

Anne Dyer to serve as first woman bishop in the Scottish Episcopal Church

**Dyer was also among the first group of women ordained as Scottish Episcopal deacon and then priest.**

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Anne Dyer. Photo courtesy of Episcopal News Service.

Earlier this month, Anne Dyer became the first woman to be elected bishop in the Scottish Episcopal Church, 14 years after the vote that allowed such an election.

She will serve as bishop of the united Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

Dyer has served as rector of Holy Trinity Church in Haddington, Scotland, since 2011. Dyer is chair of the East Lothian Foodbank and is also a regular lecturer on art and theology.

Dyer was ordained deacon in 1987 and priest in 1994, being among the first group of women ordained for each of those orders. The General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church voted to allow the election of female bishops in 2003.

Mark Strange, bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness and primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, said, "Anne brings with her a wealth of experience in theological education and mission development and has so many of the gifts sought by the diocese, together with a deeply loving and generous personality." —Scottish Episcopal Church

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