

Announcement of the Appointment
of
Mrs. Alexandra Wakid
as
Lay Canon of All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo

Dear Friends,

It is with joy that I announce that on 12 April 2019 I will license Mrs. Alexandra Wakid as a Lay Canon of All Saint's Cathedral, Cairo, in honour of her many years of dedicated service to the Diocese. Alexandra will be the first woman to be appointed as Canon in the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, since its founding in 1839. It is worth mentioning that her late husband, Mr. Ibrahim "Abee" Wakid, was the first Egyptian Lay Reader to ever be licensed within the Diocese and was later also licensed as a Lay Canon as well.

The Licensing Service will take place at All Saint's Cathedral, Cairo, Egypt on Friday 12 April, 2019.



Alexandra grew up in Edinburgh and graduated from the University of St Andrews. She moved to London to work as a research economist with an intergovernmental organisation, but the following year she moved to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and became a diplomat. Her overseas diplomatic postings included Sofia, Paris, The Hague and, from 1990, Cairo. Her connection to Cairo and to All Saints' Cathedral goes back 28 years. Alexandra left her official career work when she married Abee Wakid in 1994. They were married in All Saints' Cathedral.

For the past ten years, Alexandra has served as Bishop Mouneer Anis' Consultant for International Relations, and, in that capacity, has been at the forefront of negotiations with the FCO for the return of church property in Algiers, which had been held by the FCO for 21 years. The agreement, restoring the property to the diocese, with a financial settlement, was signed on 27 February 2019.

We appreciate your prayers for our new Lay Canon, Mrs. Alexandra Wakid.

May the Lord bless you.

Yours in Christ,

+Mouneer Egypt

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis
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