

# Celebrating 30 years of women priests

The first women were ordained as priests in our diocese in 1994. We find out what's happened to some of those pioneers since then.

## 1 THE REV CAROL SMART

Carol was a non-stipendiary minister in Gatcombe, Chale and Shorwell until retiring in 2002

## 2 THE REV SANDRA LLOYD

Sandra was parish priest at Niton, Whitwell and St Lawrence until her retirement in 2014

## 3 THE REV JANE RICHARDS

Jane was curate at Locks Heath and a hospital chaplain until her retirement in 2003

## 4 THE REV CATHERINE MOSS

Catherine was a curate at St Jude's, Southsea, and then chaplain at Luton Football Club



## 5 THE REV APRIL RICHARDS

April was parish priest at Blackmoor and Whitehill, and rural dean of Petersfield, then moved to Peterborough diocese

## 6 THE REV ANN BURR

Ann served at Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham, and as a hospital chaplain

## 7 THE VERY REV JANE HEDGES

Jane was a residentiary canon at our cathedral, moved to Exeter and then became Dean of Norwich from 2014-22

## 8 THE REV RUTH JAGGER

Ruth went to Durham diocese from 2001-19, but returned to Fareham to minister at Holy Trinity with St Columba

## 9 CANON GILL HILL

Gill was curate in charge of St Peter's, Southsea, and then vicar of Clanfield and Catherington before retiring in 2018

## 10 CANON JEANETTE POWER

Jeannette worked as a mental health chaplain and then a hospital chaplain, based at St Cuthbert's, Copnor, until retiring in 2018

WE marked 30 years since the ordination of the first women priests in our diocese with a service in our cathedral on May 18.

Several of those who had been ordained priest in 1994 - both in our cathedral and elsewhere - concelebrated the Eucharist alongside the Archdeacon of the Meon, the Ven Kathryn Percival. Bishop Jonathan was pleased to act as their deacon.

Other women priests were involved with the service, with a sermon given by Canon Angela Tilby, and readings given by Canon Jenny Lowater and the Rev Amy Adeniran, to represent the various generations

of women priests who have served in our diocese.

There was thanksgiving for the ministry of those pioneers who were first ordained priest in 1994, and for those who have followed them since.

The full list of those ordained in our cathedral in May 1994, and pictured here is:

(back row, left to right):

- the Rev Sue Martin,
- the Rev Carol Smart,
- the Rev Rose Bullock,
- the Rev Sandra Lloyd,
- the Rev Jane Richards,
- the Rev Juliet Grace,

- Canon Jenny Lowater,
- the Rev Doreen Jackson,
- the Rev Catherine Bell (now Moss),
- the Very Rev Jane Hedges,
- the Rev Mary MacVicar,
- Canon Betty Hammond, and
- the Rev Margaret Sherwin

(front row, left to right):

- the Rev Fay Stranack,
- the Rev April Richards,
- the Rev Beryl Stares,
- the Rev Ann Burr and
- Canon Gill Hill.

Not pictured, but ordained at the same time were:

- the Rev Jeanette Power and
- the Rev Ruth Jagger.