

On Tuesday I shall be in Brussels at my first Bishop's Staff Meeting which happens several times each year and includes senior clergy and members of the Diocesan staff. It will I'm sure be an interesting experience.

As you'd expect these meetings are surrounded and supported by daily prayer and so at the first of these moments, evening prayer on the 14th January at 6pm as a part of the liturgy, I shall be collated as Archdeacon of Gibraltar and Archdeacon of Italy and Malta. It is the official beginning of my ministry as an Archdeacon, a ministry which I share with our Bishop (as is the case for the ministry of all clergy).

I shall continue to live on Mallorca as one of the important elements of my new work will of course involve travel. Being near a large international airport is therefore important and Palma airport fits the bill nicely. This move, quite locally, also means that Julie my wife can continue her work, built up over the last few years that I have been chaplain on Mallorca.

My e mail from now on will be david.waller@europe.anglican.org and I encourage people to be in touch. It is my hope that apart from responding to some of the important and necessary work that will come my way over this initial period, that I can also arrange to visit some of the chaplaincies within the Archdeaconry simply to meet people to listen and offer support.

Please pray for me as I take this step in faith and ministry.

Yours

David Waller (Archdeacon Designate, for the moment)!