

Welby's priorities

SIR – Before hectoring the Government (“Justin Welby: It is not ‘morally right’ to leave other countries to deal with the refugee crisis”, telegraph.co.uk, June 15), the Archbishop of Canterbury might heed Stephen Billyeald’s advice (Letters, June 15) and put his own house in order.

A precipitous fall in congregations (aggravated by Archbishop Welby’s actions during lockdown), diocesan expenditure running at roughly twice what it should be, a chronic paucity of clergy numbers, lunatic schemes in Leicester, Truro and elsewhere to rip up the parish system of 1,000 years’ standing, a nigh universal collapse in trust within the Church and a looming safeguarding scandal might be more pressing matters.

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SIR – I agree wholeheartedly with Mr Billyeald when he says that parishes need more clergy.

At the start of each service, an elderly member of our congregation used to say loudly: “Who is it this time?”

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