



July 24, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Reverend Canon Stuart Kenworthy, a retired priest of the Diocese of Washington, will serve as the Interim Rector at St. John's. He is an experienced interim, and he will join us at St. John's starting September 6. On September 9 we will celebrate both Homecoming Sunday, and Welcoming Sunday: Homecoming for those who are returning to St. John's and Welcoming for Stuart and Fran Kenworthy as well as for others seeking a church to call home.

Stuart is warm, gifted in people management, and he practices collaborative leadership. His 23+ year tenure at Christ Church Georgetown, his time as a military chaplain in Iraq in 2005-06, and his more recent experience as the interim vicar at the Washington National Cathedral, give him insights into the challenges that we face in our professional and family lives.

As Interim Rector, Stuart will be responsible for the liturgy, oversight of the staff, and pastoral care. In addition, Stuart will preside at each monthly Vestry meeting and at the Fall Vestry retreat. Most importantly over the next 12 months, he will support the congregation at St. John's during the transition as we seek and discover our identity for the future with a new rector. We will learn more about Stuart on September 16 during the Adult Forum when he will reflect on his 30+ years of ministry and how these experiences have prepared him for ministry at St. John's.

We are extraordinarily grateful that Stuart is willing to come out of retirement and serve as Interim Rector at St. John's. We look forward to his guidance as we reflect on what is strong and what might need to change at our church. We expect he will shepherd us with the love and confidence that has defined his ministry and that he will graciously manage our sometimes-oversized expectations. Above all, we are comforted that Stuart will be joining us during our in-between time while we are listening to each other, listening to new ideas and listening for God's plan for St. John's.

With Faith,

Margaret Kerfoot, *Senior Warden*    Michel Ishakian, *Junior Warden*    Jamie Stirn, *Chancellor*