

FAREWELL TO EMMA INESON

This spring, Rev Dr Emma Ineson leaves Trinity after nearly five years as principal. A Trinity alumna herself, Emma became Tutor in Practical and Pastoral Theology at Trinity in 2007 and Director of Practical Training from 2010-13 before becoming principal in 2014. Below, Trinity students and colleagues share appreciations for all Emma has brought into the role of principal of the Trinity community.



'Being part of Emma's pastoral group was one of the highlights of my first year at Trinity. Emma's insightful questions, well-timed comments and continuous encouragement grounded the beginning of my theological studies and vocational training. My time with Emma was precious and I frequently left her study feeling taller and more confident about the path I was on and the calling on my life. Emma is a role model for many people, myself included. Her experience of wrestling with calling, doing life as a clergy couple, juggling family and ministry, and being a female voice in the world of theological education were all wonderfully relevant and spoke into my own journey. I am so grateful for the time that she shared, the wisdom she offered and for the dreams that she inspired me to dream.'

Imogen Ball,
ordinand





'Without doubt the highlight of my time at Trinity College has been being a member of Emma's pastoral group. It has been a real privilege having a "front row seat" observing Emma as she has led the Trinity community. It is a leadership style which is characterised by fun, grace, humility, wisdom, and vision. I have particularly appreciated seeing how Emma has led the college through a season of change. A real strength of hers has been how she has relentlessly championed and advocated for the vision of "Living / leading / learning like the kingdom is near". I am delighted that Emma's many gifts have been further recognised by the Church of England in her appointment as a bishop. However, she will truly be missed by all of us here at Trinity.'

**Tom Murray,
ordinand**

'As newly appointed Chair of the Trustees it has been a privilege to witness Emma's role in the college community. It would not be an overstatement to say the ministry at Trinity has been transformed during her time as principal. The testimony of former students on their experience of community here has been instrumental in the large number of students who are now seeking to study with us. It is Emma's leadership that has driven this growth of formation in community. Alongside this her teaching, particularly in charismatic theology, has rooted the college's evangelical and charismatic ethos in scholarship as well as praxis. Emma has brought a theological wisdom grounded in the practicality of ministry, a personal warmth and pastoral heart. She has led the whole college community with skill and diplomacy. However, alongside this she has been able to have the hard conversations where necessary and push through hard but necessary decisions. All this has been possible through her strong focus on relationships. Even if you didn't agree with her, you always know she loves you and has your and the college's interest at heart. We will miss her hugely, but rejoice that she will bring these skills and character to the wider church in episcopal ministry.'

**Rt. Rev. Richard Jackson, Bishop of Lewes,
Chair of Trinity's Board of Trustees**



'Emma and I began working together in 2010 when she became my PhD supervisor. I am so grateful for how she championed my work, encouraged me, and stuck with me even when she found herself with much more important things to do! Emma's steady guidance, gentle questioning and keen eye for grammar were invaluable in seeing the thesis through to completion. Since joining the faculty, it has been a real privilege to work closely with Emma again, and I have benefited from her wisdom, encouragement, and collaborative leadership. Emma manages beautifully to combine the compassionate heart of a pastor with the lively mind of a teacher and the empowering spirit of leader. She does all this with an unrelenting sense of hope and good humour and thus will be greatly missed.'

**Dr Helen Collins,
Tutor in Pastoral and
Ministerial Studies**



'It has been a delight to have worked with Emma over the last five years. I have known her as a friend for a lot longer, actually since the late 90s when she and Mat first came to Trinity. Working closely with her and seeking God together in these last few years has been for me, therefore, a period of special pleasure. By the same token, I am very sorry to see her go. She has been an excellent principal, particularly in her clear vision for a Christ-centred community. She has a joyful and hopeful spirit and this communicates to others in ways that cause them to want to join in. She is a natural and winsome communicator at all levels, in personal conversations, in small teams, and in large gatherings. They will love her in Carlisle Diocese too! And so there are good reasons for her going. She is a naturally collaborative leader. It's a style of leadership that will be greatly valued in the church more widely. She has an instinct for developing a relational culture, is clear about the need to define purpose and model values, and rejoices in seeing people thrive in their areas of responsibility. With such qualities, her new friends and colleagues will surely be blessed.'

**Andrew Lucas,
Executive Director**

