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To the People of Christ Church:

Dear Friends,

The wardens and I write to you about the news you may have heard concerning John Bogardus, our Music Director. After taking time to reflect on the nature of his ministry, John has decided to pursue other endeavours as we establish a Music Ministry plan as we navigate the difficult waters of this global pandemic.

I want the parish to know that when the wardens, myself and finance felt that we had to make changes based on the health and wellbeing of the parish, and forecasted economics, we had hoped to retain John's ministry in some new way. Since July, the wardens and I have had conversations with John, directed towards moving forward in a way that would benefit both the parish and John. Because of our inability to offer worship in a way that predates COVID-19, our inability to sing has been devastating for so many. John has indicated to us that he will not be continuing with the parish after October 16. At this time, we need to embrace one another, we lament our current situation, and we look towards change and growth.

At this time, I ask that you pray for the choir, for the parish and our executive. We also pray for John and extend him well wishes. Under John's leadership, Music Ministry has grown tremendously, and we have accomplished great things. John's ability as a teacher, leader, and his pastoral spirit has served Christ Church well. John's attention to detail, his love of liturgy, and his deep theological understanding of Anglicanism and Jesus Christ, models a beautiful faith.

We wish John the best in his future endeavours.

Yours Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, BA, MDiv, DMin  
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CC: Members of the Parish Council.