



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF NIAGARA

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. CUTHBERT'S, OAKVILLE **TO BE READ AT ALL SERVICES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018**

Dear friends:

I am very pleased to announce that the Reverend Jeff Ward has accepted the offer to be Rector of St. Cuthbert's, Oakville, beginning June 16, 2018.

Jeff Ward is presently Co-Rector of Grace Church, Waterdown, and St. Luke's, Palermo, a position he has held since 2011, with the Reverend Sue-Ann Ward. Prior to the joint appointment, he was the solo Rector of Palermo from 2008 to 2011. Jeff has also ministered as Assistant Curate at St. Simon's, Oakville. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, obtaining his Master of Divinity degree in 2005.

In the community, Jeff is Regional Dean of Trafalgar Region, Co-Chair of the Halton Poverty Roundtable; has been a member of Living Wage Halton; a Chaplain on call at the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital; a member of Halton Interfaith Council; a member of the Board of Governor's at St. Mildred's Lightbourn School, to name a few. Jeff is passionate about social justice and knows that there is not a spiritual leader that should try to accomplish a church's mission and ministry alone – it requires team work, reaching out to build a stronger community!

I would like to extend my personal gratitude to the Reverend Hollis Hiscock who has done an excellent job as Interim Pastor. Thank you also to members of the Parochial Committee for their care during the transition period. As I prepare to leave the Diocese of Niagara, please know that I carry so many wonderful memories of my ministry with you.

Sincerely

Bishop of Niagara

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Copies to: The Reverend Hollis Hiscock
 The Churchwardens
 The Venerable Suzanne Craven, Archdeacon of Trafalgar
 The Reverend Jeff Ward