



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

September 23, 2022

The Churchwardens
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church
2 George Street South
Smiths Falls, Ontario
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Dear Friends,

Grace to you and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on Sunday, September 25, 2022.

I write to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah to be the Incumbent of the Parish of St. Bartholomew's Ottawa, effective March 13, 2023.

Catherine's last Sunday in your parish will be November 20, after which time she will take the balance of her annual vacation, prepare to move to Ottawa, and take a well-deserved sabbath leave prior to taking up her new duties at St. Bartholomew's.

Catherine has been among you as a devoted leader and pastor for the last five years, faithfully serving you and guiding your ministry, and you will miss her. I pray you will accept that she has been called to serve in another part of our diocesan church, and will wish her the very best as she moves on to a challenging new ministry.

I intend to appoint a worthy successor to Catherine in a timely manner, and will personally meet with your wardens and members of synod in the very near future to discuss next steps. Your parish is important to me and I will ensure that you continue to receive capable priestly leadership. All shall be well.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

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

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