

Dear congregation of St. Bartholomew's,

I am so excited to be joining your community as priest-in-charge! As a Bay Area native, I have known the Livermore community for most of my life, and I even spent a summer interning at the National Lab during my college years. It's so wonderful to now have this opportunity to know and serve the community in a new way.

My Bay Area roots began in Palo Alto, where I grew up and lived through the end of high school. I then went on to get undergraduate degrees in physics and math from MIT and a masters in science and math education from UC Berkeley.

For several years I taught in public high schools and (briefly) in college on the west sides of Chicago and San Antonio, TX. It was in San Antonio that I felt God calling me to ordained ministry. I attended Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. After a year of serving as a transitional Deacon and new Priest in San Antonio, I received a call to Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. There I have spent the past four years serving in many facets of ministry, especially outreach, social justice, and inter-faith work.

I join St. Bart's with my wife, Olga, and our two lively daughters, Lilly (10) and Abby (7). I so look forward to getting to know each of you and to being together in worship, fellowship and service.

**Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Andy Lobban**

