



## CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY AND CHRIST CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

Our Rector has announced his retirement at the end of August and his last Sunday with us will be July 28, 2019. Fr. Harmon has served us as two separate congregations and helped engineer our coming together as one new parish. We are grateful for his leadership and wish him all the very best as he prepares for his retirement.

We will be planning formal and informal opportunities to say thank you to Fr. Harmon for his service to the Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church and to wish him well as he leaves us and embarks on a new and exciting chapter in his life. We will designate an appropriate time and manner to celebrate his ministry with us and to say farewell. As these plans are formed, they will be shared with you in our ongoing communication with you.

Our congregation is about to enter a time of important transition as we work together to discern a new future and new clergy leadership after Fr. Harmon is no longer with us. Your wardens will be meeting with the Bishop's Office for guidance. Your wardens and vestry will work closely with one another to provide the leadership necessary to sustain us as a parish as we move forward.

We can be comforted knowing that the Diocese and our Episcopal Church have methods and procedures to help congregations as they prepare for and engage the process of discerning a new future when their rector leaves. The process we are about to engage is not short: we will not immediately begin searching for a new rector. There are certain steps we must take after Fr. Harmon's departure later this summer. These are steps every parish in our situation must take and are mandated by the Bishop's Office.

Over the next few months we will work closely with Fr. Harmon to insure a smooth transition as he winds down his ministry with us. We will develop ways to keep our parishioners informed at each step. We are counting on the gracious generosity of our parishioners to remain steady in your support of Epiphany and Christ Church, both through your financial contributions as well as your dedicated commitment to the life of our parish.

Please hold Fr. Harmon in your prayers as he prepares to enter this new phase of his life and ministry. And keep our parish, your wardens and vestry, in your prayers that we may know God's guidance for all that lies ahead.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Adighibe and Kathryn Polk  
Wardens