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To: The Parish of All Saints', Whitby

**TO BE READ TO THE CONGREGATION ON JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

Dear friends,

I know these past few weeks have been a roller coaster ride of agony, determination and weariness as you have coped with the aftermath of the fire and of the Rev. Ken Davis' departure. It was a privilege to worship with you on December 20th and to see the strength and courage of the whole parish family and the support of the wider Whitby community. I know that All Saints' will come through this dark time with God's help and the faithfulness of all the parish family.

Bishop Doug Blackwell begins today as your interim Priest-in-Charge, working with the Rev. Bev Williams and your Wardens in leadership. I know Bishop Blackwell's pastoral heart, wisdom and experience will be an asset to you in this time.

The day before the fire your Vestry confirmed the nomination of your Parish Selection Committee members. I am grateful to those who have offered themselves to this task and their commitment to the future of the parish..

However, in light of the fire, I believe, that the next year and more will be a time when all energies are needed to give consideration to the rebuilding efforts and to recovering from the trauma that this event has brought on the congregation and the whole community. Full-time leadership with particular skills is needed to support these efforts. In discussion with the Wardens, Bishop Blackwell, the Rev. Bev Williams and the College of Bishops I am planning the direct appointment of a full-time priest-in-charge for a minimum of two years. This person will assist you through the coming months with full support through the grief and the decisions ahead. At the end of that time we will share in an evaluation of continuing that relationship or re-engaging a parish selection process.

I ask for your support of the priest appointed as they join you in the challenges of the journey ahead of you. As soon as I am able I will announce the name and start date for that person. In the meantime, Bishop Blackwell and the Rev. Bev Williams and your Wardens will continue to offer excellent care and oversight to all.

Please know that everywhere I go people tell me that you are in their prayers. You do not walk alone in this time. May God's deep peace be with you all,

The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls  
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