

To be read aloud and shared via all digital channels to the parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak on August 23, 2026.

To the good people of St. Michael and All Angels,

It is with great joy that I write with the long-awaited news that the Rev. Matt Humphrey has accepted my appointment to be the incumbent at St. Michael and All Angels. The search committee was unanimous in recommending that Matt is the right person to lead St. Michael's in this next season of your life together, and I look forward to seeing what God will do among you in this next season of your life together. Matt is coming to you from AbbeyChurch, a church plant of our diocese here in Victoria, and he has also served at St. Matthias, Victoria and the Parish of Central Saanich. Matt's pastoral heart and creativity in worship and Christian formation will be gifts for St. Michael's, and I believe will be a steady presence in the years to come.

Matt will begin at St. Michael's on October 15, and will spend the next two months saying goodbye to the people of AbbeyChurch and preparing for his new ministry with you all.

I cannot share this joyous news without offering my profound thanks for all of you and the leadership of your parish that have given extraordinary amounts of work and time over the past one and a half years of searching, which have involved plenty of struggles and disappointments. I want to especially thank your wardens, Stan Willow and Nancy Paxton, as well as Helen Love who served during the beginning of the search, the entire search team, and the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker, who has done such wonderful work as your interim for the past year. I hope you will find time to celebrate and thank her in the next two months.

With every blessing on our shared life in Christ,



The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee
bishop



The Venerable Jenny Replogle
executive archdeacon