

# TRINITY NEWS

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*At* the end of both our services today we will be praying for God's guidance as we begin the demanding process of choosing a new rector. The first notice was posted online at the beginning of this month, and feelers are being sent out through personal contacts. So we're on our way.

This is an extremely diverse community and it is inevitable that this period of discernment will bring many different and sometimes conflicting opinions into the open. There are naturally several competing visions of what direction this parish should take, what sort of a person should lead it and so forth. Times like these then can put a lot of strain on a community, threatening its unity, cohesion and stability. We must all guard against that happening. I suggest the following:

Trust our vestry, who are committed to making the process as transparent and participatory as possible. To the extent that is possible, everyone will have a chance to be heard.

Trust each other; trust that everyone is acting in good faith, and make a real attempt to listen and understand.

Finally, trust God. We will be praying throughout the process on Sundays and at our weekday services that God send his Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, and I ask you all to take this bulletin home with you today and include the short collect below in your own prayers. Pray also that God send good candidates our way and a fair number of them! Trust that God will hear our prayers so that when the decision is finally made we can all be confident that God has answered and be thankful, whether it's the answer we were hoping for or not.

**Prayer for the search of a new Rector:** *Almighty God, fount of all wisdom: Grant us thy Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in choosing a Rector for this Parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and empower them for ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*