

Dear People of St. John's,

I am delighted to inform you that **Ken Norton** has accepted my invitation to serve St. John's as a churchwarden and that I have appointed him today as *Rector's Warden*. Ken is replacing **Jim McBride** who previously served in this position until his resignation took effect on July 1st 2010.

As many of you are aware, Ken has served this parish for many years in a variety of ministries. He will now be bringing the same gifts of leadership, skill, insight and wisdom to this position as he has brought to other ministries at St. John's. In asking Ken to consider this appointment, I was very much aware of the amount of work Ken already does for our parish. I did not want to overload him with even more tasks to manage. However, when I read the responsibilities of a churchwarden as they are listed in the diocesan canons, I realized that in many ways, Ken was already doing the majority of those duties. Given the fact that I have known him for many years, have worked with him in a variety of situations and circumstances, trust him implicitly and have the highest level of respect for him, Ken seemed like a natural choice to be my warden. I am very confident that he will "assist and support me in all matters that affect the welfare and advancement of the parish" (Diocesan Canon 6.8.01 [2]). While he will still wear the hat of Parish Treasurer, in many ways this will overlap with duties as warden, whose canonical responsibilities include: "having supervision of all financial matters of the parish..." (Canon 6.8.01 [3]) among other financial oversight. And, most importantly, Ken will do this in his own unique style that will be different from all his predecessors. He will walk in his own shoes in this ministry and, as with all of us in the Body of Christ, he will bring gifts to this ministry that have not been there before.

I am sincerely grateful to Ken for being willing to take this on at this point in time, and ask all of you to pray for him as he begins this ministry. I am also very grateful, as I mentioned in a previous email to you, for the commitment and time that Jim McBride gave to this ministry and give thanks for what he was able to achieve and accomplish for us as our churchwarden in the time he served in this ministry.

Part of my responsibility when a new churchwarden has been appointed (according to the Canon) is to publically announce this when we gather next for worship. Since I will not be here for the next four Sundays, and thanks to the wonders of computer technology, this email is the "public announcement" of this appointment. Ken's appointment is immediately in effect and I will be commissioning him at a Sunday service once I have returned from my summer vacation. Ken will serve in this position for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for your attention to this. May God bless all of us as we serve our Lord together.

Sincerely and with every blessing,

Scott

The Rev. G. Scott Pittendrigh