



The Bishop of Norwich  
The Rt Revd Graham James

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Norwich

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To: All Clergy, Readers, licensed lay workers and AWAs in the Diocese of Norwich  
All Rural Deans, Lay Chairs, Churchwardens and PCC Secretaries in the Diocese of Norwich  
All staff of Bishop's House, Norwich Cathedral, NDBF, Horstead Centre and DNEAT

## **Archdeacon of Norwich & Warden of Readers**

I am delighted to announce that the next Archdeacon of Norwich and Warden of Readers will be The Revd Canon Karen Hutchinson, currently Vicar of The Bourne and Tilford United Benefice in the Diocese of Guildford and Diocesan Adviser in Women's Ministry. Karen will be collated and installed as Archdeacon of Norwich and Warden of Readers at 3.30pm on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> in Norwich Cathedral. All are welcome at that service.

Karen was born in 1964 in Lincolnshire. Her father served in the RAF. She read Mathematics at the University of Oxford (Lady Margaret Hall) and qualified as a solicitor in 1989 working for a decade in litigation. She trained for ordination at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, serving a curacy in the Diocese of Winchester whilst studying for an MA in Applied Theology through the University of Kent at Canterbury. She has served as incumbent of two benefices in the Diocese of Guildford and for the past five years has been the Diocesan Adviser for Women's Ministry. She has been an elected member of General Synod, representing the clergy of the Diocese of Guildford, since 2013.

Karen is married to Richard who is a freelance copy-editor and they have two adult children who live in Bristol and Basingstoke.

Karen visited the Diocese of Norwich last year as part of a leadership course and says this of her new appointment:

"From my first visit to the Diocese of Norwich last year I have felt strongly drawn to return. It's a diverse diocese in a historic and beautiful part of the country, led by a senior staff team who greatly value their clergy and lay people. I will be sad to leave the people in my current benefice and Diocese, but am very much looking forward to working with new colleagues and parishes in Norwich and taking forward the renewed Mission Strategy."

For my part I am delighted to welcome Karen to the staff team. My comment to the local media follows:

"Karen Hutchinson has a rich experience of parish and diocesan ministry, as well as her legal training and practice, to bring to the role of Archdeacon of Norwich and Warden of Readers. She has won the hearts of the people of her present benefice by her strategic leadership and pastoral imagination. I am confident she will soon come to love this diocese and its people and be greatly appreciated for the gifts she will bring."



Please pray for Karen, and her husband Richard, as she prepares for her move to Norwich in the autumn.

+ *Grace* *Norwich* :