

*News item: (October 2007)*

The ordination of Bishop-elect Rev. Canon Mark Strange, the new Bishop of the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, will take place in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, on 13 October.



The congregations of the Scottish Episcopal Churches in Caithness and Sutherland, formerly the Ancient Diocese of Caithness, will make a joint presentation to our new Bishop of a Shepherd's Crook. All bishops in the Anglican Communion have a crook as symbol of their pastoral position as shepherds caring for their flocks and our new bishop expressed a wish for a very plain crook. Our gift is a simple design, made in Caithness, of hazel wood, with a rosewood backing to the crook itself, which is carved from a ram's horn.

Something of the rather violent history of the Ancient Diocese can be seen here <http://www.caithness.org/history/historyofcaithness/chapter4/index.htm> .