to you and to all the members of your church as you celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Christ Church, Newton of the Diocese of Newark in The Episcopal Church. I am very pleased that The Right Reverend Dr Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, can be with you as you celebrate together.

A significant anniversary such as this offers an opportunity not only to look back, with thanksgiving to God for all that Christ Church Newton has been, but also to celebrate the role of the church in your local community today, and to plan and build for the future.

I give thanks to the Almighty for his many blessings and your faithfulness in the Church's ministry since 1769, which today supports so many in your community and beyond, through the bonds of the Anglican Communion, with your support for the Church in Panama. Please be assured of my prayers as you continue to serve all those in need in the wider community.

I pray that you will all be richly blessed, both as individual disciples and as a Christian community, as you seek to follow Christ and to witness the Gospel in the world today.

I wish you all a blessed Anniversary.

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury