



**Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia
February 25, 2023**

**Clergy New to the Diocese
in the Last Year**

Diane Hill

Priest-in-Charge, St. James, Portsmouth & St. Mark's, Suffolk



Place of birth: Macon, Georgia

Year of ordination: 1995; Diocese of Lexington

Last parish served: Church of the Holy Spirit, Gallup, New Mexico, Diocese of the Rio Grande

Mark McKone-Sweet

Priest-in-Charge, St. Thomas, Chesapeake



Place of birth: Cambridge, Massachusetts

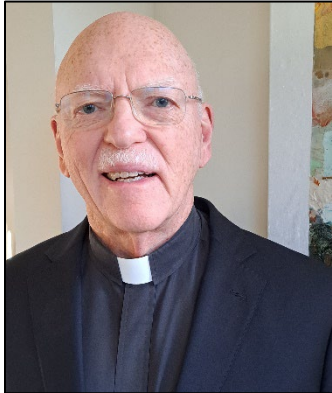
Year of ordination: 2008; Diocese of Massachusetts

Last parish served: St. Mark's City Heights Episcopal Church, San Diego, California, Diocese of San Diego

Family members: Wife – Kate; Children – Maya and Marcos

Hobbies: Cooking, running, hiking, mtn biking, building things, golf, Red Sox fan, travel

James Nickols
Rector's Associate, Hickory Neck, Toano



Place of birth: Rockville Centre, Long Island, New York

Year of ordination: 1974; Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; 1976 affiliated with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Last parish served: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Norge, Virginia, ELCA

Family members: Wife – Janell is ordained clergy, too; two adult children: Jennifer, and Joel and his wife Bridget

Hobbies: Reading histories and biographies (also Christian Theology!), photography, and traveling

Deborah Rankin
Priest-in-Charge, St. Barnabas, North Chesterfield



Place of birth: Victoria, Texas

Year of ordination: 1999; Diocese of West Virginia

Last parish served: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Huntington, West Virginia, Diocese of West Virginia

Family members: Daughter – Lea; Son-in-law – John; Granddaughter – Hannah; Kieshund – Max; Chesapeake Bay Retriever – King

Hobbies: Gardening, art history, painting

Lissie Rhoton
Associate Rector, Old Donation, Virginia Beach



Place of birth: Deland, Florida

Year of ordination: 2021; Diocese of Texas

Last parish served: Trinity Episcopal Church, The Woodlands, Texas, Diocese of Texas

Family members: Husband – Chris; Child – we have a baby due April 1; Cats – Riza, May, and Alphonse

Hobbies – Quilting, sewing, and fiber arts; icon writing, going to the beach

Samuel Sheridan
Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's, Petersburg



Place of birth: Charlottesville, Virginia
Year of ordination: 2020; Diocese of Virginia
Last parish served: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill,
Alexandria, Virginia, Diocese of Virginia
Family members: Wife – Rev. Mary Margaret Winn; Child –
Mac, our 8-month-old son; Puppy – Eleanor Roosevelt; Cat
– Raiford
Hobbies: Sculpture, painting, guitar, writing, SCUBA,
carpentry, unicycles, and puns

Ann Truitt
Priest-in-Charge, Good Samaritan, Virginia Beach



Place of birth: Burlington, North Carolina
Year of ordination: 2013; Diocese of Virginia
Last parish served: St. Paul's on-the-Hill Episcopal Church,
Winchester, Virginia, Diocese of Virginia
Family members: Wife – Mary; Rescue beagles – Kato and
Zoe
Hobbies: Photography, travel, reading mystery novels, and
watching British mystery TV shows

Noah Van Niel
Priest-in-Charge, Christ & St. Luke's, Norfolk



Place of birth: Boston, Massachusetts
Year of ordination: 2015; Diocese of Massachusetts
Last parish served: The Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,
North Carolina, Diocese of North Carolina
Family members: Wife – Melinda; Children – Vincent and
Arthur
Hobbies: Singing, reading, exercising

Jean Vinson
Priest-in-Charge, Emmanuel, Franklin



Place of birth: Lansing, Michigan
Year of ordination: 2022; Diocese of Southern Virginia
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Franklin is my first church
Family members: Husband – Steve; Daughter – Kelsey; Son – Tucker; Misty our Golden Retriever
Hobbies: Walking/hiking, outdoor activities

Mary Margaret Winn
Priest-in-Charge, St. John's, Chester



Place of birth: Atlanta, Georgia
Year of ordination: 2020; Diocese of Virginia
Last parish served: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Sterling, Virginia, Diocese of Virginia
Family members: Husband – Rev. Sam Sheridan; Son – Mac
Hobbies: Gardening, kayaking, birdwatching, trivia, and attempting to train our puppy, Eleanor Roosevelt