



THE ARCHBISHOP  
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Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, is the new Chancellor of University of Cumbria.

Stephen Cottrell became the 98th Archbishop of York in July in succession of Dr John Sentamu.

In accepting the role, Archbishop Cottrell is already playing a part in welcoming the university's new and returning students, writing two special prayers as part of the chaplaincy and multi-faith services available to University of Cumbria staff and students.

Archbishop Cottrell says he is thrilled to be appointed Chancellor of University of Cumbria.

"I was thrilled to be asked to become Chancellor of the University of Cumbria. Recognising the opportunities that the University offers in a broad range of locations, I welcome the chance to work with staff to enable students to realise their potential and also to promote the work of the University more widely. The University plays a crucial role in the revitalisation of the north west, and securing the ongoing support and partnership of local businesses will ensure that the area can flourish as more young people remain and work there."

Alongside celebrating the achievements of our 2020 graduates, a formal inauguration of the new Chancellor will take place at a future date, and will be in a format that will see the university continue to follow coronavirus guidance from government and public health authorities.

Vice Chancellor Professor Julie Mennell said:

"We are delighted that Archbishop Stephen has agreed to join us as Chancellor and look forward to working with him to support the work and impact of our university.

"Our university is all about people. Our graduates set out with a goal and purpose to save, shape, change and improve the lives and livelihoods, and they do, in roles such as paramedics, police officers, youth workers, teachers, nurses and allied-health professionals.

"Archbishop Stephen's values-set, strong background in youth work and community working coupled with his passion for addressing socio-economic and regional inequalities provides us with a tremendous source of expertise and experience to increase this reach and impact further.

"Alongside, providing a significant figurehead role in our graduation ceremonies and other notable events, I know our Chancellor will draw on his beliefs, life and career experiences to provide great support and inspiration to both students and staff, through a range of events and interactions.

"We welcome him wholeheartedly to our university and Cumbria."

Archbishop Sentamu was the university's first Chancellor, serving from 2007 until his retirement as Archbishop of York in June.