

NEWS FROM PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE – 20 October 2011

ARCHDEACON OF OAKHAM AND RESIDENTIARY CANON OF PETERBOROUGH RETIREMENT SERVICE

The Archdeacon of Oakham and Residentiary Canon of Peterborough Cathedral, the Ven. David Painter, is to retire next week. He will preach at a special service in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 29 October, at 11.00 am. He is available for interview by appointment (but not on 29th) about his lifetime in the church.

The Ven. David Painter is a former Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury (1976-1980). He has been in his current post since 2000 and is a well-known figure in the churches of the area. His responsibilities have included assisting parishes in the Oakham archdeaconry (which covers Peterborough, Rutland, and the Oundle, Rushden and Kettering areas) regarding practical matters, and sharing with the bishop in the pastoral oversight of the clergy and people in the diocese. After retirement he will move to Towcester.

David Painter is available for interview by prior appointment (but not on 29th). Please contact him direct on his office number: 01733 887017.

Media are welcome to attend the service on the 29th when the usual restrictions on cameras will be in operation. It is a communion service led by the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt Revd Donald Allister, and will be attended by people from across the diocese. It will conclude with drinks and nibbles. Members of the congregation are invited to bring a packed lunch and eat it in the Cathedral afterwards.

If media representatives wish to attend this service please contact Sarah McGhie on 01733 355309 or Derek Williams on 01858 432709.

A photograph of Archdeacon David is available on request.

The Ven. David Painter - brief biography

David Painter was born in October 1944 and educated at Queen Elizabeth's School, Crediton. He then went to Trinity College of Music, London, and later to Worcester College, Oxford, where he was awarded a BA in 1968 and a MA in 1972, and a Certificate in Education. He trained for the ministry at Cuddesdon College, Oxford, and was ordained deacon in 1970 and priest in 1971.

He was appointed as the Curate of Plymouth St Andrew's from 1970 to 1973. During that time he also became the Chaplain of Plymouth Polytechnic. In 1973 he was appointed as Curate to Marylebone, All Saints. In 1976 he became the Archbishop of Canterbury's Domestic Chaplain. In 1980 he was appointed as the Vicar of Roehampton, Holy Trinity.

During this time he was a Priest Vicar at Westminster Abbey and also the Rural Dean of Wandsworth. In 1991 he was made the Southwark Diocesan Director of Ordinands and also Canon Residentiary and Treasurer of Southwark Cathedral. He was appointed as the Archdeacon of Oakham and Canon Residentiary in the Diocese of Peterborough in 2000.

He enjoys music, country walking and crossword puzzles.