

Kevin Bothwell

The Rev. Kevin Bothwell is a Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton and a retired Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Niagara. He left full-time ministry in November 2022. He had most recently been the Rector of St. Thomas' Church in St. Catharines, Ontario, and in previous years he was also the Chaplain in the Lower School at Ridley College, also in St. Catharines.

Kevin was born into an Anglican Clergy family; his father William having been an Anglican Priest and his uncle having been the Archbishop of Ontario and the Bishop of Niagara. Kevin comes to St. Peter's having enjoyed time at Stony Lake at two interludes in his life – first as a teenager, when his father was a priest with us at St. Peter's, and more recently as a regular summer renter at the little island, Plum Pudding Rock.

Kevin finds his own grounding in the Catholic expression of Anglicanism and tries to follow the adapted direction of St. Francis, "Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary, use words." In other words, let us live and embody what we believe first, and then preach it. However, he insists that one must never use personal preferences in worship or theology as a weapon. We are all God's Children, and we are all sisters and brothers in Christ.

Kevin will be joined at St. Peter's by his wife Toni, with possible visits from one or both of his adult daughters, Emma and Leslie. A dog, Leah, rounds out the family.

