

The new Area Bishop of Stafford will be The Venerable Matthew Parker, who is currently serving as Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent.

No 10 Downing Street announced today that the Queen has approved Matthew's nomination in succession to the Right Revd Geoff Annas, who retired as Bishop of Stafford last year.



Matthew has a strong affinity to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent having served in the area for 20 years. He will join the Area Bishops of Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury in an episcopal team led by the Bishop of Lichfield. Matthew will have responsibility for the pastoral oversight of churches, ministers and communities in the towns and villages of Stoke-on-Trent and North and East Staffordshire including Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stafford and Burton-upon-Trent.

**Read more about the announcement including a video from Matthew on [the Diocese of Lichfield website](#).**

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