

The Reverend Canon Veronica Hydon



Canon Veronica has been in parish ministry for over 30 years, serving across three dioceses and in a variety of parishes (including urban, rural, multi-cultural, suburban and former mill towns). She was one of the first women to be ordained as a priest in the Church of England at St Paul's Cathedral in April 1994.

Prior to that, having obtained a PGCE and working briefly as a primary school teacher, in 1975 Veronica became one of the first women to be admitted as a Marine Cargo Insurance Broker on the Floor at Lloyds of London, where she worked successfully for a total of 13 years, but then in the late 1980's she was encouraged to explore her priestly vocation.

She comes from a liberal catholic background and from her early twenties has enjoyed (attending as well as leading) quiet days and creative retreats. She has been part of the Cursillo movement since 1998.

Veronica retired from full-time ministry in December 2020 and continues to live in Macclesfield Deanery where she served at one time as Rural Dean. She was made an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral in 2014. Whilst now enjoying being a grandmother and a great aunt, in retirement she has found time to rediscover her artistic side more fully, very recently attending two beginners' courses in icon painting, one here at Foxhill and the other on the island of Lesvos!