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Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell have announced the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson as the new Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Currently Bishop of Penrith, Dr Ineson will take up the position from 1st June 2021.

The role reimagines and replaces the existing position of Bishop at Lambeth - the post currently held by Bishop Tim Thornton, who announced his retirement earlier this year - in order to facilitate closer working between Lambeth Palace and Bishopthorpe.Â

Bishop Emma will work directly for both Archbishops and closely with all Bishops of the Church of England. Based at Lambeth Palace as a senior member of the Archbishops' teams, she will play a key role in work being done on the future of the Church of England, as well as appointments.

She will also have specific oversight of the programme for the 2022 Lambeth Conference, having been chair of the conference's working group since last year. She will not be Bishop to the Forces or Episcopal Commissary to the Falkland Islands, roles currently performed by the Bishop at Lambeth.Â

Bishop Emma has been the Bishop of Penrith in the Diocese of Carlisle since 2019. Prior to that she was Principal of Trinity College.Â

She has also been a Bishop's chaplain, and chaplain to the Lee Abbey community in Devon. In 2016 she was appointed as an Honorary Chaplain to the Queen.

She is author of two books - *Busy Living: Blessing not burden* (Continuum) and *Ambition: What Jesus said about power, success and counting stuff* (SPCK). She is married to Mat. They have two adult children and two black dogs.

Bishop Emma said: "I am absolutely delighted to be taking up this new role at such a time of great opportunity and challenge for the Church of England, as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. I am very much looking forward to working with the Archbishops and their teams at Lambeth and Bishopthorpe to enable the work of healing, renewal and hope that will be needed in the Church, and in wider society, in the coming years. We have good news to share in Jesus, and it will be a privilege to play whatever part I can in ensuring that good news is heard and received by all."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, said: "I am truly delighted to welcome Bishop Emma to Lambeth Palace. I know she will bring her considerable wisdom, humour and humility to the role, as well as her wealth of experience as a chaplain, teacher and outstanding preacher.Â

Archbishop Stephen and I are looking forward to working with Bishop Emma on issues relating to the Emerging Church, the role and nature of bishops meetings and the priorities we face.

As we look forward to the Lambeth Conference, in which Bishop Emma will continue to play a crucial role, her authentic and practical ministry will be invaluable to the global Anglican Communion. I will be praying for her and her husband, Mat, as they prepare to join this community of communities at Lambeth Palace.

The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell said: I'm delighted that Emma has been appointed as Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Her theological depth and pastoral heart will be a huge blessing in this important ministry, not just to the Archbishops, but to the Church of England as we strive to be a simpler, humbler and bolder church.

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Notes:

Â The Bishop at Lambeth is a senior advisor to the Archbishop of Canterbury who doesn't have a geographical Diocese but supports the Archbishop's ministry.

Â As the post of Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York replaces the existing role of Bishop at Lambeth, no new budget was required to create the role.

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