



St. Paul's Anglican Church

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Dear St. Paul's family,

I wanted to write for two reasons. First, I want to thank the many of you who have already extended a very warm and friendly welcome to Cheryl, Joshua, Elsa, and me. Your kindness and support have been gratefully received.

Secondly, I thought it might be helpful to briefly introduce ourselves to you.

Over the course of our 24 years of marriage, Cheryl and I have had the privilege (and at times, the challenge) of living and serving the Lord in many different places. Canada, Uganda, South Africa, Scotland, and New Zealand have all been home to us for various periods of our life together. With Joshua and Elsa, we most recently lived and ministered in Christchurch, New Zealand. It was there that we learned most fully to welcome and partner with the Holy Spirit in ministry and mission, and from there that we most recently returned in May of this year.

We are immensely privileged to have been asked by Myron to pinch-hit for this month. We are encouraged by St. Paul's devotion to Scripture, faithfulness to Jesus, support for mission and outreach, and desire to follow God's will. We know that our time with you will be a blessing to us, and we are excited to see what God will do in this short period of walking the road together.

As Interim Priest-in-Charge, my job is primarily to support and maintain. I am here to support the leaders and staff of the parish as they maintain the plan and direction of ministry they set with the Rector. I am also here to continue the ministries of support, encouragement, care, teaching, and worship among the congregation in partnership with the very many ministers of the Gospel already doing this work in our midst.

If there is any way that I can be of support to you, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can find me by email at thomas@stpauls-anglican.ca, or by mobile at 587-598-0612.

And please always know that you are constantly in our prayers and affections.

Yours in Christ,

Thomas