

St. John's Church

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Vestry announces with great excitement and enthusiasm that the Rev. Gideon Pollach has been called to be the 16th rector of St. John's Church.

Gideon came with the highest possible recommendation from the Search Committee. Upon meeting and interviewing Gideon, this enthusiasm is shared by the Vestry. He revealed a discerning intelligence and deep faith, and expressed liturgical views that are compatible with St. John's traditions. We found Gideon to be highly energetic, genuine and possessing a keen sense of humor.

Gideon served for the past eight years as the Chaplain of Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA. He taught theology and oversaw the school's local and international community service programs. During the summers he has served as a Priest-in-Charge at Emmanuel Church in Dublin, NH. Prior to EHS, he served as curate at St Bart's in NYC, where he was responsible for young adult ministries. Gideon attended high school at St. Albans School in Washington, DC and Trinity College, Hartford, CT, where he majored in music, graduating in 1996. Upon graduating he was awarded a Thomas Watson Foundation Fellowship to study the practices of English Cathedrals at Cambridge University. He received his Masters of Divinity at General Theological Seminary (cum laude).

Gideon is married to Sarah, a geriatric nurse practitioner, who was born and raised in Virginia. They have three young children, ages 3 to 8, and a 16 year old daughter from Kenya who will be a senior boarding student at EHS next fall. Gideon's starting date at St. John's is August 8, and his first Sunday with us will be August 14. You will soon receive an introductory letter, including family photos, from Gideon. However, the Vestry felt it important to share this great news right away. Gideon's energy, interest in our youth and music programs, and his preaching skills all point to a bright future for St. John's.

Sincerely,



Frank Gundersen
Senior Warden