OUR CELEBRANT & PREACHER  The Rev. Canon Martha G. Kirkpatrick, canon to the ordinary for vitality and renewal for the Episcopal Church in Delaware, is our celebrant and preacher on Sunday, July 21st. Canon Kirkpatrick served as the rector of St. Barnabas’ Church in Wilmington, Delaware from June 2014 to April 2019. Kirkpatrick holds a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Skidmore College and a Juris Doctor degree from the National Law Center, George Washington University. Before becoming ordained, Kirkpatrick had a long career in environmental protection in federal and state governments. She functioned as the commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, serving on the Governor’s cabinet, and prior to that she was the director of the Bureau of Land and Water Quality. Kirkpatrick has also worked as a staff attorney with the US Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. She previously served as rector of St. Margaret’s in the Diocese of Maine, as well as the diocesan missioner for the Environment for two years. In addition, she has successfully completed the two-year Living School program through the Center for Action and Contemplation and is a GreenFaith Fellow (world’s longest-running religious-environmental leadership program). Her article, For God So Loved the World: An Incarnational Ecology was published in the Anglican Theological Review, Spring 2009. She has served on the board of directors for the Maine Audubon Society and is currently on the board for Delaware Interfaith Power and Light. Kirkpatrick lives in Wilmington with her longtime, loyal dog, Annie. She enjoys spending time singing with the New Ark Chorale, reading, cooking, and gardening.

WHAT IS A CANON TO THE ORDINARY?
The ordinary is the diocesan bishop (The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown for us). The canon to the ordinary has primary responsibility, with the bishop, for the joyful support of our clergy and their families, for inspiring a culture of vitality and renewal across all our parishes and ministries, and for teaching best practices for achieving these goals. In addition, the canon serves as the bishop’s chief of staff and the executive officer of the mission support team.