

# Rev Mallett gets appointed

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Dr Rosemarie Mallett, the Barbadian Area Bishop of Croydon, has been appointed as one of the inaugural lead bishops for racial justice within the Church of England, alongside the Right Reverend Arun Arora, the Suffragan Bishop of Kirkstall.

The appointments were made by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell and the Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Sarah Mullally. The bishops will act as “advocates for racial justice” within both the church and society, aiding in the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the report, **From Lament to Action**.

These actions were among the recommendations endorsed by the General Synod last month, which included funding for the next three years and staffing at both the national and diocesan levels. The bishops will also serve as joint deputy chairs of the newly established board, responsible for overseeing and assessing the effectiveness of the work.

Dr Mallett serves as the lead bishop overseeing social and racial justice within the Southwark diocese, where she spearheaded the creation of a diocesan anti-racism charter. She chairs the oversight group for the church commissioners’ initiatives on African chattel enslavement and reparatory justice and holds the position of Anglican bishop on the board of trustees for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Dr Mallett’s experience includes five years as an equalities commissioner in Lambeth and she currently advises a Croydon community-action project aimed at reducing youth violence. Additionally, she chairs the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education.

“Racial justice is at the heart of the gospel,” she said. “There is a lot of good work being undertaken and our joint leadership roles will enable the church to keep focused on working for a more racially just and equitable church and society.”

**From Lament to Action** outlines a strategy to address

institutional racism and the lack of diversity within the church. It provides 47 recommendations across five key areas:

participation (including appointments), education, training and mentoring, young people and structures and governance.

A key recommendation was to appoint full-time racial justice officers in each diocese (where they were not already present), with central

funding for five years, to work within churches and the wider communities.

**Dr Rosemarie Mallett, the Barbadian Area Bishop of Croydon. (GP)**



**HYDROGEN TANKS INSTALLED on HDF’s pioneering Renewstable® plant in French Guiana. (GP)**

## Hydrogen tanks installed on HDF’s pioneering Renewstable® plant in French Guiana

**HDF ENERGY**, the parent company of HDF Caribbean, which launched its regional headquarters in Bridgetown, Barbados, in November of last year, marked another significant regional milestone with the installation of hydrogen tanks on the Centrale Électrique de l’Ouest Guyanais (CEOG).

**HDF Energy** is the pioneering developer of this project, the world’s first multi-megawatt hydrogen power plant currently under construction by Siemens Energy in French Guiana. It is based on HDF’s proprietary Renewstable® technology which harnesses solar and/or wind power to produce hydrogen, which is stored in tanks before being converted into electricity using HDF’s cutting-edge 1.5 MW fuel cells. In total, 26 tanks will be needed to ensure this storage is readily available to provide stable, non-intermittent renewable power around the clock for 10,000 households, while also serving as a strategic reserve in case of grid failures. A similar operation is expected for the Renewstable® Barbados (RSB) plant once the project commences construction.

Since December, residents of French Guiana have been witnessing the movement of impressive convoys through the streets of Saint-Laurent-du-Maroni; giant tankers measuring 21

metres in length and 2.85 metres in diameter and weighing 35 tonnes each.

To date, all twenty-six (26) of the hydrogen tanks have been installed on the project site in French Guiana. Installing these tanks represents a technical logistical operation critical to the project’s green hydrogen production component. A local comparison to this operation would be the 6 000-gallon LPG tanks installed at Spring Garden.

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Barbados is also expecting to benefit from this type of clean energy storage solution through its recently licensed Renewstable® Barbados (RSB) project. The project will introduce to Barbados the first commercial production of green hydrogen for energy storage in the English-speaking Caribbean.

With the assistance of local partners, the Barbados project team, led by Jacqueline Beckles, head of HDF Caribbean’s Regional Operations, is identifying the preliminary documentation and specific requirements to facilitate the transportation of the tanks from the Bridgetown Port to the project site at Harrow, St Philip.

On discussing the RSB project, Beckles

noted that “the project’s logistical exercise will require the identification of optimal ground transportation mechanisms, route mapping, road preparation, and managed haulage schedules to minimise commuter disruption and ensure adherence to road traffic and safety protocols”, all of which have been identified and mapped out through the project’s Traffic Management and Route Mitigation Plans as part of the project’s planning requirements.

Barbados stands to benefit from the associated job opportunities that will be generated from the project as well as international best practices and knowledge transfer at the project execution stage. The team has already identified those specific work packages through which local and regional contractors can make a significant contribution to the construction of the project.

At the end of January 2025, the RSB project issued its first Request for Information (RFI) inviting suitable contractors, subcontractors and suppliers to submit preliminary proposals. With the launch of its newly-minted Barbados-based office, the country stands to benefit once more, as Barbados serves as the regional hub for the development of green hydrogen projects across the Caribbean.