



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF NIAGARA

April 6, 2018

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST.DAVID'S CHURCH, WELLAND
TO BE READ AT ALL SERVICES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

Dear friends:

I am pleased to announce that the Reverend Terry Holub has accepted the offer to be Rector at St. David's, on a three-quarter time basis, beginning May 29. In addition to this, the Reverend Nirmal Mendis has accepted the appointment as Pastoral Associate, on a quarter-time basis, beginning June 1. This is a uniquely creative dual appointment that will create a wonderful full-time team ministry that will be of great benefit to you, the people of St. David's, and your ministry in Welland.

Your new rector, the Reverend Terry Holub, was ordained in 2012, and is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto. Terry has ministered at Holy Trinity, Chippawa, for the past six years, and has served as the Regional Dean of Brock since 2015. After spending 15 years professionally with the Correctional Service of Canada, he joined the faculty of Niagara College in 2007. This experience has complemented his ministry, and his passion for social justice and education has allowed him to initiate and lead several meaningful parish and community outreach initiatives. Terry is excited to be coming to St. David's to build upon your many vibrant ministries. He is married to Tina, and they have five adult children.

Your pastoral associate, the Reverend Nirmal Mendis, is Rector of All Saints, Dain City, and Christ Church, Wainfleet. He is part-time at each congregation which will allow him to minister to serve as part of the ministry team at St. David's. He was ordained in 1983 and ministered in Sri Lanka before coming to Canada where he has served in several dioceses. Nirmal is married to Anusha, and they have two children.

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I know you will plan a special welcome for your new ministry team to mark this new chapter for St. David's ministry. Part of welcoming both Terry Holub and Nirmal Mendis is recognizing that this is not the end of the process of transition but rather the next phase as you discern where your parish is being called to respond to God's mission in the coming years.

I also want to take this opportunity to commend the parochial team for their care and vision and to thank them for working so faithfully and diligently together. I invite you to join with me in expressing a special word of thanks to the Reverend Diana Wilde for her ministry at St. David's and know you will have a special opportunity to do so on April 22. Please also remember both Terry Holub and Nirmal Mendis in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to move into your midst.

Lastly, I want to offer a sincere word of thanks to you for your welcoming me to St. David's on Palm Sunday and for the luncheon you hosted as my episcopal ministry in Niagara draws to a close. As I said in my Easter message, I give thanks to God for the privilege witnessing firsthand the many ways in which the Gospel is alive in our diocese, and I am particularly grateful for the ways it has been lived out in your hearts, in your lives and in your congregation.

Yours faithfully,



Bishop of Niagara
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- The Reverend Nirmal Mendis
- The Reverend Diana Wilde
- The Venerable Dr. John Course, Archdeacon of Brock
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