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To the People of St Paul, Bloor Street -
Dear Friends in Christ Jesus:

I greet you on this Thanksgiving weekend in the name of our generous and life-giving God, who created us and sustains us with bountiful gifts from abundant stores of rich goodness. We are blessed indeed.

It feels appropriate on this day to make a joyful announcement. After much prayer and discernment, and with the hard work of your selection committee and the critical support and assistance of Vanderbloemen search firm, I am delighted to announce that I have appointed the Right Reverend Jenny Andison to be your new Rector, starting February 28, 2021.

Bishop Jenny is no stranger to St Paul's. Many of you will remember her time as Associate Priest here from 2006 – 2013. In 2016, she was chosen to be a bishop of the Church in an election held at St Paul's. In January 2017, she made her consecration vows as a bishop in your sanctuary. And now, after ably and happily serving as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto and Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley for almost four years, she has responded willingly to this call from God and the parish to become your Incumbent and spiritual leader for an exciting new chapter in your life and ministry.

The search for the eleventh Rector of St Paul's garnered international attention and resulted in applications from around the global Anglican Communion. The Parish Selection Committee and I are indebted to the team from Vanderbloemen who helped us to navigate this complex search – during a pandemic no less – leading us towards the candidate that we truly believe the Holy Spirit has raised up for this task.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Parish Selection Committee for their tireless and faithfully executed devotion to this work. I want to extend to my friend and colleague, the Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker, my deep appreciation for postponing his well-deserved retirement in order to shepherd this parish through an extended time of transition, allowing for the success of the search.

On behalf of your Area Bishop the Right Reverend Kevin Robertson and myself, we look forward to working with our sister in Christ, Bishop Jenny, and the people of the parish of St Paul's in the years to come - sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, making disciples and worshipping the Triune God in spirit and in truth.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
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