

## The Rev. Kate Malin

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Dear Members and Friends of Christ's Church,

It is with deep joy and gratitude that I write this letter of introduction. My name is the Rev. Kate Malin and in a few short weeks I will begin my ministry with you as the 31<sup>st</sup> rector of Christ's Church Rye.

Before I share a bit about my background, I want to thank all those who devoted so much time and creative energy to this search. Your parish profile beautifully captured the history, spirit and momentum of Christ's Church, and the search committee and vestry shepherded me and the other candidates through every step of the process with confident enthusiasm and unabashed affection for your church.

I am currently serving as the rector of St. Anne's in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Lincoln, MA. Founded in 1874, St. Anne's is located one mile south of Walden Pond, close to Lexington and Concord and about 20 miles west of Boston. Like Christ's Church, it is steeped in history and closely identified with the land. St. Anne's has a lively, fun and eclectic congregation that values education and social justice, creative worship, dynamic preaching, and strong programs for families. My eight and a half years as rector here have been gratifying and challenging in the best sense of that word, as the wider church and the world around us experienced rapid-fire changes that underscored our basic human need both for sanctuary and meaningful service. I will miss the people of St. Anne's and I know they will wish me and my family every happiness.

I grew up in New York, spending my childhood in Ardsley and Hastings-on-Hudson and much of my young adulthood in Manhattan and Irvington, where my mother, sister and her family currently reside. Before coming to St. Anne's, I served for three years as curate and assistant as Christ Church Bronxville. I have some familiarity with Christ's Church Rye through my acquaintance with the Rev. Susan Harriss, my seminary classmate the Rev. Matthew Moretz, and Andrew Sheranian who chaperoned my children on more than one children's choir retreat while we were in Bronxville!

I was sponsored for ordination by St. James' Madison Avenue in 2002, received my MDiv with honors from The General Theological Seminary in 2006 and was ordained to the priesthood in New York by the Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk later that same year.

Before experiencing a call to holy orders, I worked as a stage actress in Washington DC, Los Angeles and New York. I graduated from Yale University in 1987 with a BA in Theatre Studies and attended the graduate acting program at the University of Southern California where I met my husband Bruce Smith. We married in 1996 and have three children: Caleb and Emmie, who are nineteen-year-old twins in college, and Owen, a sixteen-year-old high school sophomore. Our family shares a zeal for live music and theatre, the New York Mets, Dylan, Springsteen and the Mountain Goats, classic movies, big breakfasts, Big Ten football and homemade popcorn.

Along with my wonderful family and our year-old dog Malloy, I bring to Christ's Church Rye a passion for preaching, a deep, creative engagement with scripture and liturgy, a commitment to Christian formation for all ages, and seasoned leadership in hands-on outreach partnerships. I look forward to growing with you at Christ's Church Rye as we embrace our identity as an inclusive, modern Episcopal Church that cherishes tradition while trusting the power of God to work through us to heal estrangements and bring good news in times of stress and uncertainty.

I look forward to meeting you on Sunday, March 4, if not before. Please say a prayer for me and my family as we prepare for this next chapter in our lives, for one another as the community of Christ's Church, and for the good people of St. Anne's in-the-Fields.

Faithfully,  
The Rev. Kate Malin