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Trinity Church on the Green to Celebrate New Ministry

New Haven CT—At 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 1st [2011], All Saints Day, the Rev. Dr. Luk De Volder will be installed as the 14th rector of Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven. All members of the greater New Haven community are cordially invited to attend this joyous and historic occasion. Following the service, there will be a gala reception at Trinity.

“Serving the entire New Haven community is at the heart of our ministry,” noted the new rector. “This celebration will honor the connection and friendship among our parishioners and the people surrounding us in our downtown community. We envision new ways God is calling us to reach out to those in need. We embark enthusiastically on this journey with a strong sense of mission, but will always try to remember not to take ourselves too seriously.”

Luk De Volder comes to Trinity from Christ Church in Clermont-Ferrand, France, a parish in the Episcopal Church in Europe. He was born and grew up in Belgium. Fluent in English, Dutch and French, Luk (pronounced “Luke”) De Volder, holds a Ph.D. in Theology and Liturgy. He is married to Tiffany Israel, a native of Boston, Mass. The couple arrived in New Haven in mid-June, when he began his ministry at Trinity.

The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, will preside at the installation service. The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Rowthorn, former Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut and of the Episcopal Church in Europe will preach as part of the celebration.

Over 100 singers from Trinity’s four choirs will join together as one group for the event, leading the congregation in hymns and service music reflecting the joyful theme of the day. For its centerpiece anthem, the combined choir will perform Ralph Vaughn Williams’ *Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*, accompanied by organ, trumpet and timpani.

Founded in 1752, Trinity is the earliest Episcopal parish of New Haven. The 1815 church building—with its carefully maintained and inspiring gothic revival exterior and interior—is a landmark structure on the Green at the Corner of Temple and Chapel Streets.

To its congregation of over 700, Trinity offers compelling preaching, diverse worship styles, and absorbing programs for adults, teens and younger children.

Trinity’s multiple opportunities for fellowship and outreach are typified by its Chapel on The Green, a weekly Sunday afternoon outdoor service of worship, food and fellowship, open year-round to all and conducted in collaboration with other New Haven churches.

The church’s strong music program is centered in its choirs: the Choir of Men and Boys, founded 1885—one of only two such choirs in Connecticut; the Choir of Men and Girls, founded in 2003; the Spirit Singers, focused on more contemporary music; and the Trinity Singers, a mixed adult choir that sings a variety of sacred choral pieces.

More about Luk De Volder and Trinity Church is available at www.trinitynewhaven.org.

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