

Note No 140/24

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to His Holiness Serbian Patriarch kyr Porfirije and has the honour to inform His Holiness about the message issued by His Majesty King Charles III, regarding the enthronement of newly-elected Bishop of London and of Britain and Ireland kyr Nektarije.

Message begins:

On the occasion of the enthronement of the newly-elected Bishop of London and Great Britain and Ireland, kyr Nektarije, I send my warm greetings to the Serbian Orthodox Church and to the Serbian people.

I remember with fondness my visit to Serbia in 2016, the time I spent with His Holiness Patriarch Irinej and my visit to Kovilj monastery, hosted so kindly by the then Metropolitan Bishop, His Holiness Patriarch Porfirije.

This ceremony sees the enactment of the decision of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church to establish, for the first time, a diocese of London and Great Britain and Ireland. I very much hope that the creation of this new diocese will help to refresh and to deepen the longstanding ties between the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Church of England, as well as between our peoples.

My wife joins me in sending our very best wishes to Bishop Nektarije at the start of his pastoral tenure in our country.

Message ends.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy would highly appreciate if His Majesty's message found its way into the enthronement ceremony and be amplified through public communications.

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to His Holiness Serbian Patriarch kyr Porfirije the assurances of their highest consideration.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S EMBASSY
BELGRADE, 18 November 2024

TO THE CABINET OF
HIS HOLINESS SERBIAN PATRIARCH KYR PORFIRIJE

