



**St Philip's Episcopal Church**  
516 McLish Ave, Ardmore OK

March 19, 2024

Dear St. Philip's Parishioners,

As you know, Father Mike will be retiring this summer; plans to celebrate his ministry will be announced later this spring. It is also important to note that Father Mike is not allowed to participate in any part of the search process; this is a requirement of the Diocese.

The vestry, in coordination with Bishop Poulson and Canon Betsy, have begun the process of a search for our new rector. An especially important part of that process includes hearing from you!

We've designed a Parish Survey through which we hope to gain insight on where/how you see God working at St. Philip's. This information is vital to the vestry and the search committee as we call a new rector home to St. Philip's.

Please take time to review, reflect and respond to the questions in the survey. Return your completed survey to Crystal in the parish office at your earliest convenience or by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

There will be focus group meetings during the first week of April. The schedule is included in this letter so you can plan to attend the one most convenient to your schedule.

Please join us in prayer for the search process, using the prayer below:

*"Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look graciously on your church and guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Philip's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen."*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jill Daugherty, Senior Warden, at (580) 222-6941 (cell) or by email at [jilldpolitico@gmail.com](mailto:jilldpolitico@gmail.com).

In Christ,

St. Philip's Vestry

FOCUS GROUPS will meet to expand opportunities for parish members to participate in the search process. These focus groups will shine a light on the future of St. Philis. A facilitator and scribe will lead these groups, asking three key questions:

- How is God present at St Philip's?
- What can we (you) do to further Christ's mission at St Philip's and in the community?
- Who can best lead us to become the "beloved" community? (Characteristics of new rector)

The focus groups will meet for an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes and have been scheduled at various times to allow a maximum number of people to attend. There will be basic ground rules to make sure everyone gets an opportunity to speak.

These are the scheduled Focus Groups, beginning the week after Easter.

Saturday	April 6	9:00 am	Library
Sunday	April 7	9:00 am	Library
Sunday	April 7	11:45 am	Library
Monday	April 8	10:00 am	Library
Wednesday	April 10	10:00 am	Library