

Dear Parishioners of St. Catherine's

First, let us thank you for your patience over the past several months. After 7 years under the exceptional leadership of Rev. Sharon, and recently, Rev. Angus, our Interim Priest, it has felt like quite a daunting task to find yet another wonderful priest to lead us.

Archbishop John Stephens and Archdeacon Nick Pang have been keenly aware of our circumstances, and have been tremendously communicative, supportive and helpful.

We were fully prepared to embark on the full canonical search process, had gathered a committee, and were launching into the early stages of preparing our parish profile, when the Archbishop told us of a proposal. He put forth a candidate to lead our parish, whose qualifications he was particularly impressed with, and whom he felt would be an excellent fit for us at St. Catherine's. If the wardens were on board, he would place this person with us as a "Bishop's Appointment".

We would have liked to have brought you all along at that point, but the Diocese has very specific rules about everything, and this was to be discussed and decided between the wardens, the Archbishop, the Archdeacon and the candidate. However, we wanted you to have an understanding of the process that led to this appointment.

We have been living and breathing this for weeks now, and have done our very best to assess this scenario with St. Catherine's best interests in mind. We believe that Archbishop John has indeed made an excellent choice for us, and have accepted this placement. We are required to wait until all paperwork is signed, but will share more detail and the identity of our new full time Priest-in-Charge with all of you as soon as possible.

Not unlike Rev. Sharon, this person has a very impressive CV with extensive life experience, and has come to ministry later in life:

"Non-profit executive turned Anglican ordinand, bringing deep experience in liturgical leadership, pastoral care, volunteer management, public engagement, and non-profit finance, fundraising and executive leadership to the full time service of the Body of Christ"

They will begin their ministry with us on July 1st, the day after Rev. Angus leaves us.

We thank you for your support on this journey. We look forward to fully introducing and together with all of you, warmly welcoming our new Priest-in Charge!

Blessings and very best regards,

Rhonda and Vivian, your wardens