

## **Bishop William Leo Murdoch**

The Rt. Reverend William L. Murdoch is the Rector of the new All Saints' Anglican Church in Amesbury. He's also Bishop of the Anglican Diocese in New England.

Bishop Bill served as Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in West Newbury for fourteen years, beginning in 1993. During this time the church grew in outreach and tripled in attendance. His approach to ministry is welcoming and invitational. Under Bishop Bill's leadership, the church became a resource parish for other churches and individuals. Parishioners were encouraged to participate in events and ministries outside the parish.

Bill Murdoch grew up Peabody, MA. He studied secondary education at the University of New Hampshire and played quarterback for their football team, the UNH Wildcats. He received his Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, where he has also served as adjunct professor. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1986.

Bishop Bill is well known for his seemingly boundless energy and big-picture thinking. Many describe him as a visionary. He led the effort, for example, to offer regional training and weekend events for the Alpha program. This regional approach has served to build relationships among New England churches of various denominations and made it easier to offer Alpha.

Bishop Bill and his wife Sally live in Salisbury, MA. They have three adult children, Peter, Ryan, and Megan. Together they enjoy spending free time at their cottage in Maine.