

November 8, 2018

Dear People of St. Gabriel's,

We are writing to share with you the news that Father David has chosen to retire now instead of in 2020 so that he may spend some time focusing on his family and other personal matters. Included with this message you will find a letter from Father David about his decision and his hopes for retirement.


We are grateful to Father David for his careful discernment about his retirement and for the blessings and good wishes he expresses for St. Gabriel's. He and Bishop Nichols will be with us this Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the 8:00 am & 10:30 am services to share this news in person.

After Sunday, Father David will be away until after Thanksgiving. On November 25, the Rev. Canon Anne Kitch will be with us to discuss in detail the process of seeking our next rector. Father David will return to St. Gabriel's for his final Sunday on December 2, 2018, when we will celebrate his ministry with us. Bishop Nichols has assured us that he and his staff will work with us to find clergy for our worship services in December, including Christmas Eve.

In the coming weeks, we will have time to plan a farewell to Father David and to wish him well in retirement. After his last Sunday, we will follow the usual practice in the Episcopal Church and refrain from contacting him so that he can begin his retirement and we can turn our attention to the future of our congregation and our ministry together.

If you have questions, please call or email us at our addresses below, or speak with us on Sunday.

Faithfully,



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