



## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

May 31, 2024

The Churchwardens  
St. Mary's Anglican Church  
139 Castor Street  
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Russell, ON K4R 1C7

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The Churchwardens  
Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
8140 Victoria Street  
Metcalfe, ON K0A 2P0

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you! Please arrange for this letter to be read at services of worship in your parishes on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

It is my pleasure to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Thomas Hubschmid to be the Incumbent of the parishes of Holy Trinity Metcalfe and St. Mary's Russell, effective September 5, 2024. This appointment has been made with the unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation of your wardens and members of Synod, and I am grateful to them and Archdeacon Rhonda Waters for sharing in the process of discernment.

Tom was ordained in 2022, as a deacon in the diocese of Calgary, and as a priest in Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa. He has served since then as Assistant Curate at St. Thomas the Apostle in Ottawa, working part-time as he completes his PhD dissertation for the Toronto School of Theology. Tom holds a Master of Theological Studies from Trinity College, and a BA(Hons) in English from Mount Royal University.

Tom is a native of rural Alberta and grew up in a ranching family. He is married to Tanya, who has stepped back from a successful career in book publishing to pursue further studies at Carleton University. Tom is a considerate, prayerful, musical, and very likeable person. In his introductory letter, Tom wrote "I am excited by the parish profiles that I have received from both your communities. I admire the willingness to collaborate between two parishes in order to strengthen the faith and future of both, with the guidance of a full-time priest. I recognize that this is an act of faith and trust on the part of each community, and I believe that faith and trust through Christ Jesus is the pulse of the living church. That is the kind of faith that I desire to inspire and strengthen for those who believe now, and those who will believe in the future."

Thank you all for your willingness to enter into this hope-filled collaboration, with Tom as your incumbent—and I join you in extending thanks to the two fine priests who have helped pave the way to this new beginning: The Reverend Dr. Anne Quick and Canon Michael Fleming.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

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

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