

The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

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The Right Reverend Sean Semple

Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of  
Cyprus and the Gulf

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Sean joins Archdeacon in Cyprus the Venerable Paul Carr in welcoming Lesley Carr (no relation) to the Diocese. Lesley will be ordained to the Distinctive Diaconate at St Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia on 20 September 2025 at 1200, in a service led by Bishop Sean. The Reverend Canon Dr Bill Schwartz, who is providing locum cover at St Paul's, will act as Bishop's Chaplain.

Lesley recently completed her training at Ripon College Cuddesdon.

"I am excited to serve God in my role as a deacon here in Cyprus," says Lesley, who will serve her curacy in Paphos—of which Archdeacon Paul is parish priest. "I look forward to my ordination, and to meeting and sharing the day with you all."

Lesley and her husband Pete arrived in Cyprus in July from Cirencester, England, where Lesley worked in mental health and social work, as well as serving as safeguarding officer and pastoral lead in her church.

Lesley and Pete have four children and eight grandchildren, and a shared love of walking, reading and watching the rugby. They are joined in Cyprus by their much-loved French bulldog, Bear.

Please pray for Lesley as she prepares for her ministry in Cyprus.