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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church
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My dear friends,

I am writing to let you know that the Ven. Richard King has accepted an appointment to be the Priest in Charge of an Anglican parish in England, and so will be concluding his time of ministry with your parish.

This news may come as a surprise to some of you, but I also know many of you have been aware of the health issues around Richard's mom, so this news may also be expected. I ask for your prayers for Richard and Shelly as they navigate this complex transition and international move. This move will be a big loss to the parish and the diocese.

I join you in giving thanks for Richard's time of ministry in the parish. He has been a blessing and gift to the Diocese as well. He serves as the Archdeacon to challenge the Diocese to focus on Mission and Discipleship. He has also helped several parishes through times of transition and discernment. He will be greatly missed.

His last Sunday with you will be Thanksgiving Sunday on October 8th.

I will hold your parish in my prayers as you enter into your own time of transition. The parish will be entering into another season of discernment, or prayer and listening to where God is calling St John's at this time and who

God will be calling as your next rector. I will be in touch with the Vestry soon to discuss the next steps as you head toward interim ministry, but for now I know you will continue to support one another and proclaim the Good News to each other and your community.

In Christ,

Bishop Stephen London
Diocese of Edmonton