



## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

June 25, 2020

St. John the Evangelist Churchwardens  
154 Somerset Street West  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Friends,

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

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on or before Sunday, June 28, 2020.

I write to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff to be Dean of the Diocese of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral effective September 1, 2020. Beth's last day serving in your parish will be July 30, after which time she will take annual vacation and prepare to move into her new office at the Cathedral.

Beth has been your pastor, priest and teacher for seven years, and her leadership with you has been transformative and rewarding in many ways. The news of her new appointment will bring sadness to your community, and saying farewell properly will be made difficult because of pandemic restrictions. In time, I pray you will see that Beth has been called to a ministry in our diocese that will engage her many gifts in a new and expansive way, and that you will warmly congratulate her and wish her the very best.

The Reverend Canon Robert Heard will be providing coverage for your parish during August, and I will be making arrangements for interim priestly ministry starting in September. In due course, Executive Archdeacon Linda Hill will be in touch with your wardens and members of Synod to discuss the appointment of a new incumbent.

With sincere thanks for your fine ministry as a parish community, and kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Shane A.D. Parker  
Bishop of Ottawa

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