

## Introducing the new Pastoral Administrative Assistant to the Army Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain

In April 2021, Mrs Karen-Marie Horn MBE took on the newly created role of Pastoral Assistant in support of the Army's Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain. Her mission being, to provide the link between the Bishopric of the Forces and Army Chaplaincy and to promote and nurture the Roman Catholic faith amongst members of the Army and their families.



Karen is well known to many in the Army community having previously served on the altar and as Eucharistic Minister for 10 years at the Cathedral of the Forces in Aldershot. During her Civil Service career, she also worked as a Senior Staff Officer within MOD Chaplains and has also served as a member of the Army Pastoral Advisory Group. Her last role before retiring was SO2 Bereavement Support, managing the very busy Army's Compassionate Cell.

When Karen's husband retired in December 2013 after 37 years of Army Service, she decided to take early retirement from the Civil Service, and they moved up to the Western Lake District where they have settled for the time being, they worship at St Mary's Church in Cleator.

'I received a phone call out of the blue from the Principal RC Chaplain asking me if I would like to take on this role and was so excited and appreciative of being asked. It felt like coming home. These things happen for a reason and I am thoroughly enjoying fulfilling my part.'

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