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Diocese of Newcastle

Bishop Helen-Ann, who was brought up in the North East, will succeed Bishop Christine Hardman who retired in November last year.

She said: "I am absolutely delighted and excited to be the next Bishop of Newcastle. With life-long connections to the whole region covered by the Diocese, I am inspired by the example of the Northern Saints, whose engagement in God's mission lies deep in the fabric and contours of the land.

"I am, and will continue to be in this new role, a passionate advocate for the region. I look forward immensely to supporting and encouraging the vital work of the Diocese at every level: parishes and benefices, schools, chaplaincies, clergy and lay together as we continue to engage in God's mission in the season that lies ahead."

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