

June 26, 2009

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH, GUELPH
TO BE READ AT ALL SERVICES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

I am pleased to announce that the Reverend Ralph Thomas Blackman has accepted the offer to be Rector of St.George's Church, Guelph, effective September 1, 2009.

Ralph is a graduate of the University of Southampton with a Certificate in Theology and Bachelor of Theology. Immediately following his ordination in 1985, he ministered at St.Paul's Cathedral, Regina. Following this appointment, he has since served as Rector of St.Chad's, Vancouver; Executive Director of Camp Artaban, Vancouver; Associate Rector at Christ Church, Vancouver; Rector of St.Andrew's, Tacoma; Washington, Dean of St.James Cathedral, Chicago; and, most recently, Rector of St.George's, in Victoria, British Columbia. Ralph is married to Marlena Tureski, an accomplished and gifted musician.

I know you will gather together and plan a special welcome for Ralph Blackman and Marlena Tureski. This is an opportunity to mark a new beginning for St.George's, and to celebrate a new ministry team in your community. Please remember Ralph and Marlena in your prayers as they begin the transition to Ontario from British Columbia. They are very excited at the prospect of ministry in Guelph.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Reverend Hollis Hiscock and the ministry team at St.George's for their care during the past number of months. Also, a special word of thanks to members of the Parochial Committee for their dedication and work for the well-being of the parish during this time of transition.

Faithfully



Bishop of Niagara

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cc: The Reverend Ralph Blackman
The Reverend Kevin Bothwell, Regional Dean
The Reverend Hollis Hiscock, Interim Pastor
The Church Wardens