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A new president for Radius

Radius has great pleasure in announcing that The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Platten will be the sixth President of the society, in succession to the Rt Revd Graeme Knowles who completed his term of office in 2017.

Dr Stephen Platten has had a variety of posts including the Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs, Dean of Norwich and Bishop of Wakefield. Now Chaplain at St. Martin-within-Ludgate in the City of London, he is the author of a number of books, most recently *Animating Liturgy: The Dynamics of Worship and the Human Community*, and has edited many volumes including *Holy Ground: Cathedrals in the 21st Century*. He has had a lifelong interest in the theatre, music, the arts and publishing. Of his new role he says:

'Christian faith has at its heart the *drama* of salvation in Jesus Christ – the Liturgy is itself a re-presentation of that drama. I'm honoured to be President of RADIUS with its ever innovative work within religious drama in all its forms.'

Dr Platten joins Radius at a landmark moment in the society's long history of promoting drama that explores faith and illuminates the human condition. The Radius Playwriting Competition 2018 has just been launched in tandem with the Radius YouTube Channel featuring aspects of the society's work. Judges of the competition are Neil McPherson and Sue Healy, Artistic Director and Literary Manager of London's Finborough Theatre, and the winning script is guaranteed a reading in the Finborough's prestigious Vibrant Festival of new writing. Other plans for 2018 include an acting workshop, a new publication and regular meetings of the writers' forum launched in 2017.

More information about Radius's playwriting competition, the Radius YouTube Channel, the script collection and other Radius initiatives can be found at www.radiusdrama.org.uk.

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