

Chaplain/Bible Study Leader: Rt Rev Helen-Ann Hartley

The Rt Rev Helen-Ann Hartley has been Bishop of Ripon since February 2018. Prior to this role in the Diocese of Leeds, Helen-Ann was Bishop of Waikato on New Zealand's North Island, a position she held from 2014 until returning to ministry in the Church of England.

Helen-Ann was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Oxford and following a curacy in a multi-parish rural benefice, she taught New Testament studies in Oxford and in New Zealand, mostly in theological college contexts.

She was born in Edinburgh, and grew up in the North-East of England, where she retains strong family connections. In her spare time (!) she enjoys running and is a devotee of her local parkrun (at Fountains Abbey)!

Helen-Ann is married to Myles, who has recently finished his PhD in music, and is a freelance accompanist in organ and piano. They are very much staff when at home, to Ebba the cat!