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Installation of Revd Canon Julian Poppleton as Chaplain at Winchester Cathedral on Sunday 4 May at 15.30

Canon Julian has been appointed as Cathedral Chaplain at Winchester from May.

He writes: 'I've been working in the Cathedral since September and this has now been made permanent. As a result, I can no longer be Assistant Priest in Harnham and will lay down my diocesan roles too. Libby and I came to be a part of the Harnham family whilst training for ministry some twenty-five years ago, going on to serve my curacy in the parish after been deaconed in 2002 until today. It has been a privilege and joy.

A lot has changed over the intervening years. I'm deeply grateful for the constant support shown to me and the family as I developed my pioneering school chaplaincy ministry in Southampton and in seeking to serve the parish. The faithful witness and living out the Gospel by so many devoted people and colleagues has been inspiring and helpfully challenging!

Thank you for all you have shared and taught me; helping form me as a priest. The love shown to us over the years has been deeply humbling, moving and life-affirming.

It is very hard to think of no longer being a part of the team in Harnham and worshipping and working for the Kingdom alongside you all, as we have for so many years. But we're not going anywhere! Harnham and Salisbury are very much our home and will remain so as I reacquaint myself with my own particular groove down the A36! My prayers for you all in your discipleship and shared life as a parish.'

Julian will generally be based in Winchester Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. His role is primarily a pastoral one to the congregations, staff, pilgrims and visitors. Julian will often be seen and heard leading the services, sometimes singing, of course. Many of the regular services are also live-streamed. He'd be delighted to welcome you to the Cathedral for a catch up if you haven't seen him around Harnham for a while!

Julian will be formally installed at Evensong Sunday 4th May at 1530. More details at <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/worship/service-listings/>

Our thoughts and prayers are with Julian and Libby in his new role along with our many thanks and happy memories for their service and contribution to the parish over the last twenty five years.