



## **DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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### The Parish of Central Saanich, Diocese of BC

The Bishop of British Columbia seeks to appoint 1.5 full-time equivalent positions to the Parish of Central Saanich. This may be filled by one full time person as Rector and one half-time assistant, or by two people job sharing.

The Parish is located in the District of Central Saanich, just twenty minutes north of Victoria, the capital of the Province and See City of the Diocese, and with easy access to the Victoria International Airport and the BC Ferries terminal. On the Saanich Peninsula, between the Saanich Inlet on the west and the Strait of Georgia on the east, it is the home of the famous Butchart Gardens and Island View Beach. The Saanich Peninsula Hospital is just outside the neighbourhood of Saanichton. Central Saanich has a population of some 15,000, found mostly in developed suburbs separated by 150-year old farms. Central Saanich hosts the Saanich Fair, the oldest agricultural fair in Western Canada, over the Labour Day weekend.

The parish combines the three former parishes of Brentwood Chapel in Brentwood Bay, St. Stephen's, South Saanich, and St. Mary's, Saanichton. Brentwood Chapel was disestablished in 2010, and about half of its congregation now worships with St. Stephen's. The parish meets every Sunday for two services at St. Mary's, and once on Sunday at St. Stephen's. Both the BCP and the BAS are used, as well as an Iona Community style service. All services use the RCL. There are 284 parishioners on the parish roll. The average combined Sunday attendance at the three services is 114. 140 envelope holders contributed \$160,773 towards an annual budget of \$246,274. There is a small Sunday School at St. Stephen's. St. Stephen's is on a large rural property, having a 150-year old parish church and cemetery, as well as a large parish hall with a space that is also used for contemporary worship, and (uniquely) a parishioner operated vineyard. St. Mary's is in the village of Saanichton, 3.6 km from St. Stephen's, and is a modern complex of church and adjacent parish hall. The parish is newly formed, and retains parallel organizational structures on the two campuses. However, there is a renewed commitment to build a strong parish with diverse traditions and identity.

A Parish Profile is now available. Persons considering applying should identify themselves to the Bishop's Office, and it, along with information concerning diocesan levels of remuneration and benefits, will be sent. Please contact the Bishop:

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The deadline for applications is Wednesday, February 29, 2012.