



BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

April 24, 2024

The Churchwardens
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 in the name of the risen Christ!

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

It is a pleasure to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Christine Muise as an Associate Incumbent in the Area Parish of the Valley, effective September 1, 2024. I am very grateful to your lay leaders and your Incumbent, the Reverend Matthew Brown, along with the rest your clergy team, for their enthusiastic and unanimous recommendation to appoint Christine.

Christine is a priest with fifteen years of experience, almost entirely in rural areas. She currently serves a three-point parish on the northern tip of Vancouver Island. Prior to her current appointment she worked in a two-point parish with a shelter for those in need of housing. Her first and second appointments after her ordination in 2008 were in small, rural communities in British Columbia. Her preference is for team ministry, so she is keen to become part of your parish's effective clergy team.

Christine is a warm and engaging person with a deep faith in Christ and a pastor's heart. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the Fraser Valley, and a Diploma in Christian Studies and Master of Divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology. She is a gymnastics coach and swimming instructor and enjoys the connections these skills give her with people in the wider community.

Christine said she "prefers a rural lifestyle" and expressed excitement about moving to the Ottawa Valley. She will bring her kayak with her as she drives east from Port Hardy and is looking forward to spending time in the forests, fields and rivers of your region. Above all, Christine said she looks forward to "enjoying the deepening of relationships and the mutual support and care that will come from walking with the people from the whole parish."

I know you will warmly welcome her into your parish community and will soon come to value the many gifts she brings to you and 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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