



**The Revd Canon Stephen Evans, MA (Oxon.), MPhil (Aberdon.), DHC (Aberdon.),** was instituted as Rector of St Marylebone on 8th September 2010.

Stephen was ordained Deacon by the Rt Revd George Sessford, Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness in his Cathedral Church of St Andrew in June 1986 and Priest by Bishop Sessford in his Cathedral Church in March 1987.

Prior to ordination Stephen served as a Seaman Officer in the Royal Navy serving in HMS AVELEY, HMS ARGONAUT and HMS GALATEA before reading Theology at the University of Oxford and undertaking postgraduate studies at the University of Aberdeen. The University of Aberdeen awarded Stephen the degree Doctor Honoris Causa in 2017.

Stephen trained for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, Oxford where he met his wife Diana Cherrett, who was the first woman to be trained there. Diana was licensed as a Deaconess in 1985 and served her Title at Sherborne Abbey in Dorset. Diana is now Head of Places of Worship Advice for Historic England.

Stephen's interests include art, local history and Middle Eastern affairs, education and medical ethics. He is Patron of the Kurdish Aid Foundation and led a delegation to Iraq in 2012. Stephen is Vice-Chair of The St Marylebone School and The St Marylebone Bridge School (the Church of England's only Free Special School Academy) opened in 2012), a member of the Ward Policing Panel and is a founding member and Director of the Marylebone Business and Neighbourhood Forum. Stephen is a member of the Marylebone Association, The St Marylebone Society, The Church Commissioners for England Pastoral Committee, Provincial Clergy Discipline Panel, Trustee of The St. Marylebone Educational Foundation, Chair of the Trustees of the St Marylebone Christian Union Almshouses, a Fellow of The Woodard Corporation and Chaplain to King Edward VII's Hospital & The London Clinic, where he also serves as a member of the Research Governance and Ethics Committee. For a number of years, Stephen has served as a Member of the External Advisory Group of Contemporary British Painters and as President of The Browning Society.

Prior to becoming Rector of St Marylebone Stephen's previous appointments have included:

- Precentor, Inverness Cathedral, Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness 1986 – 1989
- Rector, Montrose with Inverbervie and Mission to Seamen's Chaplain in the Port of Montrose, Diocese of Brechin 1989 – 1991
- Vicar, Northampton, St Paul, Diocese of Peterborough 1991 – 2008
- Diocesan Continuing Ministerial Education Officer, Diocese of Peterborough 1992 – 2002
- Diocesan Liturgical Officer, Diocese of Peterborough 1996 – 2001
- Warden of Ecton House Retreat House and Conference Centre, Diocese of Peterborough 1998 – 2000
- Rector of Uppingham, Diocese of Peterborough 2000 – 2010
- Rural Dean of Rutland, Diocese of Peterborough 2003 - 2010
- Non-Residentiary Canon of Peterborough, 2003

Stephen was a Proctor in Convocation for the Province of Canterbury between 1995 and 2000 and is currently a member of the London Diocesan Synod.