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## **CHRIST CHURCH VERO BEACH ANNOUNCES**

### **THE REV. CANON B. KEITH ALLEN AS NEW RECTOR**

VERO BEACH, FLA. – Christ Church Vero Beach is pleased to announce that The Rev. Canon B. Keith Allen has agreed to serve as their fourth rector, following the retirement of The Rt. Rev. John Miller, III in July.

Allen is scheduled to commence his new ministry at Christ Church in mid-January.

The selection of Allen concludes an in-depth 12-month search by the Christ Church Search Committee, led by Vestry Member Eleanor Dixon and Senior Warden George Watson.

“Our church profile, developed through an extensive survey of church members by a national research firm, defined top skills for our future rector as having a deep intellect for inspiring biblically-based preaching, reaching out to young families in the community, discipleship, and leading the lost to Christ,” said Watson. “We feel Fr. Keith's talents and sense of mission excels in all of these areas,” he continued.

Since 2010, Allen has served as Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Madison, Miss. Under his leadership, the church has grown from a small core group to more than 180 members. The church has recently completed phase one of a multi-phase building plan, is active in several local mission partnerships, and is involved internationally with missional relationships in Rwanda and Myanmar.

“My passions are teaching, preaching and missions,” says Allen. “I’m looking forward to the many rich ministry opportunities now open to me through Christ Church Vero Beach. I want to preach the Word and tell as many people as I can about the gift of grace available to them in Christ Jesus.”

“I also believe that my first ministry is my family,” Allen continued. “My wife, Kim, and I have raised two children, now adults. Together, we have made the discipleship of our children a priority. Our children, John and Kat, were homeschooled, and they were involved in the planting of two churches as children. Our faith is the center of our love relationship and marks our life together.”

Allen started his Anglican ministry in 2004 as the Church Planter and Vicar for Church of the Holy Spirit – The River in Blacksburg, Va. The church grew from

two couples to 75 people in three years. He later served as Executive and Teaching Pastor for Church of the Holy Spirit, Roanoke, Va. There he oversaw a staff of 10 ministry leaders and additional support staff. In this role he worked with each ministry leader to ensure their goals and objectives were in keeping with the vision and priorities of the parish.

Brought up as a Southern Baptist, Allen began his Christian ministry in 1990, working in various staff positions in Southern Baptist churches throughout the Carolinas.

Allen is currently working on a Doctor of Ministry degree in Organizational Leadership from Asbury Theological Seminary. He holds a Master's degree in Global Studies from Liberty University School of Divinity and a B.A. in Biblical Studies with Language from Southeastern Baptist Theological College.

Since 2017, Allen has been the Anglican Church in North America's (ACNA) Provincial Canon for Myanmar. In addition, he was Dean for the Mid-South Anglican Convocation (ADOTS) 2012 to 2016, Chairman of the Board for Rwanda Ministry Partners in 2016, and a Board Member for Anglicans for Life, 2011 to 2014.

From its extensive campus located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 20<sup>th</sup> St., Christ Church Vero Beach conducts several worship services on Sunday and during the week, Sunday School, Bible studies, weekday preschool, and church-wide events. The 9.23 Community Center is part of the complex and hosts an alternative modern worship service on Sunday. During the week, the 9.23 Community Center is a gathering spot for various local organizations, including

the Girl Scouts, Classical Conversations homeschoolers, Military Moms Prayer Group, and US Coast Guard Safe Boating classes.

Christ Church is a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese within the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), which unites nearly 1,000 congregations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico into a single Church. Additional information on Christ Church can be found by going to its website, [www.christchurchvero.org](http://www.christchurchvero.org) or by calling the Church office at 772-562-8678.

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**The Rev. Canon B. Keith Allen is  
the new Rector of Christ Church  
Anglican Vero Beach.**





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