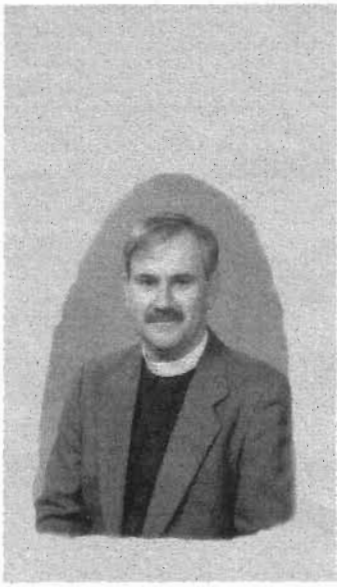


Rev. Roderick J. (Rod) Gillis



We warmly welcome the Rev. Archdeacon Roderick J. Gillis to his new position as Rector of St. James Anglican Church. Rev. Gillis holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (theology major) from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S. (1975) and a Master of Divinity degree from the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, N.S. (1978). He was ordained deacon for the Diocese of Nova Scotia in 1977 and priest in 1978.

Rev. Gillis comes to St. James with a significant history of previous parish service. He has served as Rector of St. John the Baptist, North Sydney, from 1993 to July 31, 1998; St. James, Mahone Bay (1988-1992); St. Michael and All Angels, Corner Brook, Nfld. (1986-1988); St. Paul's, French Village, Halifax Co., (1982-1986); St. Andrew's, Neil's Harbour, Cape Breton, (1979-1982); Curate, Holy Trinity, Bridgewater, (1978-1979); student/deacon, Emmanuel Parish, Spryfield, (1977-1978). In addition, Rev. Gillis has served as adjunct Faculty Member at the Atlantic School of Theology (pastoral and educational studies) 1984, 1985, and Lecturer in Religious Studies at the University College of Cape Breton, 1997-1998.

Rev. Gillis is married (wife, Wendy) and has four children: Peter (12), Neil (16), Anna (18), and Ian (20). He has a strong background in community affairs and a solid record of strength in the ministry. He has proven communication skills especially in the areas of teaching, preaching, and mentoring, a demonstrated commitment to pastoral care, and strong leadership skills in the service of parish life.

St. James is indeed fortunate to have a Rector with such extensive experience and a proven track record in the ministry.