



Downing Street has announced, after her appointment was approved

Currently the Third Church Estates Commissioner, Flora Winfield's ministry to date has spanned the Dioceses of Oxford, Gloucester, Winchester, London, and Leeds.

Ordained deacon in 1989 and priest in 1994, Flora was among the first women to be ordained in the Church of England.

Since 2022, she has been the Third Church Estates Commissioner, and her work includes chairing the Church of England's Net Zero Carbon Programme Board.

The Archbishop of York said: "Flora knows the Church inside out and has served the Church in a huge variety of contexts, be it as an Army Chaplain, representing the Anglican Communion at the United Nations, or helping the Church of England nationally sort out some of its most thorny pastoral challenges - and more besides!"

Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, David Urquhart said: "Flora Winfield's appointment is good news for the Diocese of York and the Church of England.

"She brings a wealth of experience in the local and national Church, both as a parish priest and as the Third Church Estates Commissioner.

"Flora is a compassionate pastor and evangelist who understands the importance of fostering ecumenical and interfaith relations and I have been pleased to witness the impact of her ministry over many years.

"Her superb administrative gifts, and commitment to collaboration, prayer, and unity will be a great blessing as she serves with Archbishop Stephen and colleagues in the Diocese of York."

Following the announcement, Flora said: "I am delighted and humbled to respond to this call to be the next Bishop of Selby, and I am looking forward so much to working with Archbishop Stephen, with fellow bishops, the Archdeacon of York, clergy, and parishes, building on the tremendous commitment to this ministry of Bishop John, to support and encourage God's people in ministry, mission and evangelism, service, worship, study, prayer, hospitality, community, and life together."

For the full announcement including details of the next Bishop of Whitby announced today, see the [Diocese of York press release](#).

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