



Ministry Opportunity - Diocese of Rupert's Land

Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Vital (Winnipeg)

Full time Parish Priest

TO BE TRANSFORMED. This is the prayer of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in the heart of St. Vital neighbourhood, Winnipeg. To be transformed through worship, music, outreach, learning, pastoral care and by loving God and one another. To be transformed by continuing to welcome and support refugees and newcomers to the parish family, in all aspects of their re-settlement. To be transformed in the development of youth and children's ministries. To be transformed in reaching out to those in the wider community, in addressing social issues and to be transformed by ensuring pastoral care and spiritual nurture continue to grow.

God has empowered this congregation with a welcoming spirit and a parish "family" identity which binds them together to serve both those who are members and to offer hospitality to newcomers and those beyond the walls of the church itself.

This parish is looking for an ordained leader willing to transform and be transformed, through collaboration with all of the parishioners in all their various faith journeys by walking beside, by leading and by following.

While representing a breadth of theological perspectives it is the living out of their relationship with God that is most central to members of this parish. Liturgical life is centred in Sunday worship using the BAS where all are welcome at Christ's table. A team of dedicated lay and ordained leaders (including an Hon. Deacon Assistant and an Hon. Priest Assistant) who work collaboratively with the Incumbent to ensure worship is meaningful, intergenerational, uplifting and multicultural. The Parish also employs three part-time staff (a music director, administrative assistant and custodian). The parish cares not only for the pastoral and spiritual needs of its members, but is intent on sharing God's love beyond the parish into the community and the world.

The Parish is committed to justice issues and is involved in, and supportive of, various local, national and international outreach programs. Closer to home the parish shares a concern for indigenous and refugee communities, as well as the Asian Christian Fellowship which worships once a month in the building. The parish believes that justice requires affirmation of same sex relationships as manifestations of God's grace and love.

Members of the parish are active in Bible Study, book study, discussion groups, meditation, parish and diocesan events, and active in on-line education through a variety of programs. A healing ministry is offered with laying on of hands, anointing and prayer. Pastoral care teams visit the sick and home-bound, offer rides to those who no longer drive, visit in personal care homes and listen to and care for one another, providing emotional and spiritual support to people in need. God has empowered this congregation with a welcoming spirit and a parish 'family' identity which binds them together to serve both those who are members and to offer hospitality to newcomers and those beyond the walls of the church itself. This parish has nurtured its relationship with the community in which it exists, and has many groups actively using the church building. A new Day Care facility is being built where the rectory once stood next to the Church.

The Church (with seating for 200) and the two halls have been well-maintained. A complete remodelling of the lower level hall and kitchen (with complete accessibility) has been undertaken and serves the members and community well. The building is debt-free. Average Sunday attendance is 114, with 125 identifiable givers. Total income for 2016 was \$252,028 and expenditures of \$228,775,

for an operating surplus in 2016.

The Parish is seeking an Incumbent who:

Works collaboratively and encourages people to use their gifts;

Furthers the relationship that exists with the Asian Christian Fellowship;

Is spiritually centred on the love of God and of others, along with an openness to receive love;

Is sensitive to community, cultural and pastoral needs, and has a heart for social justice;

Is creative, innovative and flexible in worship and liturgical leadership;

Possesses good administrative, organizational and communication skills, including listening, teaching and preaching;

Is comfortable in both a leadership role and as part of a team;

Is supportive of the parish's healing ministry within worship and beyond church walls; and

Has a good sense of humour.

Interested persons may **request a complete parish profile and the procedure for making an application from:**

The Bishop's Office

935 Nesbitt Bay

Winnipeg, MB R3T 1W6

or e-mail: exec.asst@rupertsland.ca

The deadline for receipt of applications for the position of Incumbent of St. Mary Magdalene is noon on **Monday August 14 2017.**