



THE OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN TO THE ANGLICAN BISHOP IN JERUSALEM



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Dear Good People of Trinity Church in Wrentham and St. John's Church in Franklin,

St. Paul writes: *I send greetings to all of you. . . . who are loved by God and called to be his people. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. He goes on to say, God knows that I make mention of you in my prayers continually, and am always asking that by his will I may, somehow or other, at long last succeed in coming to visit you.* (Romans 1: 7-8, 10)

While I may not be St. Paul, these words do seem to strike a note! I look forward very much to taking up the joys and responsibilities of being your Priest in Charge. You are indeed in our prayers and I am very enthusiastic about joining you in the ministry of both parishes. St. John's and Trinity have important and long-standing histories in their respective communities. It is my privilege to join you in building upon that legacy.

You are aware of the various committees which have been hard at work to discern God's will for a new direction for Trinity and St. John's. Many of you have put forth ideas, hopes, dreams and realities for how a covenant relationship might work. Your Search Committee and your vestries have worked long and hard discerning how best to move into the future. Well, here we go! None of us has all the answers, but I pray that all of us have the right heart, open to moving forward together to the glory of God and for the benefit of God's people.

My wife Deborah and I will finish our current assignments in Jerusalem on August 19 after which we will have some time to re-acclimate to the United States before moving into the rectory at Trinity some time during the week of September 12 and be on board for our first Sunday with you on September 18.

May God bless us and keep us, one and all.

Faithfully,  
*Fr. Bob*

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