



## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

October 27, 2022

The Churchwardens  
Church of the Epiphany  
1290 Ogilvie Road  
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Dear Friends,

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

Please arrange to have this letter shared in your parish on Sunday October 30, 2022.

It is a pleasure to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Simone Hurkmans to be the Incumbent of Church of the Epiphany effective November 22, 2022. Your wardens and members of Synod have enthusiastically and unanimously recommended the appointment of Simone, and I am very grateful to them and Archdeacon Rhonda Waters for carefully and prayerfully sharing in the discernment process.

Simone was ordained in the Diocese of Ottawa in 2017, and served as the Assistant Curate and then Associate Incumbent of the parish of All Saints Westboro until 2021. During her time there she became a much-loved and enthusiastic pastor, who demonstrated competence, creativity, and strength in leadership and in ministry. Since 2021 Simone has served in short-term appointments at the parishes of St. Alban's and St-Bernard in Ottawa, and at Emmanuel Arnprior.

In addition to a breadth of parish ministry experience, Simone serves on Diocesan Council and the Real Estate Working Group, and has been part of the SPMC Proposal 3 "Opportunities Group" concerning new worshipping communities and contextual mission.

Prior to completing a Master of Divinity at St. Paul University in 2017, Simone obtained an Honours Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo in 2002. She spent 10 years working as a professional engineer and manager in the automotive and renewable energy fields, and had the opportunity to travel internationally, to represent Canada on global safety regulation and research committees, and to sit on boards of directors for national research organizations.

Simone is married to John, and they have two daughters and a son. In response to your parish profile, Simone wrote "I can envision a new chapter in the book of the life of Epiphany, one that is life-giving, full of hope and new opportunities." There is every reason to hope that Simone's words will ring true in the months and years ahead.

With kindest blessings,

Yours in Christ,

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

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