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To the People of the Parishes of Alexandra and Yea

Following the process for Nomination according to the procedure and protocols of the Diocesan Appointments Act, I am delighted to announce that The Venerable Mario David Phillip Hendricks has been appointed Priest-In-Charge for the Cooperative Ministry connection between the Parishes of Alexandra and Yea with effect Tuesday, 15 February 2022.

Archdeacon Mario, 50 years of age, presently serves within the Parish of Swellendam at the Church of St Luke and Christs Church and as Archdeacon of Swellendam within the Diocese of George, Anglican Church of Southern Africa. He is married to Hester, and they have two boys, Mark-John presently in year 12 and soon to be 18 years of age (5 Feb) and Nathan presently in Year 9 and soon to be 15 years of age (7 February).

Archdeacon Mario has been ordained Priest for the past twenty-five and a half years and offers great experience in all areas of ministry with great a passion for pastoral ministry and community outreach. He has a deep passion for ministry and exercises his faith embedded in the depth of his spirituality. He is a teacher of the faith, and an excellent administrator whose love for God and God's people bear witness through his endearing qualities as a servant of the servants of God.

We look forward to Mario, Hester, Mark-John and Nathan joining the communities of Alexandra and Yea, the Diocese of Wangaratta and the Anglican Church of Australia. They will reside in Alexandra and will arrive, God willing, on Australian soil on Monday evening, 7 February and will be in Alexandra around 9 February.

Please pray for the Hendricks family as they bid family and friends farewell, for safe travelling mercies and for the preparation for the Service of Induction set for Thursday, 17 February at 6pm at St Luke's Yea.

At this time, we also give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of locum Priests, Dr Paul Dalzell concluding his ministry in Yea today and for The Rev'd Graeme Brown for his long-term relational connection as locum within the Parish of Alexandra concluding his ministry of 13 February and I look forward to visiting Alexandra on 13 February and Yea on 20 February.

Every blessing,

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Clarence E Bester
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