



From the Desk of Rev. Lynn+

July 28th 2023

My Dear Friends in Christ,

This is my 46th letter to you since March of 2020. I've always thought 46 to be a good number, and it's also the number of one of my favourite Psalms.

It is also my final letter to all of you. There are so many things to say, but I will keep this brief.

It has been a privilege, an honour, and a joy to serve with you as your Priest these past six years. Together we have accomplished many things, overcome some challenging hurdles, prayed and sung together, and shared stories and much laughter. I treasure all of it, and will carry the memories of my time with the people of the Anglican Churches of Quinte West close to my heart.

Our paths now diverge, but the journey of faith continues. You will continue to journey forward together with a new Priest, and under the care of our Bishop. May this new direction be blessed with compassion, kindness, patience, trust and, most important of all, love.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

With every blessing,

Rev. Lynn+

Moving Forward

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

I am on holiday for August, my final month, and Sunday services will continue as usual under the leadership of the Rev. Innocent Inienwe, the Rev. Blair Ross, and our amazing ACQW Lay Readers.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Canon Anne Moore as Interim Priest-in-Charge of the ACQW beginning in September. Canon Moore is a retired Priest of the Diocese of Toronto, and is now living in Napanee. The Church Wardens will be meeting with Bishop Michael and Canon Moore within the next couple of weeks to work out the details of this interim ministry. I know that you will extend a very warm welcome to Anne+ when she arrives in September!

Many of you have asked me about the process of moving forward to select a new Incumbent, a new Priest for the Anglican Churches of Quinte West. Normally, the Territorial Archdeacon assists with this process. However, our area Archdeacon retired in February and the Bishop has not appointed a replacement, so for the present time, Bishop Michael will be acting in the Archdeacon's stead.

The selection process is done by a selection committee, or Parish Selection Advisory Committee (PSAC). This committee will be made up of four members chosen from each of the three ACQW congregations. These members will be:

Christ Church

Mary Cooper (Warden)

Maureen Sills (Maureen will be the Chair of the PSAC)

Wendy Tice

John Crowe

Holy Trinity

Dennis Vince (Warden)

Ann Striker

Pauline Eskerod

4th member TBD

St. George's

Wayne Wilson (Warden)

Susan Rolf

Bonnie McMillan

Lisa Refausse

Your PSAC will be working on behalf of all three congregations, and will follow the guidelines laid out by the Diocese. The first task of the PSAC will be to work together to compile a Parish Profile. The Parish Profile will provide information about the Parish and the community of Quinte West. It will outline the strengths of each congregation, as well as some of the challenges. It will include financial statements from each of the three congregations. The Profile will also articulate the qualities/skills/abilities that the Parish is looking for in a new Priest. This work will be done in consultation with the members of the three congregations.

When the Profile is completed, and has been discussed with the Bishop, there will be an announcement that ACQW is looking for a new Priest/Incumbent, and that anyone interested is to submit a response in writing to the Bishop. There will be a deadline for responses. Once the deadline is past, a name(s) will be given to the Parish and an interview arranged.

Although the whole committee will meet the candidate, only 4 members of the committee will do the actual interview. Please understand that, while the PSAC members can communicate details of the process to members of the congregations, details of the interview (including candidate's name etc) are absolutely confidential within the PSAC.

If the interview is successful, the PSAC will communicate this to the Bishop, and the Bishop will take the offer to the prospective candidate. If accepted, an appointment letter is written by the Bishop, and an announcement made in the three congregations.

I have outlined the basics of what comes next. This process may take several weeks; it may also take several months. There are very few clergy available at the moment, and it may take time before anyone applies. Please be patient with the process, and with the members of the PSAC. They have a lot of work ahead of them, and they will work diligently and well. You are being represented by an absolutely fantastic group of people. They are faithful, hard-working, and deeply committed to the well-being of the good people of the Anglican Churches of Quinte West. Please give them your full support, and keep them in your prayers.

In Christ,
Rev. Lynn+