

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA
POSITION AVAILABLE
INCUMBENT, ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, OTTAWA

BUILDINGS, LOCAL COMMUNITY & CLERGY HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

The parish property comprises a red brick church built in the 1890's, a one-story parish hall, and a two-story Christian education/office wing built in the late 1940's and recently renovated. The Church is located in a busy downtown community, just minutes walk from Parliament, the Byward Market and the University of Ottawa. Parishioners come to St. John's from nearby and from all over the National Capital Region which is bilingual and increasingly multicultural. The clergy housing allowance is in accordance with diocesan policy.

WORSHIP

Our services presently include: Sundays - 8:00 a.m. said Eucharist; 10:15 a.m. sung Eucharist; weekly 9 p.m. lay-led Compline; and a monthly 7 p.m. lay-led service for people concerned with HIV/AIDS. A weekly agape meal is held Tuesday evenings. Sunday morning attendance averages about 135 (capacity is about 270). We use both the Book of Alternative Services and the parish-developed St. John's Rite. St. John's is known for its music, with a large choir, and regular soloists and accompanists.

PARISH LIFE AND MINISTRY

St. John's is a program church with 18 faith and worship programs, 15 ministry and mission programs, 5 membership and fellowship programs, and 8 governance activities, most led by lay people. The parish comprises 286 households -- 196 are identifiable givers whose offerings totaled \$428,000 in 2010. The parish has other significant funding sources. St. John's has a Church school of about 40 children including the junior and senior youth groups. The parish has several part-time staff: an organist and choir director; Christian education coordinator and an administrator. Please see the parish website for further details, including the parish annual reports and the October, 2011 parish survey which provides respondents' analyses of parish life and ministries as well as information on parish demographics, including length of time in the parish, frequency of worship, age ranges, gender composition and orientations, as well as parish respondents' priorities for ministry with emphases on inclusiveness and openness, music and social outreach.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist is seeking a new incumbent who will join us in further discerning and living out our vision for the future. As part of a process called "Moving Forward", St. John's held a two-day Symposium in November, 2011 reflecting on what the Spirit is saying to the parish. Here is a summary of our hopes for the future as recorded at the Symposium, and also available on our website (<http://www.stjohnsottawa.ca/>):

† **All Kinds of People.** We are a welcoming and inclusive church, offering hospitality and nurture to people of all ages, ethnicities, abilities and sexual orientations.

† **Living the Word.** We are a God-centred community, celebrating the divine presence within and among us, and living our faith consistently in all we do.

† **Leadership.** Our church demonstrates leadership and courage in our decisions and actions. We are effective by being entrepreneurial and adaptable. Our strength is rooted in shared values and self-awareness.

† **Going Inside.** We encourage new forms of worship and devotion, but we also celebrate the strength of our Anglican tradition.

† **Going Outside.** We are an engaged church, renowned for our social action and prophetic voice.

† **Community Neighbourhood Involvement.** St. John's is a vibrant downtown hub, reaching out to the community with our ministries, and drawing people in with our reputation as a spiritual and community centre. We are proactive and collaborative in our marketing and outreach to targeted groups.

† **Sanctuary.** We offer a physically and psychologically safe space for all people. We honour a community rule of honest, respectful and compassionate behaviour toward each other, and we provide a mechanism of truth and reconciliation that allows us to speak truth to each other and share pains and hurts in a safe manner.

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