



The Bishop of Norwich  
The Rt Revd Graham James

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Norwich

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TO: All clergy (licensed and PTO) in the Diocese of Norwich  
All Readers (licensed and PTO) in the Diocese of Norwich  
All Licensed Lay Workers in the Diocese of Norwich  
Deanery Lay Chairs in the Archdeaconry of Norwich  
All Churchwardens and PCC Secretaries in the Archdeaconry of Norwich  
Bishop's House Staff  
Norwich Cathedral Staff  
DBF, DNEAT & Horstead Centre staff

Dear Friends,

It will be announced today that The Venerable Jan McFarlane, currently Archdeacon of Norwich, Warden of Readers and Diocesan Director of Communications, has been appointed Bishop of Repton in the Diocese of Derby. She will be consecrated as a bishop on Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> and begin her ministry in the Diocese of Derby later in the summer.

In the press release prepared for the Diocese of Derby I have said that "Jan McFarlane is greatly loved and much admired in the Diocese of Norwich. She has been a fine communicator of the Christian faith in the local and regional media, and an archdeacon who has won the confidence and affection of clergy and lay people alike. We will miss her enormously in this diocese but we are thrilled that she has been called to be a bishop in God's Church."

Jan came to the Diocese in 1999 as Director of Communications. In 2001 she combined that role with being my Chaplain until 2009 when she was appointed Archdeacon of Norwich, continuing as Director of Communications too. In addition, in 2015 she became Warden of Readers. She has been a very familiar voice and face in the local and regional media and greatly appreciated for her clarity of mind, quickness of wit and vigorous exposition of the Christian faith. It will be little surprise to many who know Jan well that she has been chosen to be a bishop. It seemed unlikely a couple of years ago when she was diagnosed with cancer, but it is a huge blessing that she has come through her surgery and treatment so well and is now in such good health.

We pray for her and Andrew as they prepare for their move to the Diocese of Derby where I am sure Jan will continue to be a great blessing to many in all that she does for Jesus Christ and his Church.

In due course we will publicise a date and time for a leaving service for Jan in Norwich Cathedral when all will be welcome. We will also publicise further information regarding Jan's consecration on 29<sup>th</sup> June once the details are confirmed and I hope many of us will be able to be there in her support.

Blessings and prayers,

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