



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

October 20, 2022

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

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

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

It is a pleasure to announce that I have appointed John Holgate to be the Assistant Curate in the parish of St Helen's, effective Sunday, January 1, 2023. Your wardens have offered their enthusiastic support to your incumbent Archdeacon Rhonda Waters' nomination of John for this appointment. John is equally enthusiastic about serving with your parish and looks forward to worshipping at St Helen's on Sundays starting in late November.

God willing, John will be ordained as a transitional deacon on November 19, 2023 at Christ Church Cathedral, and will soon complete a Master of Divinity at St. Paul University. Prior to pursuing theological studies, John worked for twenty-four years as a manager and writer in the field of technical communications. He is a life-long Anglican who brings extensive experience of serving in the church in a variety of lay ministries, including pastoral care, youth, board work, administration, and liturgy. He is married to Monika, and they have a son, Alexey, who is in high school.

John is an extremely competent and likeable person, with deep, mature faith, and many skills for ministry (including a wonderful, dry sense of humour). I know you will warmly welcome him into your parish community, and will quickly come to appreciate the gifts he will offer as St. Helen's moves into the future.

With kindest blessings and very best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

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

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