

We are pleased to announce that based on the recommendation of the Search Committee, which was enthusiastically endorsed by the Vestry, and with the approval of the Bishop we have called a New Rector to Christ Church and the Reverend Andy McQuery of Salem, Oregon has accepted the call.

The Rev. McQuery (Fr. Andy and pictured below) currently serves as Associate Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, where his responsibilities include community outreach, Christian formation for all ages, pastoral care, preaching, stewardship, and communication. Prior to ordination, Fr. Andy worked in finance and administrative support at Nike, Inc., and at the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund. He holds the Bachelor of Music and Master of Music from Manhattan School of Music; Master of Divinity from Yale University; and Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School (affiliate of Yale). Earlier, Fr. Andy enjoyed a successful career as an opera singer, experience that served him well as a coach in liturgical chant and in developing creative ways to worship with music. He will begin his tenure at Christ Episcopal Church in mid-December, just days after the departure of Interim Rector Sarah Shofstall. The Vestry expresses deep appreciation to Rev. Sarah for her faithful leadership over nearly two years, in a time of unforeseen and unprecedented challenge. Thanks are also extended to the Diocese liaison for the search process, Chester Bowling. Search Committee members were Jonathon Field, Del Mason, Ross Peacock, Alison Ricker, co-chair, and Dawn Yorko, co-chair.

Welcome Father Andy!

