

The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Newcastle
Bishop's House, 29 Moor Road South
Gosforth, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE3 1PA
✕ @BishopNewcastle @bishopofnewcastle



The Archbishop of Canterbury
Lambeth Palace
London
SE1 7JU

The Archbishop of York
Bishopthorpe Palace
Bishopthorpe
York
YO23 2GE

05 November, 2024

Dear Archbishops Justin and Stephen,

Thank you for your letter regarding Sentamu.

I am willing to work (via yourselves) on an agreed statement with Sentamu.

My expectation has always been that Sentamu would make a full and unreserved apology for the comments he made in response to the independent lessons learnt review into the Church of England's handling of allegations against the late Revd Trevor Devamanikkam and for their impact on victims and survivors of church-related abuse and that he would retract those comments accordingly. That expectation has not changed.

I would be prepared to consider a PTO application from Sentamu, but only upon resolution of a satisfactory form of joint statement.

Best wishes,



The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley
Bishop of Newcastle