



July 6, 2010

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Vestry of Christ Church is pleased and proud to announce that the Reverend James Patrick Adams, a 1997 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to become the 13th Rector of Christ Church. Jim was unanimously recommended to the Vestry by the Search Committee and the Vestry unanimously voted to extend the call to him. Jim Adams, who is 45 years old, served the last ten years as Rector of Saint Alban's Episcopal Church in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Jim is known as a gifted preacher and teacher and his ministry at Saint Alban's was marked by dramatic growth as well as a sense of vitality, warmth, and hospitality. Over the last decade, Saint Alban's has been one of the fastest growing parishes in the Episcopal Church.

Prior to his tenure at Saint Alban's Church, Jim was Associate Rector of Saint Thomas Church, Hanover, New Hampshire and Episcopal Chaplain at Dartmouth College. Jim worked his way through the University of Connecticut as a husband and father, graduating with a BA in Economics. He has three daughters: Elizabeth, who is married and lives with her husband, Nic, and their son, Calvin, in Portland, Maine; Margaret, a rising senior at St. Michael's College in Vermont; and Emily, who will be a freshman at Elon University this fall.

After learning of the Search Committee's recommendation by phone, Jim followed up via email: "From the start, I had that strange, wonderful feeling that the Holy Spirit was bringing us together... When we were together in Raleigh... it became clear that we were a "great fit" to be partners in ministry both in terms of our mutual interests and goals as well as our compatibility and easy rapport... I just knew that God was offering this to us: the privilege of kindling His fire in your church, which is OUR church, and always and forever – His Church... Thank you for your deep devotion to Christ Church and for the trust you have placed in me. I thank God for you."

On Sunday July 18th at the 10am service, Jim will be formally introduced to the parish and will celebrate Holy Eucharist and preach the sermon. He will begin his ministry with us on Tuesday, August 10th. The Search Committee and Vestry look forward to introducing Jim to you and welcoming him as our new Rector.

Sincerely,

The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church