



My name is Pauline Cummins and I am an ordained priest who lives in Waltham, Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire within the Diocese of Lincoln. I work and travel within the Waltham Group (All Saints Church, Waltham, St Matthews Church, New Waltham, St Helens Church Barnoldby le Beck, St Helens Church, Brigsley, St Peters Church, Ashby cum Fenby and St Martins Church, East Ravendale) where I am Rector and Oversight Minister. Although I have a non-conformist Baptist history, I worship, serve and enjoy the multifaceted Anglican tradition.

I was born in London to Jamaican parents who settled in the UK who were often known as the Windrush generation. I trained at The Royal London Hospital School of Nursing and later became a Diabetic Nurse Specialist working with general practices in London, Leicester and Loughborough. I was Licensed as a Reader in 2016 and ordained as Deacon in 2020 and priest in 2021 at Leicester Cathedral.

I have a passion for social justice and human rights whilst being inspired by those who give inspiration and guidance to others, especially to those who are marginalized. My nursing background enables me to be intentionally supportive and encouraging all who are discerning their vocation and God's call.

I have the experience, skills and love for people that will enable growth of discipleship and vocation and to be a voice within the Anglican Community to those who are still searching for a life with meaning and to an advocate bringing God's grace and love into their lives.

This has now enabled me to be a candidate to the Church of England's General Synod where I hope to, with integrity, be an able representative of the Lincoln Diocese.

Humility is not a word that is used very often, but for me it is seeing yourself as a servant to others. I have a passion to truly believe in that what I am doing, is to try to inspire others and to see the potential in others. To see problems before they become problems. To inspire hope. I am purpose driven to seeing the faithful people of God grow and flourish through good communication skills, which means, being able to initiate conversation and also good listening skills and to praise and build people up and to enable others to hear God's call for them.

I believe that I have a personal relationship with Christ which is the most important, as this is the foundation on which all the above characteristics are built upon.

I believe that I hold these leaderships skills, however I am ever mindful of work- related stress and how this can affect anyone performing to their full ability. Therefore, spiritual guidance and being surrounded by people who have your best interests at heart enables me as the ordained priest that God intends me to be and to flourish.

I am going to end with quoting the universal declaration of human rights United Nations 1948.

'All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political, or other opinion, national or social origin, Property, birth or other status'.

Or simply put Jesus says in John chapter 13 verse 34 'I give you a new Commandment that you love one another.'