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Introducing Our New Incumbent

The Parish Selection Committee is delighted to announce that Christ Church Brampton will welcome **the Venerable Theodore Hunt** as our new Rector on June 15, 2024.

After the Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore retired as Rector at the end of April 2024, Christ Church embarked on a long but productive search for his replacement. This process started with an in-depth consultation of the congregation, followed by the publication of our Parish Profile. Archdeacon Theodore Hunt was one of several strong candidates who reviewed the Profile, was attracted to the vibrancy of our parish and decided to apply for the position of incumbent.



Earlier this year, the Parish Selection Committee spent several weeks reviewing applicants' resumes and online presence, visiting their parishes and holding first and second interviews. After much discussion and prayer, the committee agreed unanimously to recommend Archdeacon Hunt to the Bishop. The selection process is highly confidential, but now that the details were settled, we are free to answer some of your questions. We will start by telling you more about Archdeacon Hunt and joining you in wishing him and his family a warm Christ Church welcome.

Theodore Hunt was born in the Bahamas and earned his Bachelor of Theology in at the University of the West Indies in Barbados. He served as an Assistant Curate at St. Mary the Virgin in Nassau for several years. Later he moved to Canada to study at Wycliffe College. During this time, he served at St. Paul's L'Amoreaux in Scarborough (overlapping with Rev. Arthur Boers). Since 2017, he has been incumbent of St. Stephen's, Downsview. In addition, he serves as the Diocese's Central Archdeaconry. As well as being a priest and diocesan administrator, he loves teaching and hopes to build our faith within and beyond the weekly services. Archdeacon Hunt is married with two school-age children. The family will continue to live in their current home in Etobicoke, but we are thrilled that they also will be joining our parish.

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We are confident that this parish will make the Hunts feel at home, as you have done for so many other families. We encourage you to help them to get to know us and participate in our parish life. With your help and input, the Parish Selection Committee will work with Archdeacon Hunt to help him learn more about Christ Church Brampton, so he may build on our strengths and expand our ministry focus in the years ahead both within the parish and in the wider Brampton community.

We wish to thank everyone in the congregation for your input, patience and prayers during the selection process. We also thank the Diocese of Toronto for their advice and support. Finally, we are grateful for God's guidance as we made this important decision. We are confident you will agree that we made a good choice. We have prepared this final version of the Parish Selection Committee prayer to support the congregation and Archdeacon Hunt as we learn to pray and serve God together:

Lord, we thank you for guiding the Parish Selection Committee to their final choice of Theodore Hunt as the new incumbent of Christ Church. May the congregation open their hearts to him and to his family, and partner with him as he assumes spiritual leadership at Christ Church. May Archdeacon Theodore also find inspiration and fulfillment in his new role, so that Christ Church will continue to thrive, grow in faith and serve the community under his charge.

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