

The Bishop of Blackburn
The Rt Revd Julian T Henderson

9th November 2018

To All Clergy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

There are many privileges of being a diocesan Bishop. One is to be able to appoint after consultation with the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral new Honorary and Lay Canons to the College of Canons.

The Statutes of the Cathedral require that Honorary and Lay Canons vacate their Canonry when they reach the age of 70. Currently there are a number of vacancies, which I am pleased to announce will be filled on December 9th at 4.00 pm at Evensong with five new Honorary Canons and five new Lay Canons.

Honorary Canons

- The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster Priory
- The Revd Tim Horrobin, Vicar of St James Lower Darwen, St James Over Darwen and St Paul's Hoddlesden
- The Revd Laurence Carson-Featham, Vicar of Accrington St Andrew, St Mary Magdalen, St Peter and Church Kirk
- The Revd Linda Macluskie, Vicar of St John Sandylands and St Helen Overton
- The Revd Grant Ashton, Assistant Archdeacon of Blackburn, Vicar of Euxton

Lay Canons

- Mr Stephen Whittaker, Diocesan Director of Education
- Mrs Jean Duerden, Cathedral member and Diocesan Conference administrator
- Ms Jo Snape, Retired Head teacher and Associate Advisor to the Board of Education and member of St Andrew's Cleveley's
- Mrs Sue Witts, retired Children's work advisor and musician and lay leader at St Paul's Hoddlesden
- Mr Richard Jones, Head teacher of St Christopher's Accrington

I hope that a good number from around the diocese will gather at our Cathedral Church for this special occasion to welcome these new Canons and pray with them for the life and witness of the Cathedral in Blackburn and more widely around the Diocese.

With all best wishes,

As ever

