



The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft
Bishop of Rupert's Land

Ministry Opportunity in the Diocese of Rupert's Land

St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora, Ontario Full Time Incumbency

We believe we are a church that is centered in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, open to new ideas and change in order to reach the next generation with the hope of the gospel. We are committed to celebrating diversity and to making our church a welcoming place for all, regardless of where we may be on our spiritual journey. We journey together. We are a community of faith, active and engaged in reaching out to our community while anchored in our Anglican tradition.

St. Alban's is located at the foot of Main Street and Water Street on the shores of Lake of the Woods. It has been a focal point in Kenora's downtown district. This location is a center for outreach programs & community services. Our current church was erected in 1917 and is built in a gothic style from local granite. The building is accessible and well maintained with an exterior renovation in 1995 and major interior remodelling in 2017. We are financially sound and carry no debt.

St. Alban's was the cathedral church in the Diocese of Keewatin. When that Diocese closed, St. Alban's joined the Diocese of Rupert's Land and retained "Cathedral" as part of its name, even though it is not the cathedral of the Diocese.

Our liturgy is both traditional (BCP) and contemporary (BAS) and we have implemented innovations in order to be inclusive and user-friendly. Music is an integral component of our worship.

We are a caring community that has reached out to provide a new church home to other churches that have had to close their doors. We have also provided outreach services to the homeless.

Our challenges include an ageing and declining membership. We are a congregation with energy and enthusiasm and our new priest will need to maintain the sense of community we have developed. Also, St. Alban's and Bethesda Lutheran have recently developed a covenant to guide the development of a shared ministry between our two Christian communities. Honouring this covenant will be another of the challenges.

Our new priest will be a spiritual leader. This will be someone who can build consensus and channel the energy of our congregation -- a person who can motivate us to model our vision and to remain open to outreach opportunities. Our new priest will be a people-centred individual who can teach, mentor and guide us.

Interested applicants should contact the Bishop's Office at exec.asst@rupertsland.ca to request the full parish profile. In addition to providing a resume, clear current criminal record check, candidates will respond to questions provided from the Bishop. The deadline for applications for this full time ministry position is: **12:00 noon on Monday, June 3, 2019**

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