

January 7, 2019

Dear Fellow Trinity Parishioners,

On behalf of the Vestry, I am delighted to announce that Trinity Church has called the Rev. Morgan Allen to be our next rector. Morgan currently serves as rector of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin, Texas. He will begin his ministry at Trinity in April 2019.

Although still young, Morgan is an experienced rector, having served in that capacity for almost 14 years in two different parishes, one very large. He has the skills and deep spiritual grounding that the Search Committee and Vestry believe will be vital to lead our church in the years ahead. I would like to share a few highlights with you:

- Morgan has fostered his current church to be one of the fastest growing Episcopal parishes in the country;
- He recently led his parish in a capital campaign to rebuild church buildings and to create a second church campus in a more economically diverse area of the city; and
- Above all, he is viewed by those within his congregation, his diocese, and the larger Episcopal Church as an inspiring leader, gifted preacher and deeply loving pastor.

I believe that Morgan has experienced a strong call, one that has convinced him and his family to leave a successful ministry and beloved parish to step into a new life with us. There is a fire burning in him that he wants to share with us. Thanks be to God!

For all these reasons and more, we are delighted that Morgan will be our 21st rector. We look forward to the opportunities that all of us will have to get to know him and his family — his wife Missy, their children Michael (14) and Ginna (12) — better. In the meantime, Morgan has recorded a brief video greeting to the parish at trinitychurchboston.org/about/rector-search, and a letter from him is attached.

Please join us for special parish gatherings in the Forum on Sunday, January 13, at 10:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. to celebrate this news. We will also discuss our next steps for the parish to welcome the Allen family to Boston, and to support Morgan when he begins his ministry at Trinity.

There are so many people to thank for their faithful service, heartfelt witness, and careful discernment as we've journeyed together toward the calling of a new rector: the Search Committee, Parish Profile Committee, Vestry, and all who've participated in this process; the many advisors throughout The Episcopal Church who offered wise counsel; and, of course, our Interim Rector, Bill Rich.

We give thanks to God for all of you, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit working in and among us. Please join me in praying for Morgan and the Allen family as they make their way to us.

Faithfully yours,



Peter Lawrence
Senior Warden