

Dear Friends,

The Selection Committee is delighted that Bishop Linda has appointed the Reverend Musa Daba to be our next rector. After meeting with Musa and having reviewed his gifts and experience, this was a unanimous recommendation to the Bishop on our part.

Musa will join us at Trinity with his wife Levidia and his daughter Jessie (15 years) and their dog Snap! Exact date to be determined, but we are looking at a summer start.

Musa has been in ordained ministry for fifteen years. He initially served in South Africa where he was born, then spent about ten years in Bermuda where he served two Anglican parish churches as well as becoming Chaplain to the Royal Bermuda Regiment. More recently Musa has been the Vicar of Churton Park Anglican Church in the Diocese of Wellington, New Zealand. He is passionate about evangelism and discipleship and is a vibrant preacher. He is described by others as an empowering leader who works to build a community of disciples who are enabled in gifting, doing the work of the ministry from their own calling and contribution.



Musa is old enough to remember the worst of South African apartheid. During the mid-1980s the opposition to apartheid became united and very active. Musa's father was a political activist as well as an Anglican minister who was often a target for police brutality and was tortured while in prison. Musa also experienced police brutality at age 12 and was filled with hate and bitterness toward his oppressors.

Musa learned to forgive when he was 19. He describes distrustful meetings with two white boys, who persisted in inviting him to a Bible study. There he not only heard, but personalized John 3:16. *For God so loved Musa that he gave his only begotten son... that whoever - including Musa - believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

"My life changed from then on". His life and ministry motto is: "There is no substitute in the church for the proper and accurate preaching and teaching of God's word and living it out, daily".

In summing up our faith in Rev. Musa as being the right person to lead Trinity forward as rector, we praised his genuine warmth, and his passion for prayer, evangelism, discipleship, Christian service and missions. He has more than ten years of experience

in youth leadership, and has strong family values. While doctrinally conservative, Musa wants unity and loves the church. He can also accommodate a range of liturgical styles ranging from Evensong to a charismatic evangelical service. He is full of life and passion and these qualities are infectious in every way.

This is an exciting time for the people at Trinity. It's a new beginning! We have prayed that God would raise up for us and reveal to us a rector who will boldly proclaim the Gospel, faithfully administer the sacraments, serve our people with love and compassion and equip us for our ministries. It is our sincere and unanimous belief as Trinity's Selection Committee that Rev. Musa Daba is indeed the answer to this prayer. So let's rejoice and praise God together, giving thanks as follows.

Loving and Almighty God, giver of every good gift: We offer you thanks for the faithful service, and careful discernment of so many members of Trinity Church, as over weeks and months we have journeyed together, and with Bishop Linda, and Executive Archdeacon Tanya, who have worked diligently on our behalf, toward the calling of a new rector. Accept our gratitude for the spiritual and practical gifts that you have nurtured in our parishioners, Selection Committee members, and Parish Council. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds to welcome a new rector into this sacred space, to care for your people, advance the works of our parish, and knit us ever more tightly together as a community of mutual love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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