



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

April 1, 2022

The Church Wardens of the Area Parish of the Valley
c/o Holy Trinity Anglican Church
68A Renfrew Street
Pembroke, 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, April 3, 2022.

It is a pleasure to announce that I have appointed Claire Brama to be the Assistant Curate in the Area Parish of the Valley, effective July 19, 2022. Your wardens have offered their unanimous support to this appointment; and Bishop Michael, Gillian, and Matthew have also provided their enthusiastic endorsement. Claire has said that she “really sensed God’s call into this ministry” and that the offer to serve with you in the Valley “is wonderful and encouraging.”

God willing, Claire will be ordained as a deacon in Christ Church Cathedral on April 23, 2022, and, upon finishing the requirements for a Master of Divinity at Trinity College, Toronto, she will move to your parish in mid-July.

Claire holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Master of Defense Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada; and a Master of Science from Cranfield University in England. Prior to discerning a call to priestly ministry, Claire served in the Canadian Armed Forces for 20 years, and became a distinguished senior staff officer. She will serve in parish ministry in our diocese for a two-year period, and then will return to service in the Canadian Forces as a Chaplain.

Claire is an exceptional person, with deep, mature faith, an engaging personality, and many skills for ministry. I know you will warmly welcome her into your parish community, and will quickly come to appreciate the gifts she will offer to your clergy team.

With kindest blessings and very best wishes,

Yours in Christ,

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

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