

CRANWELLIAN ASSOCIATION

Peter Robin Turner RIP



We are sad to announce that The Venerable (Air Vice Marshal) Peter Robin Turner CB DL passed away on the 24th of October 2023.

Robin's association with Cranwell was when he was Senior College Chaplain (1988-89) on his way to becoming the RAF's Chaplain in Chief.

Robin was ordained a Deacon in 1966 and then a priest in 1967. In 1970, he started his 28 years of service as an RAF Chaplin to many stations and Commands. During this time, he was also Honorary Chaplain to HM The Queen and Canon at Lincoln Cathedral.

In 1998 Robin was awarded the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (CB) and, on leaving the RAF the same year, Robin was appointed Archdeacon Emeritus of the RAF.

After becoming School Chaplain at Dulwich College in 1998, in 2002 he moved to the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham where he stayed for the remainder of his life. During this time, he served as the Bishop's Domestic Chaplain, Chaplain to the Sector Ministries (working in institutions and locations outside the parish structure) and then as Acting Canon Pastor at Southwell Minster.

In addition to these duties, Robin was Deputy Lieutenant (DL) for Nottinghamshire, County President for the Nottinghamshire Royal British Legion and Chaplain to the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service. His appointments went even further than this and included Chairman of the Bereavement Trust (an expertise that was reflected in a dissertation on bereavement in the RAF for his Oxford University Master of Theology).

Robin continued to serve with "Permission to Officiate" in his diocese until 2023.