**The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin**

Canon Asselin has been ordained since 1993 and began his ministry by serving for three years as the Assistant Curate at St George’s in Guelph. Following this Curacy he served the two rural parishes of St George’s in Harriston and St Paul’s in Mount Forest for just under three years, after which he moved to Oakville and served as the Rector of St Cuthbert’s for eighteen years. Prior to his ordination Canon Asselin had a long involvement with university student ministries (SCM-WSCF) where he met his wife Maureen at a conference he organized in Nova Scotia. Canon Asselin also worked in prison ministries for three years, first as a Chaplain at the Don Jail in Toronto and later as a Counsellor at a half-way house run by the Salvation Army called Bunton Lodge. He also worked as a welfare case worker for Social Services in Toronto and had a brief period of employment with Revenue Canada. Canon Asselin has undertaken specialized training in Congregational Development, Stewardship and Intercultural Ministry and for the last several years has been very active in the mentoring of clergy information as one of the Chaplains to Ordinands. Maureen and Joseph have two adult children; Dominic who works in Human Resources and lives in Paris, Ontario and Sarah who works in Digital Media and lives in London, Ontario.