The Revd Dylan Turner has been appointed to the newly-created position of Anglican Communion Relations Officer.

Currently working in the Diocese of Rochester, he will join the Church of England's national Faith and Public Life department next month as part of the Anglican Communion team of staff.

Before ordination, he worked with the Foreign Office, training staff in diplomatic missions around the world to help British companies trade and invest globally.

Bishop Anthony Poggo, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs, said: “We look forward to utilising Dylan's wide experience in supporting the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury as a focus of unity in the Anglican Communion as well as being part of the Faith and Public Life team as it supports the Archbishops and Church of England.”

Speaking on his appointment, Dylan said that “It is an honour to have been invited to join the Faith and Public Life team as Anglican Communion Relations Officer.

“What particularly excites me about the role is the opportunity to draw on my experience before ordination working with the Foreign Office.”

The Revd Canon Dr Malcolm Brown, Director of Faith and Public Life, said, “Dylan joins the Faith and Public Life team when it is only a few months old, and is developing its life together to serve the Church of England as an institution and the two Archbishops in their personal ministries.

“The range and depth of Dylan's experience will bring much to the team and I greatly look forward to working with him.”