

## **Announcing the Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby, St. Francis's New Deacon**

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby will be joining the staff at St. Francis as our deacon on Sunday, May 18.

Deacon Nancy has lived throughout the United States and moved from northern California to Falls Church in 2007 for her job at NASA. Nancy earned her Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at Stanford University and is a graduate of the St. Phoebe School for Deacons in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. To learn more about her work at NASA, please visit her [biography page on NASA's website](#).

Nancy was raised for ordination by St. Dunstan's McLean where she also once served as a Senior Warden. Nancy served first as an intern then as an ordained deacon at St. Anne's Reston. The Episcopal Bishop of Virginia, the Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, is placing her with St. Francis as a bridge between the church and the world and to deepen our ways of living into our Baptismal Covenant. She brings experience serving in the local community as well as in global mission. Nancy supports the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and our appointed Global Mission Advocate by encouraging and sharing about the power of global mission, and she serves on the Global Episcopal Mission Network board.

*From Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews:* "I am thrilled that Deacon Nancy is called to serve our local and global community through St. Francis. Nancy's vocation and ministry at NASA in support of safeguarding the integrity of God's creation is truly in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Nancy's leadership in the Episcopal Church, both locally at St. Dunstan's in McLean and St. Anne's in Reston and in the Anglican Communion through the Global Episcopal Network, is a tremendous addition to the witness of St. Francis as a place of compassion. This is an exciting time for us as Deacon Nancy joins a cohort of new leaders, including our summer mid-Atlantic intern, Joshua House, incoming VTS Seminarian, Sandra Loucks, and a soon-to-be-called full time Director of Family Ministries. St. Francis is on the move."