



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

March 31, 2022

The Church Wardens
St. Helen's Anglican Church
1234 Prestone Drive
Orleans, Ontario
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Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

I write to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Rhonda Waters to be the Incumbent of the Parish of St. Helen's, Orleans, effective August 8, 2022. Your wardens and members of Synod have unanimously recommended the appointment of Rhonda, and I am sincerely thankful to them and Archdeacon Linda Hill for carefully and prayerfully sharing in the discernment process with me.

Rhonda will also assume the office of Archdeacon of Ottawa East on August 8, and I am grateful to her for accepting this appointment. I am also grateful to the Reverend Kay Richardson who will ably serve as your interim priest-in-charge until Rhonda arrives.

Rhonda holds a BA(Hons) in Anthropology from McGill University, and a Master of Divinity from Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at the Virginia School of Theology. She also has graduate diplomas in community economic development, and philanthropy and non-profit leadership. Rhonda was ordained in the Diocese of Montreal in 2008, and served in their Cathedral as Associate Priest; and as Chaplain to Montreal Diocesan College. She came to the Diocese of Ottawa in 2016, and has served as the Incumbent of the Church of the Ascension since then—in addition to significant leadership roles in our diocese and nationally. Rhonda is a published writer, and has extensive experience with young adult and children's ministry, and with congregational development. She currently chairs our diocesan School for Parish Development.

Rhonda is a skilled and very capable priest. In her response to your parish profile, she wrote, "It is a privilege and a joy to enter into the process of discernment with you... to discover whether God is calling us to minister together at this time... I read your profile and your other materials with great interest and find myself excited at the thought of what we could do together."

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I share the excitement of this new appointment, and know that as you warmly welcome Rhonda, her spouse Thomas, and their son, Gilbert, into your life and ministry, you will go from strength to strength.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,



The Right Reverend Shane A.D. Parker
Bishop of Ottawa

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