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## **NEW ARCHDEACON OF HARLOW APPOINTED**

### **Revd Canon Vanessa Herrick brings huge experience of mission and ministry**

The Revd Canon Vanessa Herrick, currently Rector of Wimborne Minster & the Northern Villages in the Diocese of Salisbury, has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Harlow.

Vanessa will begin her ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford in September 2017.

She succeeds the Venerable Martin Webster who retired in March 2017.

**The Right Revd Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford** has said:

"Vanessa will bring huge experience of mission and ministry to her work as Archdeacon of Harlow. She is a creative and inspiring teacher and pastor who will bring blessing and energy to the churches of the Harlow Archdeaconry and to the whole diocese. I am delighted to be welcoming her to the good ship Chelmsford."

The **Revd Canon Vanessa Herrick** added:

"I am excited to be taking up my appointment at this time of change and development in mission and ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford. I particularly look forward to getting to know the diverse peoples and communities of the Harlow Archdeaconry and to working alongside Bishop Peter and his team in the Barking Area."

Welcoming the appointment, **the Right Revd Peter Hill, the Area Bishop of Barking** said:

"We very much look forward to welcoming Vanessa Herrick into the Barking Area leadership team as Archdeacon of Harlow. She is a gifted pastor-teacher who will bring Godly wisdom and discernment to the role of archdeacon. She has guided and taught ordinands, laity and clergy in a wide range of diocesan and theological settings, equipping God's people to minister in contemporary society. I know we will reap the benefits of Vanessa's leadership and ministry, both in the Archdeaconry and much further afield in East London and Essex."

"Vanessa is an able, holy and creative priest with considerable experience to bring to the post of Archdeacon. Before becoming Rector of Wimborne Minster she was a diocesan Director of Ministry. She is a very natural educator who thinks and writes clearly. She is wise, strategic and determined, whilst being very human and caring, just the sort of qualities that will make her a good Archdeacon. I am delighted by her appointment," commented **the Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam, the Bishop of Salisbury**.