

The Revd Cara Lovell to be Kensington Area Director of Ministry

With the departure of Miles Baker to be the Diocesan Director of Ministry, we are delighted to be able to announce that **on June 7th, The Revd Cara Lovell will join the Team as Kensington Area Director of Ministry.** In this role, Cara will oversee fostering and accompaniment of vocations to both lay and ordained ministries as well as leading on Post Ordination Training, Ministerial Review, clergy development and training, and lay training.



Cara is currently a Lecturer and Tutor at St Mellitus College where she has lectured for the past five years in practical theology and ministry to ordinands and independent students on the BA and MA programmes. As a Formation Tutor, she also cares for the formational and pastoral needs of groups of ordinands and youth ministry students.

She is studying for a Doctorate in Theology and Ministry through Durham University. Her research focuses on candidates' experience of the new vocational discernment process towards ordained ministry, and she has recently published several journal articles on the subject of vocation.

Cara is Associate Minister (SSM) at St Mary Hampton where her husband, Ben, is vicar. They have two daughters, Emily and Zoe. Before training for ordained ministry in 2015, Cara worked for fourteen years in the NHS as an Occupational Therapist specialising in helping people with the practical and emotional impact of chronic pain. In her free time, Cara enjoys cycling, Pilates, and visiting museums and historic properties.

Bishop Emma writes – I am delighted that The Revd Cara Lovell has been appointed to be our new Area Director of Ministry. She brings with her a wealth of insight and experience, from parish and Cathedral ministry, and theological education. Cara has a compelling vision to see all released and thriving in the ministry to which God calls them, that I know will bear great fruit in the life of our churches in the years to come. Please join me in praying for Cara as she prepares to join the Kensington Area Team this June and takes up this significant role.

Miles Baker writes – Cara's appointment is fantastic news both for the Kensington Area and the diocese. She has a passion to promote, support and develop vocations throughout the church. She has extensive experience of training and leading others to theologically reflect upon their ministry. Her theological research is thoughtful, practical and genuinely inspired. I am delighted to welcome her to the ADM team, and I look forward to working with her in the future.

Richard Frank (Ven) – 28th February 2023