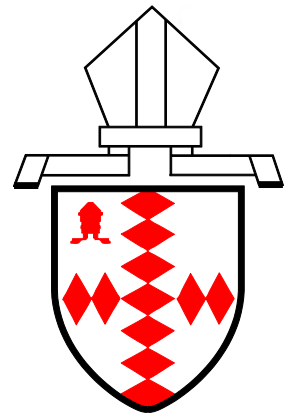


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New Archdeacon for Lewisham and Greenwich

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Mr Cutting (52) is the Vicar of Henfield and Rector of Shermanbury & Woodmancote in the Diocese of Chichester. He grew up in South India where his family have had associations for nearly a century; his parents were medics there and he served a years Voluntary Service Overseas in South India between school and university. He is Pro-prolocutor of the Province of Canterbury of the General Synod and a member of the Church of England Evangelical Council. Trained at St John's Nottingham, he served in the Dioceses of Sheffield and London before moving to Chichester. He is a keen musician, enjoys growing orchids (when he has the facilities) and has strong links with New Zealand; his Masters dissertation was on Maori and Celtic Spirituality. He is married to Kay and they have two grown up daughters.

Alastair Cutting says, 'I am honoured and delighted to have been asked by Bishop Christopher and Bishop Michael to take up the post of Archdeacon of Lewisham & Greenwich, an area I have lived in before, and have a number of connections with. Kay & I look forward to working closely with the clergy and people of the archdeaconry, and with the senior staff, in what we pray will be an exciting unfolding of the next steps of our shared pilgrimage together with God. Please hold us, and the people of the benefice of Henfield and Diocese of Chichester who we love and leave behind, in your prayers, as we prepare to come and serve amongst you in the Southwark Diocese. May God richly bless you.'

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The Revd Alastair Cutting will be instituted and installed at Southwark Cathedral at Choral Evensong on Sunday 14 April, where the new Archdeacon of Croydon, the Venerable Chris Skilton, and the new Archdeacon of Southwark, the Revd Canon Dr Jane Steen, will also be instituted and installed.

Short Biography: the Revd Alastair Cutting

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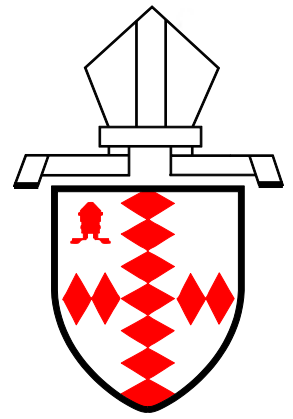
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Canon Steen (48) is the Director of Ministerial Education and Canon Theologian for the Diocese of Southwark and Canon Chancellor at Southwark Cathedral. Prior to coming to the Diocese of Southwark she served her title in the Diocese of St Albans. She is a member of the Joint Implementation Committee for the Anglican Methodist Covenant. Her PhD dissertation was on Samuel Johnson's Anglicanism and she maintains a continuing academic interest in Samuel Johnson, lecturing and taking part in conferences. Married to Preston (Pip) she reads, enjoys walking and cooking and gardening on a small scale.

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Short Biography: the Revd Canon Dr Jane Steen

Born 1964

- 1983-1987: Newnham College, Cambridge: BA (hons) in English, (MA awarded 1990)
- 1987-1988: Deputy Co-ordinator for the Elderly and Handicapped, East Barnet
- 1988-1992: Newnham College, Cambridge, PhD. English; dissertation: Samuel Johnson's Anglicanism
- 1992-1993: Academic Supervisor Newnham and Lucy Colleges, Cambridge
- 1993-1995: Trinity College Cambridge and Westcott House, Theology and Religious Studies Tripos and Certificate in Theology for Ministry
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